

## Ridgewood Crew Board Minutes for January 4, 2017

In attendance: Gene Callaghan, Boris Roque, Don Dexter, Diana Young, John Young, , Katie Vogt-Saladucha, Claire Callaghan, Charlie Koontz , Ann Hida, Vicki Walton Roth, Pam Ricotta Terry Wittmack, Nicole Gibson, Jim Gibson, Tata Callaghan, Coach Bob, Coach Rich, Coach Jackie and Coach Lauren

**Coaches Report** – Bob opened meeting that their objective this year is to position the rowers to achieve their goals. Jackie Echoed that sentiment and added that the sport taught her a lot and so she is happy to be able to give back to the sport while helping with the rower's well-being and to have fun this year. Rich noted that the freshman group was interesting and that he wants to focus on teaching them how to be athletes and how to train the correct way. Lauren said that she is looking forward to working with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and freshman and has been a great experience for her to learn. Boris spoke about the improved facilities and weight room that they are utilizing it to train smarted and better. It has reflected in all boy's PRing and most girls PRing in recent 2K. Improvement is 10 – 15% better than before, and that he is very excited for the upcoming season starting with the ironman erg. He also reiterated trying to help each athlete to reach their goals. He noted that 10 rowers have heart rate monitors and that Keith Cook okayed revised training in the weight room for the spring. Bob asks why the club is not a varsity sport. Gene explains that no NJ school has crew as a varsity sport and then would need school sanctioned coaches, salaries and that it would be a long process.

**Equipment** – Don and Boris had an equipment meeting and all good. Boris likes have you ever seen the rain and notes that Montclair boats were vandalized as well.

**Apparel** – Nancy reports about new unis and discussion is on if RCrew or rower pays for the new suit. Gene asks for it to be put with rower's annual fee and additional tech shirts for the freshmen still need to be determined. Price for the unis are \$65. A vote is taken regarding desire for new unis and majority wants new unis. Claire raised that fact that both the boys and girls unis should look similar. Jim recommends separate fee; it is discussed and determined to add to yearly fee.

**Transportation** – Pam confirms that she added 5 rooms for chaperones for Cities. Determined by board that Cities will be paid for by the rowers, but maybe do like Canadian Henley. If we don't have in budget, then we should pass it on states Tara. Gene says that is we raise more money through fundraising then

there will be no cost. Boris states that he will have more information after meeting with Philly association coaches meeting.

**Administration** – Katie spoke of open actionable items including naming rights for boats and pay pal set-up. Ann asked if use of a pick-up truck as stated in the parent's info is still valid. Jim says that we should as it would be financially beneficial. She also asks I the Choir trip is an excused absence, and if so, who on team is in choir as they are going to California.

**Fundraising** – Dianna talked boat naming fees and brought boat sponsorship policy document and breakout. There are 5 boats available for naming. It is discussed whether to include boat naming in row-a-thon and Boris talks about using oars for advertising as well. Gene didn't want to dilute row-a-thon with boat naming and Tara thought maybe a letter sent to possible donors would be a better way to go. Discussion on how to roll out, and Diana will ask St Joe's how they procured their boat names and funding. Jim suggests maybe sending to 2 companies by each rower, but they should stay away from r-a-thon donors. Boris suggests Fall roll out of naming rights for the full year. Diana will make up a marketing sheet for fundraising. Fiscal year is over and total fundraising is \$12,112 for 2016 efforts. Regarding 501-c status, Kathryn is going to speak with the IRS. The team could start 501c with the only function to fund Rdigewood Crew and would be governed by a separate board which will meet 4 times a year. Irs will say yes or no. Jim states that simplest way is to convert to C7 to be C3. Kathryn and Diana also have rewritten the bylaws.

**Finance** – Jim discusses different rates for credit card options. Paypal vs, TD bank. Paypal is 2.9% and 30 cents per transaction, TD bank is 2% and 20 cents for each transaction. Discussion ends up with Pay Pal a chosen method.

**Row-a-thon** – Terry speaks about donor levels and brings letter that he wrote for fundraising for the row-a-thon from past year. Gene noted that there was a lot of success with go fund me links. Terry also brings handouts for the row-a-thon.

**Miscellaneous** – Gene states all documents need to be put on Google drive and if anyone needs help he will meet with them. Also, open spots for Tent chair. Boris also states that he would like tryouts to be beginning of January and practices mandatory then. Gene questions maybe there should be a tiered system?

**Actionable items –**

- Create pay pal account for dues payment
- Alumni/team forum.
- Compilation of collegiate rowers/alumni

GO MAROON BLADES!

With warmest regards,

Katie Vogt-Saladucha.

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