**Old Lyme Rowing Association**

**MINUTES for Board Meeting of Monday, December 21, 2015**

In attendance---**Joan Rivigan, Paul Fuchs, Kira Drummond, Brian Cheney, Chris McCawley, Peter Fuchs, Greg Hack, Candace Fuchs, Jane Montanaro**

Welcome to Brian Cheney. Brian has expressed an interest in serving as a parent representative. His daughter Rose is a sophomore.

Thank you to Joan Rivigan for her service as a parent representative. Joan plans to step down from the Board in the new year.

Welcome to Paul Fuchs as girls LOLHS coach, recently hired!

1. Approval of the Minutes from Board meeting of November 16, 2015.

Jim Carey has identified a welder in Centerbrook who may be willing to replace/modify the superstructure on the trailer to add a fourth tier, at cost. Recommended that we try American Truck in Niantic for additional work, as needed. Needs to be completed in time for the Spring season.

1. Treasurer’s report including bank balance.

Current bank balance $68K, includes income from winter training. $1250 received in corporate match money. 20 kids registered for winter training. Two ergs ($1800 total) have been purchased. Plans call for paying Paul $3,000 for his services, and any remaining fee moneys will go back to OLRA. Truck and fuel expenses for the fall ended up at $2259.

1. News and updates:

* Update on Boathouse plans/ BHPIC activities----good progress since last meeting! Construction documents have been prepared to go out for bid, with some revisions still to be made. Then documents will go to estimator prior to formally going out to bid. Monitor has been omitted from the plan, to save cost. Three cupolas have been added. Windows have been provided on three sides. Three 22 foot bays, flex area and changing/locker rooms. Includes storage area and coach's office. Not heated, not a four season building. No water in the building. Faucet on the outside of the building will be for washing and will be potable water. Bare bones for bid, but additional features such as a rubber floor for flex area may possibly be added later. This may be part of the fundraising effort. Building will be owned by the town, maintained ($$) by Region 18, and overseen by OLRA . Hope to break ground late February or March. Wetlands and ZBA have already approved a larger building. Paul to talk to ZBA tomorrow. Meet with Park and Rec on 07 JAN (Paul F. and Paul G.). Discussed possible impact on Spring LOLHS rowing program. Boats will be stored on site outside, most likely, with details to follow. Tent may be provided for shelter and changing. Bathrooms: Current plans call for existing bathrooms to be improved, along with the addition of a pavilion. Total budget not to exceed $882K (does not include fundraising). Significant funds will be available to address bath house and pavilion. Town meeting January 25th to share details on the plan, but will not include a vote. When do we start fundraising? Most likely when a contract is signed. Still have a balance of $10K in our fundraising account. Parking lot and main entrance driveway are not included in the plan. We reviewed the site plan, and discussed improvements to entry to boathouse area, reinforced turf, and likely position of the basketball court.
* Winter training underway for juniors at LOLHS. 20 athletes are signed up.

1. Discuss notes from recent meeting to discuss future OLRA leadership, including:

* Likely composition of new Board, and likely new officers (pending Annual Meeting): Brian Cheney and Jim Boyle have expressed interest in serving, following formal election at the Annual Meeting. New Board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting 19JAN at LOLHS. Slate of individuals who have expressed interest thus far is as follows:

Masters: Greg Hack, Bill Plage, Jane Montanaro, Jim Boyle, Heather Stone

Parent reps: Brian Cheney, Kira Drummond, Michele Mergy, Candace Fuchs

Louis Zubek and Paul Fuchs serve on the Board as LOLHS coaches.

Maria Boyle and Peter Fuchs serve appointed positions as LOLHS Captains

* 01FEB is first meeting of new board. Chris and Joan are leaving the board. Candace has expressed a willingness to transition in as board president after the boathouse is done.
* Desired modifications in Treasurer/ Registrar duties: Heather is frustrated with registration processes. Heather has expressed an interest in divesting herself of some of her duties. Heather will clarify, and we will assemble folks to take on some of these duties.
* Update re LOLHS spring 2016 coaching staff, and summer PM and fall head coaches for juniors. Paul and Louis head coaches of LOLHS, no assistant coaches named yet. Paul to discuss candidates with Bill Buscetto.
* Liaisons to Town, Parks and Rec, Rogers Lake Authority, etc. Discussed strong relationships that have been built in recent years, and the need to maintain some continuity. Chris and Greg to serve as liaisons to RLA. Liaison to Park and Rec: Greg has offerred.
* Developing plans for LTR II program, likely starting in April. Chris, Bill, Greg, Candace to assemble a LTRII program. Charge very little. Also run the program in the Fall.

1. Equipment Committee issues:

* Discuss update re purchase of 2 Peinert 26(s) through FRC. Gordon Hamilton will facilitate the purchase two 1X delivered in May for 10% off (approximately….details to follow).
* Pocock 4+ and Levator 1x off-loaded. Donated to Newburgh Crew and Ed Kennedy. They are very appreciative!
* Two Vespoli 2x/2- have been delivered to Vespoli for refurb/painting. 2X/2- is underway for $1850 each.
* Gift of newer 12’ launch with 9.9 hp engine with low hours—need to ensure this and the other new aluminum launch are properly registered for 2016 season. Paul has a bill of sale to RSD18. Paul to sort it out with Bill Buscetto. We currently have six launches and motors, which should put us in very good shape for the future!
* Opportunity to buy Vespoli 4+ at reasonable price – discuss specifics re age, condition, and price, and plans to move quickly when an opportunity presents itself. Two buying opportunities have slipped through our hands. Calls in to Hudson and Vespoli to look out for small 4+. V1 as old as 2007/2008 or M2 as old as 2010, E hull, small for girls, and medium for boys. Hudson: Hammerhead hull shape, SP 2007/2008, Predator as old as 2010. Up to $16K each. Post meeting note: The blue Vespoli became available again, and has been purchased for the LOLHS girls.
* Docks out--- Town has been advised on recommendations from Connect A Dock rep. Docks belong to the town. 7 year warrantee is void if they remain in water (in ice) all Winter. Town is motivated to take the docks out. Connect a dock rep recommended either leaving them in or dragging them out of the lake. GAH recommending separating docks into 2-3 sections to make movement easier

1. New business?

* Jane suggested that the paint job on the sculling oars should be redone over the Winter---GH will review with Bill
* 3 sweep oars are broken and need to be shipped back to Concept 2

1. Important Dates:

* Next meeting date Monday Feb. 1, 2016.
* Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 19 ( Monday, Jan 18 is MLK Day). Location TBD.
* Old Lyme Town Meeting scheduled for Monday January 25. Updated plans on Boathouse/ Hains Park project (for informational purposes only, no vote is needed) likely to be on the agenda
* Look for Public Information meeting re Boathouse project sometime before the Town Meeting. It would be good to have some OLRA membership in attendance for a show of support.

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| Date | Task | Responsible |
| 20JUL | Inquire about cost to get a new superstructure on existing trailer | Bill Plage, Paul Fuchs |
| 16NOV | Determine program dates for posting on website | All |
| 21DEC | Determine how the registration process can be streamlined |  |
| 21DEC | Identify assistant coaches for LOLHS program | Paul and Louis |
| 16NOV | Draft official thank yous for motor boat and for Smalley wherry | Heather Stone |
| 16NOV | Arrange for boat names to be painted:   * Maas * Vespoli 4+ Roach * Vespoli 4+ Laundon * Wherry Smalley | Bill Plage |
| 16NOV | Discuss improved communication with parents group | Kira, Michele, Candace |
| 21DEC | Work through Town desire to remove the docks | Paul/Greg |
| 21DEC | Discuss role in summer program with Andriel | Greg |
| 21DEC | Confirm location for Annual Meeting 19-JAN | Greg |
| 21DEC | Determine how to ship 3 sweep oars back to Concept 2 for repair | Paul |
| 21DEC | Repaint sculling oars | Bill/Jane |

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Fuchs

Secretary