

MINUTES of NCASRA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING March 4, 2008

I. The NCASRA Governing Board was called to order by the President at 7:37 p.m., March 4, 2008 in the cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Thirty-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 (Lee)	---	McLean	John Smith
At-Large (Towner)	Tim Russell	Mount Vernon	Sue Davis
At-Large	Ryz Obuchowicz	National Cathedral	Alex McNamara
Bishop Ireton	Alan Borough	Oakton	Chris Moyer
Bishop O'Connell	Tony Patrizio	Potomac	Sandy Payne
Christchurch (Associate)	-----	Robinson	David Oakley
Episcopal (Associate)	-----	Sidwell Friends	Eric Mayer
Fairfax	Bill Castaneda	South County	Bill Faiella
Forest Park	Joe Bengier	Saint Albans	Lynn Hatch
Gar-Field	Ernie Haskell	T C Williams	Tracy Hollingsworth
Georgetown Day	Victoria Perry	Thomas Jefferson	Bob Williams
Georgetown Visitation	-----	W T Woodson	Chris Plummer
Gloucester (Associate)	-----	Wakefield	-----
Holy Cross	-----	Washington-Lee	-----
Hylton	Mark Fichten	West Potomac	Stephen Wanser
J E B Stuart	Veronica Kinney	West Springfield	Will Hiestand
James Madison	Don Pepper	Western Albemarle(Asso)	-----
Lake Braddock	Sheri Newby	Westfield	Chris Malm
Langley	-----	Woodbridge	Hal Johnson
Mathews (Associate)	-----	Yorktown	Nina Bacas

Non-voting Members:

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

<u>Committees</u>			
Audit	Steve Lee	Historian	-----
Bylaws	John White	Nominations	Ryz Obuchowicz
Coach Develop	Ryz Obuchowicz	Publicity	Cherie Lejeune
Grievance	-----		

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

II. Secretary Report. John White:

- A. The Minutes of the February 5, 2008 Board meeting were read and approved as written.
- B. John read out the list of requirements due this month prior to any team rowing in a regatta or meet. The listing is in the Agenda Announcements, paragraph XI.

III. President's Report. Rob Ittig:

A. Rob announced we have 37 schools in NCASRA with no additional changes imminent. The Coxswain Clinic held February 23rd was quite successful with 88 athletes in attendance plus a number of coaches and parents.

B. Racing Schedule Changes. The schedule is fixed upon approval by the Crew Council (on January 8th). We have had too many requests for changes to date and no more changes will be considered. Rob emphasized the school AD, the coaches and the Boosters need to be in accord when setting the team schedule.

IV. Vice President's Report. Carl Wick:

A. Launch Driver Training Plans. Most have been turned in with about 6 still due. J E B Stuart is open to anyone desiring to train with them but you must allow advance notice.

V. Treasurer's Report. Lee West: The February financial statement was reviewed.

VI. Representative's Reports.

A. Crew Council. Kerry Donley: Emphasized the teams have to adhere to the schedule. The CC will not approve dropping out from a regatta to attend out-of-area events. About ½ of the Rule Book signatures are in. Regarding lightweights, compliance with the Rowing Weight Control Program is required if rowing a lightweight boat. Some coaches appear to be unaware of the requirement that the RCWP began on February 16th, six weeks prior to the first regatta.

B. Coaches Association. Derek Parsons: Reviewed the chronology of the racing schedule development. Rob requested the coaches put together a strategic plan for the Coaches Association.

C. USRA Referees. Ryz Obuchowicz: NTR

D. Sandy Run Park. James Short: For those programs located at NVRPA sites, the NVRPA requires a copy of each team's safety plan. You can send it to him by email.

E. Thompson Boat Center. Gary Weeden: Said he had been associated with NCASRA since 1995 and has seen excellent organization and more events being run every year. He has received written applications to hold the Charlie Butt and George Washington Invitational regattas, but not for any of the dual or triple meets. He emphasized all events, regardless of sponsor, must be coordinated and plans approved (by Thompson Boat Center management) in advance.

F. Anacostia Community Boathouse Association. Kelley O'Connell: NTR

VII. Coordinator Reports.

A. OLOC. Lee West: Representative meeting March 12th. Tim Russell reported exceptional support to date for work days and thanks all. Still have to get 5 course wires in next Saturday – work day is from 9 am to 1 pm.

B. DLOC. Mike Mutter reported all permit requests are in for the Butt regatta. He has most critical jobs covered but has no parking coordinator or launch master and he made a plea for new regatta membership/volunteers. This is Mike's last year to head up the DLOC and no one has stepped forward to take the Regatta Director position. The safety meeting held for all programs, scholastic, collegiate, and club, on the Potomac was held last month and well attended.

B. Personnel. Mark Lindon: Thanked all for the few volunteer inputs received so far.

C. Programs. Mary & Watson Pryor: Inputs are due TONIGHT! A good number are missing.

D. Trophies. Mike Stilwell: Trophies are due tonight. McLean, TC Williams and Jefferson are missing.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Audit. Steve Lee: NTR

B. Bylaws. John White: NTR

C. Coaches Development. Ryz Obuchowicz: NR

D. Grievance. Harry Heim: NTR

E. Historian. Ed Wells: NTR

F. Nomination. Ryz Obuchowicz: Requested nominations for officers to serve 2008-2009 be sent to him or Harry Heim.

G. Publicity. Cherie Lejeune: Handed out a guide for individual teams to use in seeking press coverage. She said most of the local papers WILL print stuff if it's presented/submitted correctly.

IX. Reading and Consideration of Communications. None

X. Old Business. Fundraising for the Finish Line Tower. The wine tasting is April 10th at 7 pm. The wine has been donated. There will be a silent auction.

XI. New Business.

A. Sandy Run Grandstand Awning. Installation is in progress.

B. There have been incidents of rowdy behavior and property damage at Sandy Run. This is not a NCASRA issue, but a team and coach issue. Practices are a team/school/booster/coach responsibility.

XII. Announcements.

A. Made at the meeting beginning by the Secretary.

XIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2008 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

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