

MINUTES of NCASRA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING January 9, 2007

I. The NCASRA Board was called to order by the President at 7:36 PM, January 9, 2007 in the library of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Forty-Three voting members were present as follows:

<u>Executive Board Members</u>			
President	Rob Ittig	Vice President	Carl Wick
Treasurer	Lee West	Secretary	John White
<u>At-Large and Team Members</u>			
At-large (Past Pres)	-----	Langley	Michael Rubin
At-Large (Towner)	-----	Mathews	-----
At-Large	Steve Lee	McLean	Steve Morrison
At-Large	Ryz Obuchowicz	Mount Vernon	Sue Davis
		National Cathedral	Alex McNamara
B-CC	Elizabeth Petty	Oakton	Julie Furuta-Toy
Bishop Ireton	Alan Borough	Potomac	Vera Vaughn
Bishop O'Connell	Steve Kapurch	Robinson	David Oakley
Christchurch	-----	Sidwell Friends	Eric Mayer
DeMatha	Rosemary Casey	South County	Mike Jordan
Elizabeth Seton	Peter Shirron	Saint Albans	Lynn Hatch
Episcopal	-----	St Stephens/Ste Agnes	Mike Barron
Fairfax	-----	T C Williams	Tracy Hollingsworth
Forest Park	Ray Griggs	Thomas Jefferson	David Lampen
Gar-Field	Jim Keefer	W T Woodson	Fritz Roegge
Georgetown Day	Barbara Selig	Wakefield	Anne Marie Stetekluh
Georgetown Visitation	Jerry Myers	Walt Whitman	Jack Orrick
Gloucester	-----	Walter Johnson	Mark Baskin
Gunston Day School	-----	Washington-Lee	Donna Roberts
Holton Arms	-----	West Potomac	Steve Wanser
Holy Cross	-----	West Springfield	Pete Vercruysse
Hylton	Mark Fichten	Westfield	Craig Trumbull
J E B Stuart	Chuck Pizer	Woodbridge	Hal Johnson
James Madison	Bob Smith	Woodrow Wilson	Anne Dollmeyer
Lake Braddock	Jim Barnes	Yorktown	Greg Frey

Coordinators

DLOC	Michael Mutter	OLOC	Lee West
Personnel	Mark Lindon	Programs	Susan McIssac
Trophies	Mike Stilwell / TJ Kozikowski	Web Master	Ron West

Committees

Audit	Steve Lee	Bylaws	John White
Communications	-----	Coach Dev	Ryz Obuchowicz
		Grievance	Harry Heim
Historian	Ed Wells	Nominations	TBD

Representatives

Coaches Assn	Bryan Tylander	Crew Council Chair	Kerry Donley
Sandy Run Park	James Short	USRA Referees	Ryz Obuchowicz
Thompson Boat Center	-----	Anacostia Community Boathouse Association	TBD

II. Secretary Report. John White:

The Minutes of the November 7, 2006 Board meeting were read and approved as amended.

III. Treasurer's Report. Lee West:

The November-December financial statement was reviewed.

Two schools owe regatta fees from last year: Forest Park and St Albans. Dues for this year are still outstanding from: Christchurch, Forest Park, Georgetown Visitation, Gloucester, Holy Cross, National Cathedral, Elizabeth Seton, and St Albans.

The USRowing insurance rates are now posted on its website.

USRowing Convention, Nov 30-Dec 2. The Convention was informative and had many good presentations, several on lightweight rowers management. The NCASRA lightweight program instituted last year was cited as the example of the way to go. One of the exhibitors of note was a consulting service for rowers (family owned). Chad and Brie Jedlic run this business that facilitates the flow of rowing information between high schools and colleges, particularly female athletes seeking scholarship opportunities. They seemed to be very nice. Rowing Recruiter, 3324 Angus St, Regina, SK, Canada. Phone: 306 585-7697. E-mail: info@rowingrecruiter.com.

Lee is running for membership on the USRA Board of Directors and she asked for support and the vote of every organization.

USRowing Youth Committee. The June youth regatta in Cincinnati has been made the USRowing Youth National Championship. NCASRA now has a Crew Council approved standing exemption for our schools to attend this regatta. The Scholastic Rowing Association regatta (usually held the Friday/Saturday before Memorial Day) has been designated the Scholastic National Championship.

It is noted that USRowing is paying for a coxswain training clinic on the West Coast. We are going to look into having one on the East Coast as well but it probably will not happen until next year - we will notify all of the dates.

Trailer Driver Training. The Foundation for Rowing Education, Inc. (FRE), a new non-profit partnership formed to facilitate USRowing teaching and coaching education, is sponsoring a trailer driver training course. The NCASRA BOD expressed interest in having the course taught locally. James Short offered Sandy Run as a site to hold the training. An ad hoc committee was formed, led by Steve Lee and Bryan Tylander, to contact Margo Zalkind of FRE (margot@rowingeducation.org, 413 585-9445) and schedule the training this spring. Lee West will notify all of the training date(s).

IV. President's Report. Rob Ittig:

The Crew Council met this morning at Robinson High School and approved the 2007 regatta schedule.

DLOC Staffing Issue: We will enforce the current Bylaws requirement on the number of DLOC permanent staff and volunteers needed for safe regatta execution. If not adequately staffed, regattas will be cancelled and schools not providing a person will be sanctioned. Boosters must respond by February 6th to Mike Mutter with the name of your DLOC staff member (only half have responded to date). This is a safety issue - we need adequate, knowledgeable staffing for our regattas. Next year it may be that the Potomac and Anacostia sites will be used only for dual and triple meets.

Proposed Bylaws change to Article IV, section 1, Team Responsibilities Re: "Good Standing." The Section would read:

ARTICLE IV – *Team Responsibilities*

Section 1 To compete in Association regattas and vote on Association issues, a team must be in good standing. "Good standing" requires; (1) regular meeting attendance; (2) fulfilling financial requirements; (3) completing the administrative requirements of submission of Association-Crew Council MOU and the Crew Council Rule Book Certifications, Insurance Waiver Certification, and Master Eligibility Certificates; (4) providing ~~volunteer personnel to support permanent regatta staff positions of a LOC as assigned~~ *one person to the LOC on a permanent basis to act as LOC permanent staff, or for a DLOC team that has more than 50 rowers, providing two such permanent staff* (Associate teams are exempt from this requirement); and (5) compliance with Association rules and policies.

John White read the proposed change above. Rob requested the members be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting March 6, 2007.

Rob asked the BOD if a meeting should be held February 6, 2007, citing the number of issues pending action. After some discussion, a straw vote was proposed to see if there was enough support for a February meeting. The straw vote was 21 No, 14 Yes. The proposal for a February meeting was withdrawn.

V. Vice President's Report. Carl Wick:

The safety plan is on the web site. Carl requested all to read it thoroughly.

VI. Representative's Reports.

A. Crew Council. Kerry Donley: The Crew Council met today. The final schedule was approved with minor changes. There are four Rules changes: 1) Out-of-Season rowing programs - the requirements are posted on the NCASRA web site; 2) Progressions have been revised; 3) Tie breaker rule has been clarified for NCCs; 4) Men's and women's singles events added.

Kerry reminded all that lightweight rowers must be certified and briefly explained the lightweight program requirements.

B. Coaches Association. Bryan Tylander: Reminded all that weight control provisions would be in effect at all NCASRA regattas.

C. USRA Referees. Ryz Obuchowicz: The referee clinic on November 15 was very successful. The next clinic is February 10th and he reiterated that candidates for referee are most welcome.

D. Sandy Run Park. James Short: Safety meeting for all coaches (not just head coach) is on February 13th at 7:30 PM, location TBD (later announced to be South County HS). Jim briefly outlined operations changes and rack allocation changes and procedure.

E. Thompson Boat Center. Gary Weeden: Not present

F. Anacostia Community Boathouse Association. Alan Borough: NTR

VII. Coordinator Reports.

A. DLOC. Michael Mutter: DLOC safety meeting is TBD. All required permits for the Potomac have been pulled.

B. OLOC. Lee West: The OLOC organizational meeting is TBD (later set for February 21st at NVRPA Headquarters, 5400 Ox Road, at 7:30 pm).

C. Personnel. Mark Lindon: The Volunteer Coordinator meeting is next week. The volunteer coordinator books will be handed out to each school representative. The book is also posted on the web page.

D. Communications. Lisa Fiebelman: Not present

E. Programs. Susan McIsaac: The team pictures and team histories are due March 6th (next meeting). Pictures are requested to be emailed to <mcisaacw@mac.com>.

F. Trophies. Mike Stilwell: All trophies are to be turned in on March 6th.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Audit. Steve Lee: NTR

B. Bylaws. John White: NTR

C. Coaches Development. Ryz Obuchowicz: NTR

D. Grievance. TBD: NTR

E. Historian. Ed Wells: NTR

F. Nomination. Ryz Obuchowicz: NTR

G. Rules. Rob Ittig: Already covered above.

IX. Reading and Consideration of Communications. None

X. Old Business.

XI. New Business. None

XII. Announcements.

- A. Volunteer Coordinator's Meeting January 16, 2007, TJHSST, 7:30 PM
- B. Referee and referee candidate clinic Saturday, February 10th, James Madison HS, 8:00-12:30
- C. Launch Driver Orientation - 4 and 11 March (later revised to 3 and 10 March)
- D. First day of on-water practice is February 19, 2007
- E. Team Photographs due March 6, 2007
- F. Trophies turned in on March 6, 2007
- G. Rowing Camps information is available on USRowing web site.
- H. Requirement due dates that must be met for team to row in a NCASRA regatta or meet:
 - * NCASRA Regatta Entry Fees due to NCASRA Treasurer from Boosters
 - * Club Liability Insurance Waiver Certification due to NCASRA Secretary from Boosters
 - * Crew Council Dues (\$100.00) due to Crew Council Treasurer from school ADs
 - * MOU/Rule Book Certification due to Crew Council Chairman from school ADs
 - * Team Eligibility Certificates due to Crew Council Chairman from school ADs

XIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

- A. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 6, 2007 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

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John D. White
Secretary