

# Meeting Minutes

Rowing Advisory Council  
19:00 Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Green Lake Small Craft Center

## Attendance

Members present: Jonathan Hartung, Lenny Kong, Dan Stettler, Sean MacCorkle (by phone), Wendy Caldwell, Ellie Kirtley, Tim Amen, Bob Curley, Jill MacCorkle, Mike Stanley

Associate members present: Chuck Desiderio

Also present: Jason Frisk, Coby Stites, Ed Maxwell, Karen Maxwell, MattM, Tom, LouisaD, Cheryl Frasier, Karl Fields

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Not present: JohannaR, Bob Marks-Nicols, Mark Jeager

## Call to Order – 7:05

### Approval of minutes from January meeting –

Minutes tabled for time being. Did we see minutes from prior meeting?

## PROGRAM REPORTS

### Jason-

Overall, Green Lake is getting **high participation**. 149 kids is a relatively large squad with 8 coaches. Jay Finney coaches about 18 to 20 adults each weekends. The morning competitive team has between 7 to 12 in attendance each practice.

A class on **Defensive Driving** may be required. Jason is looking into being an instructor.

The **Annual Meeting for ARC** was last week. Christopher Williams talked about three Challenges to the programs: Sustainability (fiscal), and retention (versus independent recreation), and recruitment. ARC does not want to turn anyway away up front, and they want to keep the participant they do have.

The **Spring Regatta** has 924 participants registered as of today. That's about a normal level. The regatta will run from approximately 7:30A to 5:30P.

**Boat Dedication** is on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The last boats for the season are expected to arrive this week. All equipment insurance is in place.

Jason is carrying out **1 on 1s with coaching staff**. They discuss goals for the year, requested training, and pay increases.

## JUNIORS

### **Ed-MattM-Tom- Boys**

Ed: The season has started with 4 eights of guys. The **team looks strong**, although flu is prevalent. The top half of varsity guys, Karen's 3V girls, and half novice guys took part in a **3-day camp**. There were two rows and one workout per camp day. The repetitive practice helped solidify improved technique. The camp was all free to the rowers.

Tom and Matt: The guys captains concurred with Ed's report. The team is very determined from novice through varsity. The camp was valuable, exhausting, and well run.

### **Coby- Louisa- Karen –Girls**

Karen: The girls side has just over 3 eights of girls.

Louisa: 2 eights are going down to **Oakland this weekend**.

Coby: Winter conditioning included a running club. Mixed experience levels were represented. The club concluded with a **14 mile run** – 5 laps around the lake! The 3-day camp was scheduled over President's Day weekend. This was an alternative to how other clubs may take a spring break trip. There is **no joint spring break** shared from all the local high schools.

## ADULTS

### **Wendy – Adult Crew**

Program numbers are strong. They may be racing in the Spring Regatta. Folks are having a great time with it.

### **Ellie/Bob – Masters**

The masters are challenged by lots of foggy mornings, but numbers getting stronger.

## Boatman Desiderio

Chuck reported that the boats are in good shape. New oar racks were installed in the Aqua Theatre Boathouse. Two new Vespolis are due on Saturday.

## **RAC / SEATTLE PARKS – HENLEY**

Cheryl Frasier and Karl Fields joined us for the meeting. The purpose of their visit is to discuss Park's support of our desire to go to Henley and to discuss how to align the trip with Parks values.

Carl: We value the relationship with RAC and Jason's passion for the program.

Cheryl joined Ed in a launch for an afternoon practice and appreciated the hard work, camaraderie, and other benefits of the program. It was her first time on the lake. She saw that a long-standing commitment has built the program.

Christopher Williams could not attend tonight. But, he has been in the loop. Cheryl, Carl, and him are on the same page.

Parks delivers a breadth of sporting opportunities. They aim to deliver a lifelong commitment to being active and healthy. With further experience, athletes may want to pursue more competition. Parks doesn't feel it is in their mission (using public dollars) to support an elite level. The city has limited funds. **They cannot sponsor the UK trip.**

**Other sources of financial support are okay. The city cannot extend the city's liability insurance.** The city must be separate from the trip.

RAC: Henley fundraising has always been entirely independent. The trip has never been subsidized by the Parks department, nor was there ever an expectation for subsidies.

JH: If RAC 'participates' with the trip, does that mean that the city 'participates' by us being a city body? Can we have it in our minutes? How much separation is needed?

CF: ARC, RAC, and City of Seattle are 'married'.

JH: How can RAC be involved w/o 'exposing' the City?

CF: There needs to be a division on staff time, equipment, etc.

RAC: No salaries are paid. No City equipment is used. No city permission slips.

JH: **RAC can receive a report about Henley, and that does not commit our 'participation'.** We can talk about it.

Christopher Williams, Cheryl, Jill, and Jason are meeting on Monday. This arrangement will be made formal. All parties want to be transparent and to maintain the great public and personal benefits to this program.

## **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Sean MacCorkle

The account balance is \$52k. We are back to where we'd expect.

## **EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE**

Lenny Kong → Jason

Jason reported that there are **4 boats to dedicate on March 9<sup>th</sup>**. The proposed names are:

Girls 8) Lenny Kong 2

Boys) Frank Coyle 2

Vespoli 4 #1) Jim Carlson (the older one, not the one on the wall).

Vespoli 4 #2) Carl Lovestead 4

**Motion made to adopt these names, seconded, no conversation, unanimous yes.**

**Nancy has proposed to continue name of Beverly Jean Davis for the same amount paid last year at the auction (\$1000) for one more year.** It's a \$13k C-shell. Jill motioned. 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will count as income from the auction.

Vote is unanimous yes.

Jason reported that there are **two additional refurbished pairs from UW** that could be named and dedicated on March 9<sup>th</sup>. We could let the boys and girls name them themselves, but Tom says he'd prefer to auction the name for Henley income. JH: but city owns the boat. Is that a problem? Naming **Question is tabled** for next RAC meeting in March. **Action Item:** JH to ask whether city would have a problem with income taken for a named boat is towards Henley.

**Action Item:** Sean's roommate is Jim Carlson's son. Sean to follow up.

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- Tim Amen, Wendy Caldwell

Tim's 600 email invites got stuck. They are going out 50 at a time now. Wendy is working with Linda Moss on print **invitations**. They will be getting bids shortly and mailing them in two weeks (five weeks before the auction).

Last year we raffled an iPad. Raffle tickets brought in twice the cost of the iPad. What should we do this year? Electronics are good. When is the envelope stuffing party?

**Action Item:** RAC Members asked to get 2 auction items each.

**Action Item:** FOGLC asked to have a backup check-out system to Square – or whatever system they are using (and test system).

## REGATTA COMMITTEE

- Bob Marks-Nichols

No Report.

## BOATHOUSE COMMITTEE

- Mark Jeager/SeanM

Dan and Mark met with the city about limitations at the site. The building cannot go any nearer to the water than it is now. But, we can **renovate this building** and maintain the setback to the water. It is currently about 25 feet back. The footprint stays the same upfront, and higher stories must also have the setback.

Shoreline management is currently shifting. We will not touch the shoreline. Land use codes were checked, and our plan to move forward complies. The plan is currently for a 4 phased project:

- 1) Improve this building (office, meeting room, cubby room)
- 2) Improve next door (sweep house)
- 3) Improve aqua theatre (scull and erg house)
- 4) Improve grounds

Talk to Dan about these phases or to see preliminary sketches. A past student has been hired for ~\$1000 to prepare 3D renderings at the auction and for SHKS (JH's architecture firm) and for Dan's firm. Renderings will share a vision for the remodel from which we can later start fundraising.

**Action Item:** Dan and Tim to work out incorporating boathouse presentation at the auction

## **FOGLC**

- BobMN  
No Report.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

–JillM

The **new website** is up and running! <http://greenlakecrew.org/> Tom: It's great. Lenny has managed the back end and offered @greenlakecrew email addresses to board members and staff. Jill suggests we use generic terms rather than names for continuity, i.e. vicepresident@greenlakecrew.org  
The new updated board roster was circulated.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**RAC Sponsored trips:** A matrix of events and costs by experience level for junior crew is published matrix on website. <http://greenlakecrew.org.130.blankserver.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/2013-Crew-Costs.pdf> A few parents have commented that this is comparable to other sports. C: He'd like to see scholarship info presented alongside to soften the sticker shock. For example, "there was \$X in scholarship awarded in 2012".

The list of events (and costs) may also grow. Super opportunities do come up on short notice, but last minute expenses are a shock and can be a hardship on families. It's helpful for the parents to see a placeholder, even with no specifics. The November RAC meeting may be a reasonable deadline for Coaches and the RAC to plan the following year's placeholder(s) and trips.

**Topic Tabled.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Diversity** can include minorities beyond economic or visible physical disabilities. GL is more diverse and has wider outreach than may be recognized by someone outside the program. Scholarships are incredibly important to maintain our established breadth and successful inclusivity. Rainier Valley is fully funded by the Pocock Foundation. The third party precedent is already set.

**Topic Tabled.**

**Meeting Adjourned – 20:47**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Eleanor Kirtley**