

Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association

P.O. Box 73, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2017, 7:30 PM

I. President / Regatta Director. (Dorothy Lazor)

1. Regatta Update. We have held two regatta, so far this season. The weather did not cooperate last weekend, but the Polar Bear had ideal conditions. This weekend is possibly going to be a repeat of Saturday's conditions. We are looking at sustained winds of 14mph and gust 20-22mph. When conditions are variable we have to adapt.
2. Events Schedule. At the request of the coaches and in consideration of the freshmen/novice rowers, we are going to amend our stated regatta order of events, by scheduling the freshmen/novice eights earlier in the day. This is still no guarantee that they will be able to race. We will adhere to the new schedule, if conditions allow, but will cut and paste event groups as needed to suit the conditions. All regatta participants will be required to arrive for the first race. It is either that or we maintain the schedule as stated at the beginning of the season. We would normally not allow this deviation. There is the possibility that an earlier start to racing may be in effect.
3. Course. VASRA will endeavor to have the highest standards of infrastructure in place conditions permitting. But as in all things weather dictated there are no guarantees. The start platform, starter's tower and aligner's platform will be in place weather permitting. However, the safety of the rowers and staff is of paramount importance. We will not have structures out that will adversely impact the safety of participants.
4. Off Site Parking:
 - No we cannot use the Quarry, they work until noon on Saturdays. The fall regattas and collegiate regattas are held on Sundays, so do not have that restriction.
 - The church parking lot north of Sandy Run while large is not adequate to accommodate all overflow parking for our largest regattas. We do not want to split off site parking and make it more confusing than it already is.
 - The Lorton Workhouse has not responded to inquiries concerning the use of their parking area.
 - There are no good answers to the parking situation, but we can do things to make sure that it runs as smoothly as possible. We use the on site parking until the Sandy Run parking is full, only then do we go to off site parking. The status of the parking lots is Tweeted [#VASRAParking](#) If a person is not comfortable with Tweeting suggest they have a friend who is ok with it text them with the information. The location for off site parking is posted on the VASRA web-site, also on the parking information on Regatta Central for each regatta. There are information leaflets printed for the parkers to hand out once the lot is full. You should encourage your parents to have the location listed for use on their phones and other devices. Expect to spend 20-30 minutes to get from the off site parking to C Lot and plan accordingly.
 - Car Pooling. Please encourage your parents and rowers to carpool. In order to encourage this practice we are going to establish a premier section for HOV 6+ parking. Working out the number of spaces needed to accommodate this may need some adjustments, but please bear with us.
5. Regatta Staff – LOC (Local Organizing Committee) the Permanent Positions. We have some good people, who are showing potential to take their task on not only for this season but the next.

II. Secretary. (Tom Snoich)

1. Attendance: Sign and update the roster. Pick up your school tent card.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the February VASRA meeting.
3. The VASRA Calendar – Key Dates – these affect your team.
4. Website.
5. Contacts: make sure that there is a reliable contact, an email address that will respond to VASRA communications.

III. Treasurer. (Jane Henry)

1. Financial Report for March.
2. Outstanding Dues.
3. Catastrophic Medical Levy. Amounts have been posted and are due 4/21/17.
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IV. Vice President. (Jim Weitekamp)

V. Representatives.

1. Crew Council Zeff Yusof (Georgetown Visitation AD)
2. Sandy Run Regional Park Crystal Wilson/Zach Phren (NVRPA)

Park needs help with people picking up trash

DO NOT leave gas cans on the docks

Boats behind the Referee's parking area will be sold/auctioned/scraped if they are not moved by April 14th.

3. Coaches Bryan Tylander (WT Woodson)

VI. Coordinators.

1. Personnel Coordinator Shirley von Rinteln
 1. Volunteer Coordinators confirm name
 2. Job assignments
2. Course Master (Chief River Rat) Jules Verster/Craig Roblyer

Old Tool Shed will be cleaned out this Saturday. Working with Park to determine place to store HAZMAT Materials.

4. Trophy Coordinator. Alysa Youngson

VII. Committees.

1. **Budget/Audit**
Kathy Gustafson
Cameron Naron
2. **Grievance**
Chris Vest
3. **Long Range Planning**
Dorothy Lazor
Tom Snoich
Shirley Von Rinteln (Westfield)
Bryan Tylander
4. **ByLaws**
Sarah Entsminger
Tom Snoich
4. **Nominating**
Tim Solms
Matt Warshaw

Beth Suttie

VIII. New Business.

IX. Announcements.

1. 8 April - Walter Mess Regatta.
2. 15 April - Darrell Winslow Regatta.
3. 21 April – CATMED Payments Due
4. 22 April - Ted Phoenix Regatta.
5. 29 April - Al Urquia Regatta.
6. 29 April - Charlie Butt Regatta.
7. 6 – May - VSRC Day 1
8. 13 May - VSRC Day 2
9. 15 May - Slate of Candidates presented by the Nominating Committee.

X. Adjournment.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 6 June , 2017, Vienna Fire Station Hall.