

MINUTES of NCASRA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING November 7, 2006

I. The NCASRA Board was called to order by the Vice President at 7:34 PM, November 7, 2006 in the library of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Forty-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 (Past Pres)	-----	Langley	Susan McKay
At-Large (Towner)	-----	Mathews	-----
At-Large (Lee)	-----	McLean	Thomas Zegler
At-Large	Ryz Obuchowicz	Mount Vernon	Sue Davis
		National Cathedral	Alex McNamara
B-CC	Elizabeth Petty	Oakton	Julie Furuta-Toy
Bishop Ireton	Alan Borough	Potomac	Vera Vaughn
Bishop O'Connell	Steve Kapurch	Robinson	David Oakley
Christchurch	-----	Sidwell Friends	Eric Mayer
DeMatha	Rosemary Casey	South County	Mike Jordan
Elizabeth Seton	Patrick Byrne	Saint Albans	Lynn Hatch
Episcopal	-----	St Stephens/Ste Agnes	Mike Barron
Fairfax	Kerri Sperry	T C Williams	-----
Forest Park	Ray Griggs	Thomas Jefferson	-----
Gar-Field	Jim Keefer	W T Woodson	Fritz Roegge
Georgetown Day	Barbara Selig	Wakefield	Anne Marie Stetekluh
Georgetown Visitation	Jerry Myers	Walt Whitman	Jack Orrick
Gloucester	-----	Walter Johnson	Mark Baskin
Gunston Day School	Mickey Dulin	Washington-Lee	Donna Roberts
Holton Arms	Martin Zoltick	West Potomac	Steve Wanser
Holy Cross	-----	West Springfield	Pete Vercruysse
Hylton	Mark Fichten	Westfield	Craig Trumbull
J E B Stuart	Chuck Pizer	Woodbridge	Hal Johnson
James Madison	Bob Smith	Woodrow Wilson	Anne Dollmeyer
Lake Braddock	Jim Barnes	Yorktown	Mike Mutter

<u>Coordinators</u>			
DLOC	Michael Mutter	OLOC	Lee West
Communications	Lisa Feibelman	Programs	Sue McIssac
		Trophies	-----
Personnel	Mark Lindon	Web Master	Ron West

<u>Committees</u>			
Audit	-----	Historian	-----
Bylaws	John White	Nomination	TBD
Coaches Development	Ryz Obuchowicz	Rules	Rob Ittig
Grievance	TBD		

<u>Representatives</u>			
Coaches Association	Bryan Tylander	Crew Council Chair	Kerry Donley
Sandy Run Park	James Short	USRA Referees	Ryz Obuchowicz
Thompson Boat Center	-----	Anacostia Community Boathouse Association	TBD

II. Secretary Report. John White:

A. The Minutes of the October 3, 2006 Board meeting were approved as amended.

III. Vice President's Report. Carl Wick:

A. The count of rowers at each school was taken. This is the number used to determine fair allocation of volunteers for each regatta. Three school's representative - Holy Cross, Thomas Jefferson, Yorktown - was either absent or did not know the number of rowers.

B. Schedule concerns, DLOC Staffing, and DLOC Regatta Permits:

Carl outlined the deliberations by the Executive Board at its meeting October 15th in considering the regatta schedule. Concern was expressed for the lower than required number of rowers at the Georgetown regatta on April 14, 2007. Four hundred (400) rowers are considered minimum to justify the time and effort to put on a regatta and 370 are signed up for that location and date. This regatta is at risk of being cancelled. A few schools do not participate in any regattas except for the championships. One way to ensure minimum participation is to make participation in 1 or 2 mandatory. This was rejected by the BOD. Observations/statements were offered to the effect that mandatory participation was unfair. Some schools travel to get a variety of competition and/or a higher level of competition. The Georgetown venue is less desirable in that it has only four lanes, no lane buoys, no stakeboats.

The DLOC permanent staff manning was also reviewed as Carl described the LOC team concept which requires a core of people to be present for every regatta to oversee its safe regatta operation. Requirements have been examined to ensure the number is minimum ... we are at that minimum now. At least one person per school is needed and, for DLOC schools, if the rowers from that school exceed 50, two persons are requested. It was again emphasized this core number requires knowledge and training beyond that of the regular volunteers who show up only for specific regattas. The question was asked if these core people had to have previous experience. The answer is no, we will teach them before the regatta season begins. They then provide the continuity and through the season. Discussion included how to enforce core personnel assignments (no resolution was reached). A staff swap between OLOC and DLOC was suggested but that is impractical (parents want to be at the venue their kids are rowing).

Bottom line for both issues above: No consensus, no resolution, no decision.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Lee West: The July-September 2006 and October 2006 financial statements were reviewed. Payments due from last year were reviewed. Schools that owe dues for this year were reviewed (\$100, paid to the Treasurer, checks made out to NCASRA).

Revenue Sharing. A role call was taken to determine schools that desire to participate in Revenue Sharing next season. This is voluntary participation separate and in addition to regatta volunteers. Participating schools run the concessions and sales and share the profits according to the number of hours contributed. Sixteen schools said yes, nineteen no, five were either absent or did not know.

USRowing Insurance Program. A handout explaining the insurance program options/fees for schools was presented and reviewed (attached). It was unsure how organizations like NCASRA would be treated. Insurance fees are due to USRowing by January 1, 2007 for coverage next year.

Proposed Rules Change to Allow Fall Rowing for Novices. Lee gave a report on the meeting of Activities Directors, Coaches, and NCASRA representatives to develop a program to allow novices to row for a limited time in the fall. Proposed was: NCASRA run a day of orientation to rowing done by coaches; then there would be nine days of water orientation run by the individual schools. Derek Parsons is writing up the specifics. The nine days could be consecutive or spread over a longer period. The intent is to have the program in place next fall.

V. President's Report. Rob Ittig:

A. Rob Ittig gave a synopsis of the protest against Thomas Jefferson for out-of-season rowing. The Crew Council sanctioned Jefferson and placed the school program on probation for one year.

DLOC staffing was discussed, particularly the difficulty in obtaining and maintaining the permanent staff required to be at every regatta.

Coach vetting was discussed briefly. It is important that every coach obtain the required immunization shots and complete a background check. In answer to the question, the requirements apply to all three jurisdictions (VA, DC, MD).

VI. Representative's Reports.

A. Crew Council. Kerry Donley: next CC meeting is November 14th.

B. Coaches Association. Bryan Tylander: The schedule continues to change. Bryan will respond only to coaches' input (not boosters').

C. USRA Referees. Ryz Obuchowicz: Referee clinic is November 18th. We need referee candidates.

D. Sandy Run Park. James Short: Thanked everyone involved for the best safety training that was held at the Cameron pool. Sandy Run meeting on boat rack allocation is November 15th or 16th.

E. Thompson Boat Center. Gary Weeden: NTR

F. Anacostia Community Boathouse Association. Alan Borough (interim): NTR

VII. Coordinator Reports.

A. DLOC. Michael Mutter: NTR

B. OLOC. Lee West: NTR

C. Personnel. Mark Lindon: NTR

D. Communications. Lisa Fiebelman / Susan Delenick: Lisa gave a very comprehensive report of the difficulty in getting any publicity the past year and how the effort and work is not justified by the results. Photos of only two regattas have been posted (to date!) although all regattas are available. She said the Communications Coordinator should be a Communications Committee. This was effected on

the spot and Rob Ittig requested volunteers to assist Lisa and asked for committee members. Such request for members will be reiterated next meeting.

E. Programs. Susan McIsaac: Briefly reviewed the program advertisements.

F. Trophies. Mike Stilwell: NTR

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Audit. Steve Lee: NTR

B. Bylaws. John White: NTR

C. Coaches Development. Ryz Obuchowicz: NTR

D. Grievance. TBD: NTR

E. Historian. Ed Wells: NTR

F. Nomination. Ryz Obuchowicz: NTR

G. Rules. Rob Ittig: NTR

IX. Reading and Consideration of Communications. The letter requesting exploration of having a Jamestown Commemoration Regatta in conjunction with the Jamestown 400th anniversary was read. No action taken at this time.

X. Old Business. None

XI. New Business. None

XII. Announcements.

A. Referee and referee candidate clinic on November 18, 2006

XIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

A. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2007 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

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John D. White
Secretary

USRowing Insurance Program for the 2007 Season

I talked with Glenn Merry, Executive Director of USRowing, on November 2, 2006 and this is the latest insurance information. There is still some fine tuning that needs to be done.

Due to the claims that have been filed this past year, the rates have gone up. USRowing has tried to hold them down as far as possible.

Here are the different levels of Membership: (cost is per club)

Bottom level NO Insurance of any kind \$350.00 per year

If 100% of your team is individual members \$1000.00 per year
(includes insurance coverage)

If not everyone on your program is a member, then it goes by number of rowers/coxswains as follows:

Up to 75 members	\$1250.00 per year
76-150 Members	\$1500.00 per year
151-300 Members	\$1700.00 per year
Over 300 members	\$2000.00 per year

These all include insurance for the athletes as well as the boosters that are working for the team (e.g., fundraisers, practice and regattas volunteers)

Director and Officer Insurance, Use of non-owned vehicles, and Regatta Sanctioning fees have had not increased (these are NCASRA funded costs).

All schools must be members of USRowing to row in any NCASRA regatta (same as last year).

Any questions? Contact me or Glen Merry at USRowing (609) 751-0501.

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Lee West