

Old Lyme Rowing Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2017

In attendance: G. Hack, C. Fuchs, P. Fuchs, T. Patten, J. Montanaro
Others in attendance: B. Plage, L. Dickey

1. Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 26, 2017 were approved.
2. Treasurer report accepted. Items of note: \$11,000 expense is the second payment on the new trailer, \$3,500 in income from US Rowing development camp boat rental from OLRA. Clothing sales and some donations have not been updated yet; checks have been sent to the financial manager for deposit.

Paul expressed need for a club debit/credit card. Approved by those present. Policy in place that executive committee and financial manager to have advance knowledge of purchases. All receipts are to be submitted to financial manager.

3. Paul coaches report: Kudos to coaches, especially Paul, Peter, Hannah, Andriel. Tanya complimented leadership of coaching staff. Half season deal for some families who went on vacation. Worthwhile for the club. Good quality rowers and committed.

LTR not as many issues as in the past. Hannah handled all smoothly. No complaints from lake residents. Minimal footprint during US rowing dev camp, as they rowed only in the mornings. LTR possibly 75 kids. Consider capping it next year.

15 HP long-shaft motor – lower unit bent/damaged, possibly due to grounding/hitting bottom. \$1700 to repair, prob worth same as motor. Largest launch requires long shaft motor. Guilford Marine will take trade in, for smaller boat, cost is approx. \$60. Then will have 5 boats and 5 motors on hand - all interchangeable and using regular shaft motors. Region 18 must approve the trade. Send request to him in writing. Camouflage boat motor (9.9 hp) needs tune up/Reynolds

Bonuses for coaches discussed: \$500/\$250 GH will share via email

4. Boathouse permanent CO awarded today! Responsibility to maintain boathouse will soon fall on Reg 18 pending signed lease.

Keys 8 active keys currently; goal is (ideally) to have 20 keys available to masters rowers, for this season.

Sub groups to determine their key holders. Key holder must be aware of the responsibility keys/cards. Rosterbot for key holders discussed / Joan to create key holder.

Many thanks to Candace for fabulous coordination of the “conciierge” all summer. This schedule will continue until additional keys are provided to the club.

5. Fundraising updates: Million-meter challenge, verify that Heather has received all the checks and that all thank you’s have been done. Final numbers will be reported at the next meeting.

Approx \$110,000 donated to town for Hains Park project. Skip Sibley has been sending acknowledgements for those donations that were sent to the Town.

Spring season high school fundraising – all donations will probably go directly to fund at Reg 18, like other sports (activity fund?).

6. LTR II session has begun which transitions new rowers into the masters program. Sculling will be taught on Thurs evenings; sweep sessions on Saturday after the regular club workout. Volunteer coaches needed! Bulletin board in the boathouse--- see for coaching sign ups and upcoming events.
7. Fall Juniors Rowing: Coaching staff Fuchs/Zubek/Fazzino/Muhsin/Hoxie. At least 3 coaches each day. East Lyme rowers report that transportation to the lake is an issue for them and that the fees are considered high. BSS is trying to build a strong regional team. Hope to bring accomplished kids and strong coaches to our program. BSS “brand” – hope to strengthen it. Registration is open. Fall season runs from Sept 6 to Oct 30 for a fee of \$450 per participant. Fall Racing Schedule was discussed. Juniors to attend Coastweeks, Riverfront, NEIRA, HOCR and Fish.
8. Equipment Updates: sell old big trailer. Ok from Region 18. Paul will put out an advertisement to try to sell the trailer for \$6000. Hildie to register the new trailer.
9. Historical Committee- scan materials put up on google drive. Pennant project 2nd track going up.
10. Misc. New Business – Discussed concept of a regatta on Rogers Lake next summer to coincide with Old Lyme’s midsummer festival. Paul will run it by Bonnie, First Selectwoman. Regatta will be by invitation only to limit numbers. Need access to the lake from 8am – 4 pm.

Gas cans must be stored in the containers. Locked. All rowers should be aware.

Decals for oars needed (the large ones for sweep oars). Bill to order.

PFD demonstration and talk on hypothermia planned for the Saturday after Labor Day. Record it with video.

Next meetings will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017 and Monday, October 23, 2017.

Adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Montanaro, Treasurer