**Old Lyme Rowing Association**

**MINUTES for Board Meeting of Monday, March 7, 2016**

Board Members in attendance---**Maria Boyle, Jim Boyle, Paul Fuchs, Candace Fuchs, Kira Drummond, Brian Cheney, Greg Hack, Michele Mergy, Jane Montanaro**

Guests **--- Bill Plage, Barbara Hack**

1. Approval of the Minutes from Board meeting of February 1, 2016.
2. Treasurer’s report: No report.
3. News and updates:

* Update on Boathouse plans/BHPIC activities and timeframe for construction.

Zoning – variance needed for following. Height The current boathouse plan exceeds the height allowance by 8 inches.  The current plan is actually quite a bit shorter than the original plan which included a second floor. Side setback The existing boathouse infringes upon the required setback from the property line on the right side.  Lengthening the structure along this same line requires a variance. Front setback One portion of the proposed/relocated basketball court (to be located between the boathouse and the existing toilet building) infringes on the 60’ front yard setback that is required. The ZBA will consider this business during a meeting on April 5.

* Coaching staff for summer juniors, posting to Row2k for Summer Program.

Program Manager needed to run summer program. Responsibilities include managing approximately 50 participants, 6 coaches, Adult Learn to Row program, Middle School Learn to Row program, 2-3 regattas, and registration. Greg reached out to CRI for leads and Paul suggested some others.

* Coach’s report: about 27 girls attended LOLHS safety meeting today, about 9 of whom were freshmen. Boy’s side has very few freshmen boys signed on, only 2.
* Presentation to LOLHS parents at Spring Sports Meeting had good attendance of students and parents. An overview of the rowing program including what to expect at regattas was presented. There was also discussion of fundraising associated with the club which is mostly used for equipment purchases and repairs.

1. Equipment Committee issues – working off a 5 year Purchase and Maintenance Plan

* Discuss purchase of 2 Peinert 26(s) from manufacturer for delivery in the fall. Cost $4600-$4800. Can choose color schemes, red and red/white proposed.
* Two Vespoli 2x/2- have been delivered to Vespoli for refurb/painting. Scope of work is more expensive than expected. Budget of $1875 to refurbish each was approved by the board; Vespoli estimates $4000 each to complete. Board agrees to forego painting; repairs only to keep costs within budget.
* LOLHS Athletic Director is registering the newer launches in preparation of the spring high school rowing season.
* Motors have been retrieved from Reynolds.
* Purchase of 2006 Vespoli 4+ S hull (blue metallic paint) in Vespoli yard. Minor refurbishment and repairs needed (oar locks, tracks, shoes, etc.); no paint.
* Repairs to Hudson 4+ deferred until fall.
* Discussion of opportunity to purchase 4+ in good condition from CRI for LOLHS boys. CRI is asking $15,000; we will offer $12,000. Boat is in storage at CRI.
* Town of Old Lyme Public Works Department is scheduled to put the docks in on March 8th.
* Paul recommended purchase of 6 new Motorola VHF radios, about $200 total cost. Best line of communication to contact all coaches in case of emergency.
* Purchase of additional PDFs and cox box chargers needed. How many?
* Equipment Committee asked to consider purchase of a single for intermediate rowers (something between a Maas and racing single).

1. Progress of LTR II Program starting in May.

* Candace has developed “tenets of BSS rowing” flashcards for peer coaches to use for consistent messaging of rowing technique.
* Volunteer coaches so far: Kristy, Margo, Candace, Chris, Jane, Bill, Greg. Schedule for coaching is on the website under Master’s Rowing. LTR II Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings (after Master’s rowing).
* Equipment Committee asked to consider purchase of a single for intermediate rowers (something between a Maas and racing single).
* Suggested reading list for all BSS rowers

Sculling in a Nutshell, Gordon Hamilton

Tip of the Blade, Marlene Royle

Paul’s blog, <http://aviewfromtheboat.blogspot.com/>

* Consider invitation of outside coaches to host rowing clinics on Roger’s Lake. Gordon Hamilton on a Friday in June was suggested. 10 LTR II and other participants, max. Cost is usually about $50 each.

1. Fundraising plans

* 7th Annual Erg-a-Thon May 15, 2016

NO silent auction. This should be a separate event.

Teams/brackets – “Golden Wrench” Award

Masters Teams encouraged! Community event

Fundraising goal: $14,000

* Other fundraising opportunities this year around the boathouse groundbreaking.

1. USRowing Development Camp, June 18- July 9

* Reduce their footprint on the lake. They must be off the lake mid-day.
* $3500 equipment rental fee.

1. Parking considerations in Hains Park 2016.

* Many different users, resident and non-resident.
* Currently, Old Lyme residents are required to purchase beach pass at Town Hall.
* Non-residents need a Special Permit, to be purchased at Town Hall?
* Signage

1. New business –none.
2. Next Meeting: Monday, April 18 at 7:00 pm. Location: 6 Stonewood Dr.

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| Date | Task | Responsible |
| 20JUL | Inquire about cost to get a new superstructure on existing trailer | Paul has identified a vendor, he is looking for someone to take the lead on this. |
| 21DEC | Determine how the registration process can be streamlined | ongoing |
| 21DEC | Identify assistant coaches for LOLHS program | ongoing |
| 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 | Repaint sculling oars | Bill/Jane |
| 01FEB | Purchase new CO2 cartridges for life belts | Bill |
| 01FEB | Discuss parking issues with Old Lyme leadership | Greg |

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Montanaro

Secretary