

## **Ridgewood Crew Board Minutes for April 6, 2016**

In attendance: Gene Callaghan, Don Dexter, Mary Sue Dwyer, Olivia Lavin, Diana Young, Katie Vogt-Saladucha, Tara Callaghan

**Rowing Liasons** – Olivia discussed spring break practice and the times the different groups would be rowing. Rowers not super psyched about 7:00 am. practices. She noted that the early morning captain's practices on Tuesday and Thursday mornings were attended and that they were making the most out of their ½ hour of lifting in the weight room.

**Fundraising** – Diana led off the discussion with the upcoming Ben and Jerry's Scoop Night, which will be held on Monday April 25 from 6:00 – 9:00. and hopes that the word will spread on Facebook and other social message to alert the public. They also plan on selling Ridgewood Crew tee shirts at the event as well. Also discussed was a plant sale on Mother's day weekend, and pricing of the various plants was noted. Diana also discussed logistics of picking up and ordering the plants as there is now a new regatta (Mid-Atlantics) added to that weekend. It was determined that the pre-sale would happen online and that the pick-up is still to be determined. Another fundraising event was brought up, shred day. Upon investigation cost would be \$400 for 3 hours of shredding, although there were also different price structures. No finalization on Shred day. Gene brought up the car wash, and wondered if it might not be a good idea to combine with shred day. More investigation to follow. Also, the Scripts program was discussed as was the issue of not for profit status. Gene brought up making the crew 501 3c (non profit status) and Tara voiced that the conversion might be tricky, the needs of for a non profit status need to be greater than the outside immediate group. They would discuss the matter with Bob Koontz.

**Administration** – Liz via email wrote she has been been working on SRAA & Stotes -- had booked hotels previously (praying we can get closer for SRAA -- hotel is an hour away - -have the plea out) and that menus, etc. will be coordinated as will chaperones, drivers (same stuff as last year) but that it is probably too early to discuss. She also noted that all of the apparel is out and that she is just waiting on the second order of boathouse jackets. She wrote that Tara was going to speak with Mindy Dauber and also Tina Felix regarding the orders. Additionally, her plan is to put together a monthly to-do list for whomever will be taking over her responsibilities as little things that add up - -the roster, Itwt certification, swim cert to PSRA and SRAA, director's chairs, absence spreadsheet etc. (the maroon back cover has arrived and they look great) and

all that sort of behind the scenes kind of stuff – as this will make it easier for one person to grab onto and run with it -- particularly if the apparel is done by someone else.

**Tents** – Mary Sue confirmed that the tents were ready for the upcoming Many Flick regatta this weekend and that Terry has a new grill. The new heaters which were purchased for the tent are good and that new propane tanks are needed as the old ones are no good. Terry showed that lanyards that will be provided at the table at the welcome table and will provide heat sheets as well.

**Equipment** – Don spoke about discussing another 2x boat for the JV girls as 10 girls in JV and only girls JV 8, 11 girls total. He confirmed that the new shoes were ordered and as the 2 new boats (4X) will arrive for the end of the season and that they are working with Jim on the financing of the boats. While not able to attend the meeting due to practice, Boris wrote the following:

Coach Bob and I classified the inventory, we made a plan for boats that have to be replaced.

We ordered 14 pairs of shoes from Hudson Boat. We are in the process of replacing the older shoes for the new ones.

We ordered the two new Filippi boats.

We ordered/received speakers for the boats.

We rip off the old Ridgewood Crew logo from all oars, cleaned them, waiting for warmer temperatures to start painting,

I contacted with Crocker Oars, they can supply us with two oars that will match the two we have. Also they can refurbish 10 pairs of older oars we have for \$75 a pair. This will be done after summer season ends.

We got very good offer from Braca Sport Oars. They gave 25% discount on Brendan's oars as he was part of the Junior National Team last summer. See bellow "I am also including special discount numbers for your club below for your future reference:

1. Y-Series sculls (pair) - 14%
2. R-Series sculls (pair) - 23%
3. Y-Series sweep (each) - 15%
4. R-Series sweep (each) - 23%

**Communications** – Tara discussed the newsletter and that the weekend editions, posted on Fridays, will be for regatta information, and is still waiting to hear from Boris on final timing. She also brought up that Row-a-thon sponsors on the web site and in the newsletter should be spotlighted. Maybe Tuesday for business sponsors? Also noted was there should be a letter sent out to the big sponsors for their involvement.

**Marketing** –Gene brought up getting learn to row series in process with the new Maroon blades site as it was not on it's own prior site. He directed all to email Jeanne Johnson or Alexis Friedrich for all media on Facebook, instagram and maybe snapchat account was also needed? Dianna asked if a parent learn-to-row program might be fun and doable. Also discussed were college-aged rowers coming back to row with Maroon Blades.

**Misc** – It was asked if the Garden State Regatta which was cancelled due to dredging of the Cooper river was ever rescheduled, answer no.

GO WOOD CREW!

With warmest regards,

Katie Vogt-Saladucha. Submitted April 16. 2016