

RAC Meeting – 5/29/2013

Called to order: 7PM

Present: Jonathan Hartung, Dan Stettler, Bob Curley, Tim Amen, Wendy Caldwell, Coby Stites, Mike Stanley, Sean MacCorkle, Jill MacCorkle, Lenny Kong, Jason Frisk, Chuck Desiderio, captains, guest Karla Landis from Pocock Center/Rainier Valley Rowing

Minutes from March and April were approved

Reports

Programs

Learn to row classes going well, 40 new people in last month, Jay Finney a big part of this success

Awards banquet had 300 people. Nile Club is expensive but works well in terms of parking, a/v needs. Jason has reserved it for next year's banquet. 15-20 trophies from regionals were displayed.

Coby is coordinating boat trailering for Everett and GLC for Nationals. Northwest Rowing subsidizes this cost.

Outreach program will run with three groups of 20 kids each. Monique Miller in charge.

Jason reported budget numbers for Brentwood (\$36002 in expense, collected \$35,500), regionals (\$52K) and banquet (\$2800 for room, lemonade, coaches time, awards)

The DeWitt Whitman fun is at \$8700, first shell has been ordered, Jason will organize dedication.

Captains report

New captains for next year: Hayden Overturf and Nick Jensen for the boys, and Allie Smith for the girls. Boys' results at regionals were disappointing, but looking forward to V8 & JV going to Henley. Girls had a strong finish at regionals, with lightweight 8s and V8 going to Nationals.

Coaches report

Coby referenced the good team cohesion and successful season this year as the culmination of a 2-year plan & effort to build novice program

Adult rowing

Wendy reported there are 2 8s going out on weekends, an 8 and a 4 on weekdays Tuesday and Thursday. They are looking for coxes. The competitive rowers have attendance of about 8-10 people regularly.

#### Equipment

Chuck reported the season was as good as we've ever had, with the equipment well cared for. He will be going over the singles over the summer.

#### Presentation on Row to the Future/Rainier Valley Rowing - Karla Landis

Karla described the program, an initiative of the Pocock Rowing Foundation to increase access to youth rowing. The goal is to have a connection with every program in the city. RVR was started in 2008, Erg Ed in 2010. Erg Ed, which brings ergs to more than 4000 middle school kids in their schools, is unique to Seattle. A Google search showed that GLC has three schools with 1000 kids within a three-mile radius of GLSCC who participated. The Erg Ed games is about to take place, with 170 kids racing ergs in a gym. Row to the Future continues to look to connect kids to communities, and Karla thanked the RAC for our support.

Franklin HS will get a pilot program of erg ed next year as part of PE curriculum. The program is heavily supported by individual donors, some grants with the school district, and sponsorships. It has a \$200K cost for a year for equipment/staff/etc. RVR pays the cost for kids during their novice year, then kids apply for scholarships with programs if they want to continue.

#### Budget & Finance

Sean reported we are \$20K up in expenses over last year, mostly in equipment. We are \$7K up in revenue, offset by \$7K increase in wages. Coby asked about the truck fund. We previously agreed to put \$3K into the fund this year for 2012 and will talk later in the year about putting another \$3K into the fund for 2013.

Equipment – nothing to report

Fundraising – nothing to report

#### Boathouse

Sean, Dan, Jill, and Mark met with Phil and Ross from Mt. Baker crew to hear about how they built their boathouse addition. We are still trying to get a meeting with Christopher Williams to seek approval to start fundraising. Jason mentioned Kathy Whitman is coming back to Aquatics and will be a good advocate for the project.

FOGLC – no representative present

Communications – nothing to report

Old Business

Discussion about getting a second single to honor DeWitt Whitman since the master's rowers raised enough to cover it. Equipment committee will decide which singles to get rid of and advise on what boats to buy

Tim mentioned that he has a question for Ed to pursue at a future meeting as Ed not present at this meeting. Tim is bothered that the boys V8 did not go to Brentwood and wants to know how Ed thinks that worked out for us, were his reasons justified by having done it this way. He will ask Ed when Ed is back.

#### New Business

Junior Awards banquet was a success despite the planning having fallen through the cracks. Jason was able to cover all needs for the banquet at the last minute. Tim has volunteered to act as Parent Liaison and to coordinate this next year as doing so help him with fundraising efforts.

Sean expressed frustration around communications issues with parents regarding plans for nationals. This needs to be better coordinated as he had all the information but Tim was doing the actual emails to parents and did not ask Sean for the info but went to Jason instead, leaving parents of one boat unsure what was going on.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM

Submitted by Jill MacCorkle