

MINUTES of NCASRA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING November 6, 2007

I. The NCASRA Governing Board was called to order by the President at 7:34 p.m., November 6, 2007 in the cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Thirty-five voting members were present as follows:

<u>Executive Board Members</u>			
<b>President</b>	Rob Ittig	<b>Vice President</b>	Carl Wick
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lee West	<b>Secretary</b>	John White
<u>At-Large and Team Members</u>			
<b>At-Large - Lee</b>	-----	<b>McLean</b>	Marilyn Stewart
<b>At-Large - Towner</b>	-----	<b>Mount Vernon</b>	-----
<b>At-Large</b>	Ryz Obuchowicz	<b>National Cathedral</b>	Alex McNamara
		<b>Oakton</b>	Chris Moyer
<b>Bishop Ireton</b>	Alan Borough	<b>Potomac</b>	Sandy Payne
<b>Bishop O'Connell</b>	Tony Patrizio	<b>Robinson</b>	David Oakley
<b>Christchurch (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>Sidwell Friends</b>	Eric Mayer
<b>Episcopal (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>South County</b>	Brad Kratovil
<b>Fairfax</b>	Bill Castaneda	<b>Saint Albans</b>	Lynn Hatch
<b>Forest Park</b>	Joe Bengier	<b>St Stephens/Ste Agnes</b>	-----
<b>Gar-Field</b>	Ernie Haskell	<b>T C Williams</b>	-----
<b>Georgetown Day</b>	Barbara Selig	<b>Thomas Jefferson</b>	Bob Williams
<b>Georgetown Visitation</b>	Jerry Myers	<b>W T Woodson</b>	Chris Plummer
<b>Gloucester (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>Wakefield</b>	-----
<b>Holy Cross</b>	Cindi Fahive-Sobel	<b>Walter Johnson</b>	Mark Baskin
<b>Hylton</b>	Mark Fichten	<b>Washington-Lee</b>	Donna Roberts
<b>J E B Stuart</b>	Veronica Kinney	<b>West Potomac</b>	Stephen Wanser
<b>James Madison</b>	Don Pepper	<b>West Springfield</b>	Will Hiestand
<b>Lake Braddock</b>	Sedona Montelongo	<b>Westfield</b>	Chris Malm
<b>Langley</b>	Donna Miller	<b>Woodbridge</b>	Hal Johnson
<b>Mathews (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>Yorktown</b>	Nina Bacas

Non-voting Members:

<u>Coordinators</u>			
<b>OLOC</b>	Lee West	<b>Trophies</b>	Bob O'Brien
<b>Personnel</b>	Mark Lindon	<b>Web Master</b>	Ron West
<b>Programs</b>	Mary & Watson Pryor		

<u>Committees</u>			
<b>Audit</b>	Steve Lee	<b>Historian</b>	Ed Wells
<b>Bylaws</b>	John White	<b>Nominations</b>	TBD
<b>Coach Development</b>	Ryz Obuchowicz	<b>Publicity</b>	-----
<b>Grievance</b>	Harry Heim		

<u>Representatives</u>			
<b>Coaches Assn</b>	-----	<b>Crew Council Chair</b>	Kerry Donley
<b>Sandy Run Park</b>	-----	<b>USRA Referees</b>	Ryz Obuchowicz
<b>Thompson Boat Center</b>	-----	<b>Anacostia Community Boathouse Association</b>	-----

II. President's Report. Rob Ittig:

A. Rob announced that DeMatha and Elizabeth Seton have resigned from NCASRA, bringing to seven the number of MD/DC schools that have left this year. These departures from the organization have opened the door on how we proceed with OLOC and DLOC. There is right now only one Local Organizing Committee – OLOC. DLOC is suspended. We have had continuous trouble staffing DLOC over the past few years, and now that only seven MD/DC schools remain in NCASRA representing about 225 rowers, the prospect of DLOC ever continuing is slim. The National Capital Championship (NCC) is also suspended indefinitely.

B. VHSL Rules and Rowing. Rob intends to make a trip to Charlottesville with a plan on how rowing should be treated within the Virginia interscholastic sport structure and discuss it with the Virginia High School League (VHSL). We don't seem to be receiving a return on investment by adhering to VHSL rules and we would like a VHSL read on where rowing stands. This may or may not affect out-of-season rowing. The experience has been that VHSL has made no considered rowing decisions.

C. Rob announced that the Julian Wolf Award, given out annually by the USRowing Referee Commission, has been awarded to Ryz Obuchowicz for 2007. This award "pays tribute to the one rowing official in the USA that stood apart from the rest in his/her contribution to rowing in the past year. It is based upon one, several, or all of the following: outstanding performance, dedication, heroic acts or outstanding contributions to officiating."

III. Secretary Report. John White:

A. The Minutes of the October 2, 2007 Board meeting were read and approved as amended.

B. John announced that the Safety Plan is on CD and available for pick-up at the table before leaving the meeting. The Safety plan is unchanged from last year.

IV. Vice President's Report. Carl Wick:

A. Launch Driver Training Plans are due from boosters this month

V. Treasurer's Report. Lee West:

A. The July-October 12007 financial statement was reviewed.

B. Insurance Overview. USRowing just got its insurance contract signed on Friday (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) and there is no fee increase this year. The cost goes up about \$50 for each level of participation (number of rowers in an organization). There is a new category for organizations with fewer than 20 rowers (which is cheaper). Insurance now covers vans and trailers at no extra charge. ALL of our schools need to be USRowing members in order to get the insurance coverage.

C. Regatta and Visitor Entry Fees. We are raising visitor fees to \$5 per rower (from \$2.50, which is the NCASRA rate). If a regatta is cancelled, all rower fees will be retained. In the past, rower fees for canceled regattas were returned, however, that practice is being changed in view of the financial difficulties we are beginning to experience with rising costs. Regatta fees and NCASRA membership

dues have not change in over 8 years while costs have been accelerating. Cancelled regattas exacerbate the situation since no revenue is generated and sunk costs cannot be recovered (no pun intended).

## VI. Representative's Reports.

A. Crew Council. Kerry Donley: The Crew Council (CC) meets next Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. He said to be sure your race schedule is submitted and send a draft copy to Kerry. McLean has requested to row on Sundays in Philadelphia. He asked that NCASRA initiate a request to the CC for post-season regatta participation (principally the Youth National Championship in Cincinnati in June and the Henley Royal Regatta in England in July). The CC will do the sanction and waiver at the same time.

Kerry mentioned that Sandy Run Park have a concern about dual and triple (D/T) meets – resources are required (and limited) to schedule these events. Sandy Run will not allow D/T events on regatta days except for March 29<sup>th</sup>. April 6<sup>th</sup> is a collegiate regatta, so no D/T will be allowed on April 5<sup>th</sup>, either. There will be a permit and fee requirement for each D/T meet. (More will be available on fees at the February 5<sup>th</sup> NCASRA meeting.)

B. Coaches Association. Derek Parsons: Concerning the 2008 regatta schedule, Bishop Ireton, Fairfax, Holy Cross, and Walter Johnson have not submitted their schedules. Need it by END WEEK. (Note: Walter Johnson has subsequently resigned from NCASRA.)

C. USRA Referees. Ryz Obuchowicz: Next referee clinic is 8 a.m., November 17<sup>th</sup> at James Madison HS. Send a person! Many of the schools that have left NCASRA are providing candidates in recognition of the fact that they will be doing more D/T meets and referee resources need to grow. Coaches running D/T events need to contact us (referees), we are not going to chase them down ... and contact must be timely – we cannot respond on short-notice requests for referees.

D. Sandy Run Park. James Short: N/A

E. Thompson Boat Center. Gary Weeden: N/A

F. Anacostia Community Boathouse Association. Kelley O'Connell: N/A

## VII. Coordinator Reports.

A. OLOC. Lee West: NTR

B. Personnel. Mark Lindon: Two items were due this meeting: Rower count for each school and booster decision (yes or no) to participate in Revenue Sharing in 2008. A poll was taken of all schools and the results are at Attachment 1 to these minutes.

C. Programs. Mary & Watson Pryor: March 4, 2008 is the deadline for program inputs (team pictures and biographies).

D. Trophies. Mike Stilwell: N/A

## VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Audit. Steve Lee: N/A

- B. Bylaws. John White: N/A
- C. Coaches Development. Ryz Obuchowicz: N/A
- D. Publicity. Cherie Lejeune: N/A
- E. Grievance. Harry Heim: N/A
- F. Historian. Ed Wells: NTR
- G. Nomination. Ryz Obuchowicz: N/A

IX. Reading and Consideration of Communications. None

X. Old Business.

A. Coxswain Training Clinic. It will be held at Edison High School on February 23, 2008 at 9 a.m. This is for all coxswains and is at no cost to participants. Registration will be required, that information to be provided at a later time.

B. Finish Line Building Status. The new building has been approved. Chris Gordan is now doing the detailed plans. Construction will begin after the last regatta of the 2008 season. The dedication of the new building will be in 2009, the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NCASRA and the 50<sup>th</sup> of NVRPA. Fund raisers are ongoing with a wine tasting event and a golf tournament in the works (information to follow). Corporate requests start January 1<sup>st</sup> and we intend to solicit area banking institutions. A letter with all information will be sent to parents.

C. Championship Regatta Medals and Trophies. Rob Ittig announced it is the intention of NCASRA to award VSRC trophies as one organization, i.e., all NCASRA members will be able to compete and win awards. The DLOC almost certainly will not be reinstated and neither will the NCC (National Capital Championship). There ensued a long, long discussion on the appropriateness of MD/DC schools participation, the history of NOVAs (the old Northern Virginia Championship regatta), consideration of alternative awards, and a whole lot of other stuff. One item clarified is the allocation of the invitational slots to the Scholastic Rowing Association of America (SRA) championship regatta. Previously, NCASRA had seven slots for each event, allocated five to VSRC and two to the NCC. Now there will be six (this means all boats that reach a VSRC final earn a SRA invitation). The other slot will be returned to the SRA for reallocation as SRA deems appropriate.

XI. New Business. The draft race schedule will be sent out by email.

XII. Announcements.

A. The USRowing annual convention agenda is not yet posted. The convention is scheduled for December 6 to 8.

B. Volunteer Coordinator meeting is January 8, 2008 in the TJHSST cafeteria.

XIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

A. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2008 in the TJHSST Library.

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John D. White  
Secretary

## Attachment 1

### NCASRA Booster Vote Record November 6, 2007

		Revenue	Rower			Revenue	Rower
<u>Booster Members</u>		Share	#			Share	#
Bishop Ireton				National Cathedral			
	Alan Borough	Y	43		Alex McNamara	N	35
Bishop O'Connell				Oakton			
	Tony Patrizio	N	70		Chris Moyer	N	68
Christchurch				Potomac			
	Edward Homer(AD)	N / A	N / A		Sandy Payne	Y	35
Episcopal				Robinson			
	Mark Gowin(AD)	N / A	N / A		David Oakley	Y	92
Fairfax				Sidwell Friends			
	Bill Castaneda	Y	45		Eric Mayer	N	28
Forest Park				South County			
	Joe Bengier	Y	45		Brad Kratovil	Y	60
Gar-Field				St Albans			
	Ernie Haskell	Y	45		Lynn Hatch	N	35
Georgetown Day				St Stephens/St Agnes			
	Barbara Selig	N	30		TBD	N	10
Georgetown Visitation				T C Williams			
	Jerry Myers	N	45		Tracy Hollingsworth	N	120
Gloucester				Thomas Jefferson			
	Jon Hatch(AD)	N / A	N / A		Bob Williams	Y	120
Holy Cross				W. T. Woodson			
	Cindi Fahive-Sobel	N?	35		Chris Plummer	Y	74
Hylton				Wakefield			
	Mark Fichten	Y	45		Andrew Rabus	N	10
J E B Stuart				Walter Johnson			
	Veronica Kinney	Y	20		Mark Baskin	N	30
James Madison				Washington-Lee			
	Don Pepper	N	40		Donna Roberts	Y	80
Lake Braddock				West Potomac			
	Sedona Montelongo	N	63		Steve Wanser	Y	55
Langley				West Springfield			
	Donna Miller	?	?		Will Hiestand	Y	72
Mathews				Westfield			
	Al DeWitt(AD)	N / A	N / A		Chris Malm	N	80
McLean				Woodbridge			
	Marilyn Stewart	N	68		Hal Johnson	Y	65
Mt Vernon				Yorktown			
	Sue Davis	?	?		Nina Bacas	Y	90