

MINUTES of NCASRA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 4, 2005

I. The NCASRA Board meeting was called to order by the President at 7:35 PM, October 4, 2005 in the cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Thirty-seven voting members were present as follows:

Executive Board and At-Large Members

President	John Brownell	Vice President	Rob Ittig
Treasurer	-----	Secretary	John White
Past President	Joseph Creed		
At-large	Carl Wick	At-large	Donna Towner

Team Members

B-CC	Jim Gale	Mount Vernon	Pam Hull
Bishop Ireton	Denise Benoit	National Cathedral	Alex McNamara
Bishop O'Connell	Steve Kapurch	Oakton	-----
Christchurch	-----	Potomac	-----
DeMatha	C. Vandebossche	Robinson	TJ Kozikowski
Elizabeth Seton	-----	Saint Albans	Lynn Hatch
Episcopal	-----	St Stephens/Ste Agnes	Wendy Johnson
Fairfax	Kerri Sperry	Sidwell Friends	Nancy Markowitz
Forest Park	Juanie Fuqua	T C Williams	Tracy Hollingsworth
Gar-Field	Jim Keefer	Thomas Jefferson	David Lampen
Georgetown Day	Brooke Alexander	Wakefield	Vaughan Olbrys
Georgetown Visitation	Chuck Patenaude	Walt Whitman	Jack Orrick
Gloucester	-----	Walter Johnson	Altan Gabby
Holton Arms	-----	Washington-Lee	Laura Adler
Holy Cross	Richard Conran	West Potomac	Steve Wanser
Hylton	-----	West Springfield	-----
J E B Stuart	Jim Kilbourne	Westfield	Craig Trumbull
James Madison	Glenn Burger	Woodbridge	Doug Jones
Lake Braddock	Steve Muttu	Woodrow Wilson	-----
Langley	-----	W T Woodson	Cyndy Dailey
Mathews	-----	Yorktown	Ed Wells
McLean	Tom Zegler		

Coordinators, Committees, Representatives

DLOC	Mike Mutter	OLOC	-----
Comms / Programs	-----	Personnel	Mark Lindon
Training	Eddie James	Trophies	Mike Stilwell
Web Master	-----	Audit	-----
Bylaws	John White	Coaches Development	-----
Grievance	TBD	Historian	Ed Wells
Rules	TBD	Schedules	TBD
Coaches Association	Bryan Tylander	Crew Council	Mike Dobson / Kerry Donley
USRA Referees	-----	Sandy Run Park	Donna Towner
Anacostia Community		Thompson Boat	
Boathouse Association	Vaughan Olbrys	Center	Gary Weeden

II. Secretary Report.

The Minutes of the September 13, 2005 Board meeting were read and approved by unanimous voice. It was requested to send missing contact information in the roster to the Secretary by email or written note. Identify your school when sending email. Approved minutes will be posted on the NCASRA web site.

III. President's Report.

Rower numbers are due tonight. Discussed the Congressional Regatta scheduled on the Anacostia April 15, 2006 – only 5 teams have signed up – need several more to make the regatta viable. Check with your coach.

Individual school US Rowing Association insurance covers our meets and scrimmages as long as no more than three teams participate.

The status of rowing against Gonzaga was discussed at length. Reiterated that Gonzaga was like any other out-of-area school and can participate in one NCASRA regatta if invited. Rowing at a Gonzaga-sponsored meet/regatta was less clear: officially, to date, no NCASRA school is allowed to row against them in our home waters, which include Gonzaga's home water, the Anacostia. It was voiced that this was impracticable and Gonzaga should be treated the same as St Andrews, for instance. Of course, St Andrews is out of the NCASRA area. Clarification of the policy will be sought from the Crew Council. Also at issue was the unsportsmanlike conduct of Gonzaga as evidenced by the derogatory sign painted on the seawall in Georgetown and comments displayed on its website, both of which should be rectified before any rowing engagement with NCASRA teams.

IV. Vice President's Report.

Turn rower numbers to me tonight. In reference to the schedule being put together now, we need to ensure enough rowers are at each regatta.

V. Treasurer's Report.

The Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

In the absence of Lee West (President of the Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRAA)), Joseph Creed (a SRAA Trustee) provided the following from the SRAA Board of Trustees meeting held September 25, 2005: 1) Freshman events are eliminated; 2) All events for the SRA Regatta (Nationals) will be qualifying with a limit of 36 entries for each event. Specific regattas are designated as qualifying (VSRC and NCC are included); 3) A 1st Boat must qualify in an event in order to qualify a 2nd Boat; 4) Averaging weights for lightweight boats is eliminated – maximum weight is 150 lb men, 130 lb women. Weigh-ins will be held ONCE at the regatta beginning, no second-day weigh-in required; 5) Junior events (cannot reach age 18 by September 1st of the school year) will be held only in single and double sculling events. He explained how qualifying events were decided and allocated. The changes are on the SRAA website (www.sraa.net) and were emailed to coaches. The Board requested these SRAA changes be made an addendum to these minutes (attached). (They were also emailed to the Board on October 7th.)

Entry limitation was discussed with the general theme to find a way to accommodate all desired entries. Extending the SRA regatta to include Sunday was discussed (this regatta is held Friday and Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend) – Sunday is not a consideration, too many variables. This led to a discussion about Sunday rowing at any regatta – which is also not a consideration except in weather-related delays precluding Saturday rowing. A waiver can then requested – done electronically with the Crew Council, which can teleconference on short notice to decide. ACTION: NCASRA request to the Crew Council will be drafted by the Secretary requesting a blanket waiver for Sunday continuation of a regatta suspended due to Saturday thunderstorms.

There is a NCASRA letter going to the Crew Council requesting blanket waiver to attend the Youth Invitational Regatta (postseason in June, usually in Cincinnati).

VI. Representative's Reports.

A. Crew Council Chairman. Mike Dobson said the CC was sorting out the Gonzaga situation. December 8th is the next CC meeting. Kerry Donley, T C Williams AD, was introduced to the Board.

B. Coaches Association. NTR

C. USRA Referees. NTR

D. Sandy Run Park. The Occoquan has very low water due to the lack of rainfall in August and September.

E. Thompson Boat Center. Gary Weeded reiterated there are requirements / restrictions imposed by the NPS for fall rowing programs. He requested the regatta applications soonest.

F. Anacostia Community Boathouse Association. Vaughan Olbrys said there is an Anacostia Boathouse celebration on October 22nd. The Organization for Anacostia Rowing and Sculling (OARS) will present the first OARS Community Outreach Award. Two Coaches, Barrett Wiser from Wakefield and John Imperial of Bishop Ireton, are among the nominees for this award.

VII. Coordinator Reports.

A. OLOC. Orientation Day October 22nd from 10 AM to 1 PM.

B. DLOC. NTR

C. Communications/Programs. NTR

D. Personnel. Get me your Volunteer Coordinator names.

E. Concessions. Revenue sharing numbers due next month.

F. Training. Launch Driver training last weekend was cancelled. Rescheduled to October 23rd, 20 persons each at Sandy Run and Thompson Boat Center. Sign up on the NCASRA website.

G. Trophies. Mike Stilwell requested another volunteer for the Trophy Committee to work with him and John White on trophy reallocation to support the Phoenix Regatta beginning next season. No one stepped forward.

H. Web Master. NTR

I. At Large. Joseph Creed mentioned the that requests for USRowing Convention agenda items are coming due. They should go to Bill Howard, the Regional Representative on the USRA Board of Directors. A request from the membership asked about a liability insurance increase option for individual schools. Discussion resulted in a MOTION: NCASRA request a USRA Convention agenda item to explore the possibility and costs involved for schools to have an option to purchase increased liability insurance from \$2 million up to \$5 million. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Audit. NTR

B. Bylaws. The draft Bylaws revision was previously distributed for review. The Bylaws Committee Chair made a MOTION: That the draft Bylaws be approved. Passed by unanimous voice vote without discussion.

C. Coaches Development. NTR

d. Historian. Ed Wells said he is beginning to compile a history of NCASRA and requested candidates to interview for verbal histories.

IX. Reading and Consideration of Communications. None

X. Old Business.

A. Regatta Changes. NTR. To be discussed at the Coaches Meeting October 8th.

B. Coxswain Training and Certification Committee Charter. John Brownell stated the training was for all coxswains. Certification was for varsity coxswains with two years experience and a recommendation for certification from his/her coach. A training program and examination were to be developed first. Training development would include USRowing Rules of Rowing, and site-specific information. A lengthy and lively discussion ensued on a variety of subjects, but principally on standards, the examination, and the committee. No consensus was reached and discussion resulted in a MOTION: Establish the Committee and let the Committee decide the issues. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

C. Letter to Stotesbury Committee. Not addressed.

D. Policy Approvals. The following draft policies, previously distributed to the Board members, were presented for approval:

Coxswain Certification. The draft policy was modified to add the qualification stated in paragraph X.B. above. After some discussion the draft policy was tabled until the next meeting.

Coaches Training. John Brownell stated the first annual \$1000 charitable donation from Stellar Solutions Foundation had been received and will be placed in a fund reserved for coaches development. The draft policy was amended to strike the last sentence in paragraph 3c, which stated any unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year will be transferred to the NCASRA general operations fund. The intent of the BOD was to carry over such funds to training the next year. MOTION: Approve the NCASRA Coaches Training Fund as amended. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Revenue Sharing. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Team Volunteer and Equipment Support to NCASRA. Approved by unanimous voice vote. However, it was brought up by the Woodbridge Representative that the requirement to supply 12 life preservers in each launch had resulted in those life preservers not being returned every time. (This is an issue for only the VSRC regatta.)

XI. New Business. None.

XII. Announcements.

A. USRowing Convention – December 1-3, Sheraton Baltimore North, Towson, MD

B. Fall Rowing:

 Occoquan Challenge – Oct 9

 Occoquan Chase – Oct 16

 Head of the Charles (HOTC) – Oct 22-23, Boston

 Head of the Schuykill – Oct 29

 Head of the Occoquan – Nov 5

XIII. Adjournment.

A. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 1, 2005, TJHSST Cafeteria.

ADDENDUM TO THE NCASRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER 4,2005

Changes approved at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRAA) Trustees meeting on September 25, 2005, to be implemented for the 2006 SRAA Regatta (Nationals) in Saratoga, New York, May 26-27, 2006:

All Freshmen events are dropped.

All events will be limited to 36 entries as follows:

Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships	5
National Capital Championships	2
Philadelphia City Championships	4
New Jersey State Championships	4
New York State Championships	6
Florida State Championships	5
Mid-West Regional Championships	4
Open	<u>6</u>
Total:	36

Petitions for open slots will be taken, however, schools out of the above areas will be given priority. Registration will be on-line only. The schedule will be ready within 24-48 hours after the completion of the Stotesbury Regatta. A first boat must qualify in an event in order to qualify and enter a second boat.

Weight limits for lightweights:

Male 150 lbs, no boat averaging.

Female 130 lbs, no boat averaging.