

VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 23042 Alexandria, VA 22304
MINUTES of the BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING March 6, 2012

I. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President, Mike Mutter at 7:38 pm in the cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Thirty-one voting members were present as follows:

<u>Officer Members</u>			
President	Mike Mutter	Vice President	John White
Treasurer	Mark Peterson	Secretary	Fran Phoenix

<u>At-Large and Team Members</u>			
Past President	-----	Mount Vernon	Lisa Schneider
At-Large	Ryz Obuchowicz	NCS / St Albans	-----
At-Large	Ric Thomas	Oakton	Mike Mulreany
At_Large	Shirley von Rinteln	Potomac	Beneatha Draffin
At Large	-----		
Briar Woods	-----	Robinson	Robert Clark
Christchurch (Associate)	-----	Sidwell Friends	Kate Laguarda
Episcopal (Associate)	-----	South County	Adale Tourtellott
	-----	Stonebridge	Kevin Suter
Fairfax	Pam Jones	St Stephens/ Ste Agnes	-----
Forest Park	-----	T C Williams	Ed Emblom
Gar-Field	Ken Morgan	Thomas Jefferson	Dave Applin
Georgetown Visitation	-----	W T Woodson	Mark Ramage
Gloucester (Associate)	-----	Wakefield	Leslie McClintick
Hylton	Dorothy Lazor	Washington-Lee	Tim Aiken
J E B Stuart	Jenny Kusmik	West Potomac	Mike Stilwell
James Madison	Ronald Marx	West Springfield	Pete Rafle
Lake Braddock	Cynthia Maltenfort	Western Albemarle(Asso)	-----
	Bill Rothwell		
Langley	-----	Westfield	Craig Trumbull
Mathews (Associate)	-----	Woodbridge	Tony Wilks
McLean	Doug Hale	Yorktown	Chris Walsh

Non-voting Members:

Coordinators

Course Master	Russell/Verster	Trophies	Mike Stilwell
LOC	Ryz Obuchowicz	Web Master	-----
Charlie Butt Dir	Chris Walsh		
Personnel	Shirley von Rinteln		

Committees

Bylaws	John White	Grievance	Harry Heim
Coaches	-----	Historian	TBD
Coach Develop	Ryz Obuchowicz	Nominations	TBD
		Publicity	Merlisa Corbett

Representatives

Sandy Run Park	James Short	Crew Council	-----
		USRA Referees	Ryz Obuchowicz

II. President's Report: Mike Mutter:

- A. There was some discussion as to whether or not there will be a regatta on April 7th because Fairfax County Schools cannot participate that day due to Passover. It was decided that a regatta will be held that day with the PWC Schools plus Wakefield and Gloucester attending. It will be held out of Lake Ridge Park. There will be no vans to the finish line and no concessions. About 312 athletes are eligible to come.
- B. After twelve years of parking for our regattas, the Knights of Columbus will no longer be our parkers. Please ask around for an adult group interested in taking over in order to raise money for their cause. About 20 people are needed each week and they stand to earn about \$1100 a week.
- C. Mike Stilwell has volunteered to head the Nominations Committee. Ric Thomas and Harry Heim have volunteered to be members of the committee. They will present a slate to us in April and we will vote on it in June.
- D. Stone Bridge is the only school with a Launch Driver Plan outstanding.
- E. It was moved by Harry Heim and seconded by Bill Rothwell that: VASRA accept the Rules Certification and Master Eligibility List signed by the President of the Stone Bridge crew booster club. This was passed with none opposed and two abstentions.

III. Secretary Report. Fran Phoenix:

- A. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.
- B. Fran asked that all booster clubs make sure that their required paperwork was in by March 16th. This is especially important for those crews rowing in the Polar Bear Regatta on March 24th. The LOC person's name goes to Ryz Obuchowicz, the Waiver Certification form goes to Fran Phoenix and the Rules Certification form and Master Eligibility List goes to Noel Deskins.
- C. Please note that the next Board meeting is on April 10th and that that is the second rather than the first Tuesday of the month. It will still be at TJ at 7:30 pm.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Mark Peterson:

- A. The February 7, 2012 financial report was accepted as written.
- B. There was some discussion about coaches as employees as employees or independent contractors. Robinson's coaches have to be treated as employees and be issued W2 forms. Washington-Lee coaches are independent contractors and need to be taking care of their own tax payments. Sidwell Friends pointed out that there is a list of twenty things to be considered for this determination and that each booster organization should have someone look into it for them. It seems to be decided on a case by case basis.
- C. Entry fees continue to come in. They are due by March 16th.

V. Vice President's Report. John White:

- A. John reported that Lee West is spending four days in jail, has to perform two hundred hours of community service, will be on probation for ten years, and has to pay restitution to VASRA at the rate of \$250.00 a month. She has to check in with the Probation Office and will be assigned a Probation Officer through whom the money will be paid. Lack of follow through by Lee may result in jail time. There was a question as to whether a lien could be put on her house and/or other property owned by the Wests. We are pursuing that possibility.
- B. West Potomac has volunteered to continue the job of Trophy Coordinator. VASRA has a total of 56 trophies with a total value of \$29,000.00. Contact Mike Stilwell to enquire as to how to return the trophies not turned in tonight.

- C. Coach regatta credentials and parking passes were distributed to the teams present. Others will be mailed.

VI. Representative's Reports.

- A. Crew Council. Noel Deskins: Not in attendance.
- B. USRA Referees. Ryz Obuchowicz:
There will be a Referee Clinic at Mike Mutter's office this Saturday. It is three and a half hours in length. We really need more people willing to train as Referees. The corps of referees is getting smaller as the rowing community gets bigger. Please find some parents willing to train. They do not work alone for the first year.
- C. Sandy Run Park. James Short:
The installation of oxygen lines during the week at the park should not interfere with practice or regattas. James also requested that we take Occoquan Regional Park off our website. Only Sandy Run Park should be mentioned as that is where the regattas are held.

VII. Coordinator Reports.

- A. LOC. Ryz Obuchowicz:
We still need a LOC representative from the following schools: Mount Vernon, West Springfield, Langley, and Robinson.
- B. Charlie Butt. Chris Walsh:
The permits have been acquired and progress is being made in the areas of concessions, course set up, and places to congregate to watch the races. There will be a radio and other equipment check in April.
- C. Personnel. Shirley von Rintel:
The Charlie Butt volunteer requirements are OK. We have had two successful work days so far. The third one is this coming weekend. The first one everyone and a few extras showed up. The second one, there were three no-shows and five extras. Please help Shirley out by sending her your list of volunteers far ahead of time.
- D. Publicity. Merlisa Corbett:
A Langley rower has won the Katy McGrath scholarship. There was some talk of setting up a twitter account for VASRA. Merlisa will help.
- E. Trophies. Mike Stilwell: See paragraph II.C above...

VIII. Committee Reports.

- A. Audit. Curt Hoagland: Not in attendance.
- B. Bylaws. John White:
John has sent out the language of the new/changed bylaws to the Bylaws Committee members. The committee will look at the rest of the bylaws.

- C. Coaches Committee. Mary King: Not in attendance.
- D. Coaches Development. Ryz Obuchowicz: Nothing to Report.
- E. Grievance. Harry Heim: Nothing to Report.
- F. History. TBD
- G. Nomination. Mike Stilwell: See paragraph II.C above.

IX. Old Business.

- A. It was moved by Ric Thomas that VASRA establish a planning committee to develop recommendations that would address the long term goals, purpose, and mission of the Association and its members. The motion was unanimously accepted.
The members of the committee are: Tim Aiken (Washington-Lee), Dave Applin (Thomas Jefferson), John White (VASRA VP), Shirley von Rinteln (At Large member, and Tim Russell (Course Master).
- B. Ric Thomas spoke about the existing finish line tower and had posters of what had originally been planned for the new finish line tower. The original companies no longer exist or have been bought out. The architects no longer work with these companies. Ric is looking in to getting the project designated a 501(c) (3) project. That way we pay for the supplies and a builder group such as a Red Horse Unit or the Army National Guard provide the labor and the project is done in a couple of weeks.
- C. Ric requested volunteers for a committee to see this project through. He requested people with experience in this area such as someone in the Army Corps of Engineers or an architect. Possibilities were mentioned from South County, Forest Park and Woodbridge.

X. New Business.

- A. Some repairs need to be made to the existing finish line tower. It has been used since around 1985 or 1986.
- B. Ric recommended that each club find/get together their history.

XI. Announcements.

1. 3/10 USRowing Referee Clinic 8:30 - 2:30, 8110 Gatehouse Road, Suite 100 East, Merrifield, VA 22040
2. 3/10 Occoquan Work Day - On Water Course Installation #2, 9 AM - 1 PM
3. 3/11 Junior Men's ID Camp, Sandy Run Regional Park, 9 am to 3 pm. Register, www.regattacentral.com.
4. 3/16 List of Trained Launch Drivers due to Volunteer Coordinator.
5. 3/16 Volunteer names due to Volunteer Coordinator.
6. 3/17 Occoquan Work Day - On Water Course Installation #3, 9 AM - 1 PM
7. 3/23 * Rule Book Certification due to Crew Council Chair from school ADs.
8. 3/23 * Team Master Eligibility List (MEL) due to Crew Council Chair from school ADs.
9. 3/23 * VASRA Regatta Entry Fees due to VASRA Treasurer from Boosters.
10. 3/23 * Certification that all rowers have signed a liability waiver due from Boosters.
11. 3/24 First regatta - Polar Bear, Occoquan [Cox meeting 8:00, Coaches 8:30, First Race 10:00]
12. 3/31 Regional Park Regatta - Occoquan [Cox meeting 7:00, Coaches 7:30, First Race 9:00]
13. TBD - Potomac / Anacostia Safety Meeting, DC Harbor Police HQ, 550 Water Street SW, Washington, DC.

XII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:00 p.m.

A. The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, April 10, 2011 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

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