**Ridgewood Crew Board Minutes for October 5, 2016**

In attendance: Gene Callaghan, Tara Callaghan, Don Dexter, Boris Roque, Diana Young, John Young, , Katie Vogt-Saladucha, Nancy Koontz, Claire Callaghan, Charlie Koontz, , Ann Hida, Vicki Walton Roth , Nicole Gibson, Tina Felix, Pam Riccata

**Apparel –** Nancy and Tina discussed the 2 different apparel options that the team would have. The first roll-out would be the fan based site where parents, siblings, etc could order Rigewood Crew apparel such as sweatshirts and tee shirts, etc. the vendor is DC sports. Purchasers will go directly to the site to order within the window that the link is provided…2 weeks for open orders. The orders will then be fulfilled and shipped to Nicole and then distributed to the purchasers. They will open in October for delivery in December. Nike products will be offered and will make great Christmas gifts! There will be a slight profit on the garments of 10 – 15%. The object is to eliminate excess inventory as they have had in the past. Orders will be evaluated to see which garments are the best sellers and then those items will be ordered in quantity to sell at regattas, etc. Logos were shown and picked as were the cotton sweatshirt. The second apparel site will be for the rowers to order Ridgewood Crew gear through the JL site. The site will be open a few times a year as orders need to be bulk. Tina expressed that she thought that all people involved with RC and MB should be emailed for the clothing sale. Also discussed Jeanne spreading word through marketing and Tara will put the information on the new bulletin

**Rower liaisons** – Claire sent emails to interested rowers from the club fair. Charlie and Claire discussed novice night and the talking points that they will receive and go over from prior years. They will email the rowers about the meeting.

**Secretary report –** Katie and Ann explained their different duties for administration tasks. Katie also explained that she will be sending out an email to past rowers and board members to compile a list of all alumni and collegiate rowers.

**Fundraising** – Dianna talked about the upcoming wine tasting party to be held at Chakra November 20th or the 21st. The cost would be $5000 for Monday and $3000 for Sunday, with tickets $100 per person. $62 is real cost and remainder is the profit. Invitations can be sent out, but will also be marketed. A silent auction will also be held on site. The garage sale netted $1100. Boris inquired about further thought to value in naming of the boats. From that, Katie made a point of trying to establish “Actionable items” from each meeting, wherein a task will be highlighted a week after the board meeting, and appropriate members, or volunteers will take the responsibility of following through with the action required. Dianna asked what are rower responsibilities in regard to fundraising? The rowers are involved in the biggest fundraiser, the row a thon, the car wash and perhaps the rent a rower if that is developed into a fund raiser as well. The biggest hurdle with additional fundraising by the rowers is availability.

**Fall Programs** – Boris is very happy with the fall season and with the 65 kids that are enrolled. They have 19-20 novice rowers. The new boat has been a great addition to the program. As the current training of 3 hours after school is proving to be less stressful than the split practices in the Spring, Boris is asking the board if perhaps they will consider this schedule for the spring season as well. This will involve additional coaches (2 -3) and a change to the bussing schedule and amount of busses. The logistics of such a plan will be further looked into. Boris asks if the captains and seniors can be chaperones on the busses. Novices are also asking about spring break, and they will be given the bad news that the are land-locked at the Novice night meeting. October 30 is the head of the Schuylkill regatta. Next year Boris will try to find a replacement regatta as logistics and weather are tough at the end of October. The head of the Passiac will try to move the certain boats to the afternoon to accommodate rowers taking the PSAT. Boris also spoke of vandalizing of 2 PRAA boats that were put on fire and that we must understand our liability with boats stored at PRAA. Don inquired if we can put in a chin up bar at PRAA. Also noted was that a few rowers still needed to fill out their waivers.

**Transportation –** Pam met with the past transportation chair and got all of the information that she needed, Pam will inquire about using 2 busses instead of one for the upcoming spring season to determine cost impact.

**Equipment** – Don discussed that the ERGS will be ready for the winter in November and that 7 are rented out but will be returned by the end of the month. There are new tent bags, and one engine for launch boat needs to be repaired over the winter. He is still looking for winter storage. As far as repair to the double, the estimate has increased as the shell needs to be sanded and repainted and with higher cost, there will be some out of pocket expense to team in addition to insurance payment. New cost will be somewhere around $2000 - $3000.

**Communications** – Tara noted all good and nothing new to report.

**Administration –** Katie will reach out to past board members/alumni to compile alumni list and contacts.

**Tent** – Trish will help for the season with the ten, but the board needs to add new parents for the roll.

**Actionable items** –

* Rent a rower
* Mentor program for new rowers
* Create pay pal account for dues payment
* Alumni/team forum.
* Compilation of collegiate rowers/alumni
* Turkey row?
* Determine value of naming new boats

GO MAROON BLADES!

With warmest regards,

Katie Vogt-Saladucha.

Submitted October 9, 2016