

VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 23042 Alexandria, VA 22304

MINUTES of the BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING October 2, 2012

- I. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President, John White at 7:31 pm at Wakefield High School. Thirty-four voting members (Fifty-seven including non-voting members) were present as follows:

<u>Officer Members</u>			
President	John White	Vice President	Dorothy Lazor
Treasurer	Mark Peterson	Secretary	Karin Payne

<u>At-Large and Team Members</u>			
Past President	-----	Mount Vernon	Lisa Paradis
At-Large	-----	NCS / St Albans	Mark LaViolette
At-Large	Ric Thomas	Oakton	Susan Perpall
At-Large	-----	Potomac	Beneatha Draffin
At-Large	Mary King	Robinson	Robert Clark
Briar Woods	-----	Sidwell Friends	Mark McGuire
Christchurch (Associate)	-----	South County	Adale Tourtellott
Episcopal (Associate)	-----	St Stephens/ Ste Agnes	Courtney Baldrige
Fairfax	Julia Trieber	Stonebridge	Jim Zeller
Forest Park	Curt Hoagland	T C Williams	Ed Edblom
Gar-Field	Matt Lucas	Thomas Jefferson	Dave Applin
Georgetown Visitation	Stephen Greco	W T Woodson	Mark Ramage
Gloucester (Associate)	-----	Wakefield	Leslie McClintick
Hylton	Renee Johnson	Washington-Lee	Barrett Weiser
J E B Stuart	Robert Finley	West Potomac	Mick McKeown
James Madison	-----	West Springfield	Pete Rafle
Lake Braddock	Kim Tumnel	Western Albemarle(Asso)	-----
Langley	Rob Shenk	Westfield	Craig Trumbull
Mathews (Associate)	-----	Woodbridge	Tony Wilks
McLean	PR Wheeler	Yorktown	Gina Memmott

II. President's Report: John White:

A. Glenn Merry, CEO USRowing, stated that VASRA's decision regarding the USRowing Membership Program must be made by the end of the year. Mr. Merry indicated that U.S Rowing was currently endeavoring to produce improvement to the USRowing coaching curriculum. He stated that membership fees for High School Rowers is \$10. He affirmed that rowers attending a USRowing championship would be credited the \$10 toward the youth membership fee of \$45. Several high school coaches (representatives) voiced concern over the validity of the weight of the U.S Rowing fee in regards to the individual programs. Some of the concerns include the following:

- What does U.S Rowing offer the high school programs?
- Is the training adequate and useful?
- Will U.S Rowing sell rower information or maintain rower privacy?

Several members indicated a desire for U.S Rowing to provide a more robust and easily navigable website. It was agreed that individual members will continue to research the issues and a membership vote will be taken up at the next board of directors meeting.

B. VASRA FY 2012-2013 budget was passed 30-2, Yea's and nay's respectively, 12 not voting. The audit (compilation) method was accepted for the VASRA FY 2011, 31-1, yeas and nay's respectively.

C. John alerted each school that one permanent LOC member is necessary. He indicated that each position can be shared amongst two individuals, if necessary. The debate of whether non-participating schools in Occoquan regattas will be required to provide a LOC member for each regatta will be discussed at the next meeting.

III. Secretary Report. Karin Payne:

A. The June 5, 2012 minutes were approved: Motion made by Mark LaViolette, of NCS/STA, and seconded by Mary King.

B. A Roster was sent around for updates.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Mark Peterson:

A. VASRA paid \$4,250 last season to register our Regattas with USRowing. If VASRA decides not to become members of USRowing, through the payment of \$10 per rower membership fees, the organization will have to procure insurance from another, independent company.

V. Vice President's Report. Dorothy Lazor:

A. Each coach should respond to Mary with each high schools schedule. Key dates are located on Tab 3 of the handbook.

B. Chapter 16 of the Operations Manual speaks to Launch Driver Training requirements. All launch drivers should be trained appropriately.

VI. Representative's Reports.

- A. USRowing Referees – Mr. Paul Phillips indicated that USRowing provides referees for all 10 VASRA regattas. The organization is currently short on referees for Virginia. The Virginia State Championship requires 26 referees. We need more parent volunteers that are willing to be referees.
- B. Sandy Run Park – Matt White is the Park Manager for Sandy Run Park. He had been on staff since May of this year.
- C. River Rats – Jules Verster stated that 8.25 miles (7 km) of new cable has been acquired through the VASRA insurance filing. The new course will be set beginning the end of January or end of February. He indicated that help was needed on October 20th and 27th to clean up the park area. Mr. White, Sandy Run Park Authority, has allowed several dumpsters for the clean up process. High school students are to be aware that service hour credit is available for park clean up service. The new race course, cost of about \$29,000 and new motor, cost of about \$6,000 was approved by the Board of Directors. Mr. Ric Thomas made the motion and Pete Rafle of West Springfield seconded.

VII. Committees

- A. Coaches Representative – Mary King reminded the members that coaches should have their regatta schedules completed by October 13. She also reminded schools that tri and dual meets must be on the schedule and approved.

VIII. New Business

- A. None

IX. Announcements

1. Membership dues, \$100, are due NLT 11/15
2. Rower numbers are due NLT 11/15
3. TBD – Equipment inventory 9 AM Sandy Run
4. 10/13, 10AM Coaches meeting, South County High
5. Nov 29 – Dec 2, US Rowing Convention OKC
6. Referee Clinic, 12/1/2012, location TBA...

X. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:38 p.m.

- A. The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

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