

Meeting Minutes

Rowing Advisory Council
19:00 Wednesday, April 17th, 2013
Green Lake Small Craft Center

Attendance

Members present: Jonathan Hartung, Wendy Caldwell, Dan Stettler, Lenny Kong, Ellie Kirtley, Bob Curley, Jill MacCorkle, Sean MacCorkle, Mark Jeager, Tim Amen, Bob Marks-Nicols

Associate members present: Chuck Desiderio

Also present: Jason Frisk, Thomas, Louisa D, JohannaR

Not present: Mike Stanley, Coby Stites, Ed Maxwell, Karen Maxwell

Call to Order – 7:02

Minutes from March meeting not yet available –

Minutes from the March meeting were not yet distributed. March and April minutes will be reviewed at the May meeting.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Jason-

The next Birds and Boats class is next Tuesday at 1 pm. This class is put on by the Audubon Society. Bird watchers get to watch ducks on Green Lake.

An intro to rowing class is offered this coming Saturday and Sunday. Parents of rowers are the target attendees.

Bill Keller is back to work part time.

Joan is now with PDD. This is an “out of class” position for her. This leaves an absence at Green Lake. Erika has been filling the vacancy and doing a great job. We hope she will stick around through the busy months of April and May for summer registrations.

JUNIORS

Ed) MattM, Tom- Boys

Tom: The team continues to excel. The novice boys rocked the RCAC.

Coby- Louisa-Karen) Johanna –Girls

Johanna: RCAC was a great regatta. Our Varsity took a 2nd place. JV did well. The novice boat brought home a first place.

ADULTS

Wendy – Adult Crew

Two eights are hitting the water on the weekends. They have been joined by Jay’s LTR graduates.

Bob/Mike – Masters

The masters are typically rowing quads in the AM. A quad will be racing in Opening Day.

Boatman Desiderio

Chuck reported that the boats are in good shape. They are experiencing just the usual nicks and dings.

\$3600 has been raised for a boat named for Dewitt Whitman. Bill Tytus at Pocock will match the single largest donation towards a boat.

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sean MacCorkle, Tim Amen, Bob Curley, Jonathan Hartung, Mike Stanley

SM: Revenue from adult classes are 20% down from past years.

JF: Most adults are on rowing cards. Row card purchases are not accounted for in class fees.

SM: The account balance is \$55k. There is \$40k plus \$15.7k. These numbers do not include the auction. They are up to date as of March 31st and show fine standing.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Lenny Kong, Wendy Caldwell, Jonathan Hartung

No report.

JM: It is a good time to start a truck fund. Adding budget incrementally, annually towards a large purchase was a successful way to finance the last truck. We expect to have to replace the truck in about 5 years.

LK: Motion to establish a truck fund and to seed it with \$3k for 2012. We will continue to add \$3k annually. BMN: Second the motion. **Motion Approved.**

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Tim Amen, Wendy Caldwell

Save the date for next year's auction at the same venue on April 5th, 2014.

Action Item: If you haven't already contributed to the RAC auction item, then please write a check to Wendy Caldwell for your share of the cost of the iPad, \$44.47.

REGATTA COMMITTEE

- Bob Marks-Nicholes, Mark Jeager, Lenny Kong

Save the date for the Summary Regatta on Sunday, August 4th. There will be medals (again).

JF has documented how to run a regatta. How-to training for additional staff/ RAC member would be appropriate skills insurance.

BOATHOUSE COMMITTEE

- Mark Jeager, Ellie Kirtley, Jill MacCorkle, Sean MacCorkle, Mike Stanley

BH Committee met prior to the RAC meeting. Sketches for proposed three-phase development were shown at the Auction. SeanM briefed the attendees on current status. Basic specifications (ie. footprint, room square footage) have been drafted. Next steps include colored 3D design renderings and further outreach on working with the city and on fundraising. Committee members will reach out to Mt Baker for their lessons learned.

The FOGLC directory project is anticipated for fundraising assistance. We need city approval in moving ahead.

FOGLC

- Bob Marks-Nichols

Now that FOGLC is the accepted Booster Club of the RAC, they are discussing how to focus their mission on the needs of the RAC. Three example projects are the Raise the Paddle at the auction, a directory, and an endowment.

An alumni directory is under development. JM assisted with the data entry from submitted paper forms. Electronic submissions are preferred for future. This can be done as a plug-in from wordpress. The large majority of forms submitted from the juniors are from the girl's team.

MarkJ offered an open invitation to join. Their current board is made up of: Bob Christie, Jon Rinker, Bill Gillis, Bob MN, Bruce Shaw, and Mark Jaeger. Tim Strand has left, and Kathryn is peripheral.

COMMUNICATIONS

– Jill MacCorkle, Bob Curley, Bob Marks-Nicholes

Website is not broken. Recaps or write-ups from events would be a great addition. Captains and coaches are already busy. Who can write and submit? Lenny shared stats on web traffic. Far out of towners contribute a surprisingly large amount.

Kids tend to use Facebook instead. The juniors have multiple private groups. They use FB for their intra-team communications and photo sharing.

Friends of Green Lake (<http://www.friendsofgreenlake.org/>) is having a work party at the lake from 9A-noon on Saturday. Please consider helping out, and if you do, then wear Green Lake Crew gear. This helps our community relationships. Juniors can earn community service hours for their time. Check out their facebook page for up to date event info.

OLD BUSINESS

The RAC gave a \$1000 donation to the Row to the Future foundation at their fundraising breakfast on Friday, March 22nd. RAC members who attended included: JonoH, EllieK, BobC, and JasonF.

<http://rowtothefuture.org/>

<http://www.pocockfoundation.org/what-we-do/youth-initiatives>

Action Item: Invite Karla Landis to next RAC meeting.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 29th.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Boating outreach program is a go. This is a free, 5-day program for kids. Participants are introduced to padding and to rowing.

Action Item: Get photos!

National Learn to Row Day – we are not doing any formal event for this. In the past, this has had low turnout and zero conversion from participants to class entries. Volunteer hours are better spent elsewhere (see above).

Meeting Adjourned – 20:23

**Ever so endearingly submitted,
Eleanor Kirtley**