

VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 23042 Alexandria, VA 22304

MINUTES of the BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING February 3, 2011

I. The Board of Directors meeting was held by teleconference and called to order by the President, Robert Ittig, at 7:35 pm. Thirty voting members were present by roll call as follows:

<u>Officer Members</u>			
President	Rob Ittig	Vice President	Michael Mutter
Treasurer	Mark Peterson	Secretary	John White
<u>At-Large and Team Members</u>			
At-Large	Harry Heim	Mount Vernon	-----
At-Large	Fran Phoenix	NCS / St Albans	Mark LaViolette
At-Large	Ryz Obuchowicz	Oakton	Ginny Turley
		Potomac	Robin Cowan
Christchurch (Associate)	-----	Robinson	Thomas Criman
Episcopal (Associate)	-----	Sidwell Friends	Elizabeth Britton
Fairfax	Pam Jones	South County	Adale Tourtellott
Forest Park	Teresa Hoagland	T C Williams	Eric Schilling
Gar-Field	Don Schilpp	Thomas Jefferson	Dave Applin
Georgetown Visitation	-----	W T Woodson	Mark Ramage
Gloucester (Associate)	-----	Wakefield	Tony Donahoo
Hylton	Dorothy Lazor	Washington-Lee	Tim Aiken
J E B Stuart	Jenny Kusmik	West Potomac	-----
James Madison	Ronald Marx	West Springfield	Grant Bridgewater
Lake Braddock	Bill Flynn	Western Albemarle(Asso)	-----
Langley	Marian McKee	Westfield	Shirley von Rinteln
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Mathews (Associate)	-----	Woodbridge	Hal Johnson
McLean	Doug Hale	Yorktown	Jim Ranfone

Non-voting Members:

<u>Coordinators</u>			
Course Master	Tim Russell	Programs	-----
LOC	Ryz Obuchowicz	Trophies	-----
Charlie Butt	-----	Web Master	-----
Personnel	Shirley von Rinteln		

<u>Committees</u>			
Bylaws	John White	Grievance	Harry Heim
Coaches	Mary King	Historian	Ryz Obuchowicz
Coach Develop	Ryz Obuchowicz	Nominations	TBD

<u>Representatives</u>			
Thompson Boat Center	-----	Crew Council	-----
Sandy Run Park	James Short	USRA Referees	Ryz Obuchowicz

II. President's Report. Rob Ittig:

A. Rob reported that on January 10, 2011, Ms. Lela W. West was served twenty-four arrest warrants for felony embezzlement in the District Court in Prince William County. A hearing is scheduled in the Manassas Court House on March 1, 2011 at 11:30 am. Rob Ittig and John White have been served subpoenas to appear on behalf of VASRA. VASRA has been given permission by the Commonwealth Attorney to release information relating to the investigation (although copies are not to be distributed). The investigation report will be available for review by the membership at the next meeting on March 1, 2011. The specific amounts of funds embezzled were announced. There were many questions and much discussion. Rob reiterated the action that we have taken to bring transparency and responsibility to all VASRA financial transactions.

B. The rowing schedule for teams was approved by the Crew Council in its meeting January 25, 2011. No further changes will be entertained.

C. The Scholastic Rowing Association of America has changed its men's lightweight limit from 150 lbs to 155 lbs (the women remain at 130 lbs). VASRA has always conformed to the SRAA lightweight requirement. Accordingly, the Executive Board has voted to change the VASRA men's lightweight limit to 155 lbs and is so reporting that to the membership. It is recognized that not everyone, particularly coaches, agree with raising the lightweight limit.

III. Secretary Report. John White:

A. The Minutes of the January 4, 2011 meeting have not been done.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Mark Peterson:

A. The financial statements for last quarter and for January 2011 were promulgated and reviewed with the membership. Several questions were answered. This is the first opportunity to disclose the details of VASRA finances since the embezzlement investigation was initiated October 4, 2010.

B. Dues for 2011 are still outstanding from Christchurch, Episcopal, Gloucester, and Mathews (Gloucester dues received on February 8th).

C. The question was asked are any of the VASRA regattas to be USRowing registered regattas? At this time there is no need. The organizational memberships provide coverage for the association and teams. We will continue to investigate the insurance needs and ensure appropriate coverage.

V. Vice President's Report. Michael Mutter:

A. Mike reported on the Crew Council meeting of January 25th. Much of the meeting was spent similarly to tonight reporting and reviewing the investigation of VASRA the embezzlement. The CC had many questions and suggestions and was supportive of the actions VASRA has taken. The CC approved the rowing schedule and approved the VASRA Rules Supplement to the USRowing Rules of Rowing submitted by the BoD at its meeting November 2, 2010.

B. Launch Driver Training Plans are still outstanding from Fairfax, Mt Vernon, Sidwell Friends, Wakefield, and West Potomac. They were due November 15, 2010.

C. Waiver signing seems to be going smoothly ... Ronin reports that about 60% of the schools have already signed waivers. Reminder: certification statement from a booster officer that all its athletes and coaches have signed a liability waiver is due to the VASRA Secretary by March 18, 2011.

VI. Representative's Reports.

A. Crew Council. Noel Deskins: NTR

B. USRA Referees. Ryz Obuchowicz: Still need referee candidates.

C. Sandy Run Park. James Short: James reminded all teams rowing out of Sandy Run and Oxford House to get the seasonal paperwork in to him, including the certificate of insurance.

D. Thompson Boat Center. Jermaine Lasane: NTR

E. Course Master. Tim Russell: Reminder of the first work day, February 26th (on land prep).

VII. Coordinator Reports.

A. LOC. Ryz Obuchowicz: The LOC Staff member has been identified for Fairfax, Hylton, Madison, Langley, Lake Braddock, St Albans/NCS, Sidwell Friends, Wakefield, and West Springfield. The names were due February 1st, and the remaining boosters are requested to get them in soonest. The LOC organizational meeting will be held February 8th (next Tuesday) at 8110 Gatehouse Road, Merrifield, VA. The jobs are being reviewed with the intent to fairly allocate and spread the workload and will be discussed at this meeting.

B. Charlie Butt. Chris Walsh: Chris has been identified to return as Regatta Director this year.

C. Personnel. Shirley von Rinteln: The volunteer coordinator meeting has been postponed TWICE due to weather and is now scheduled February 8th, concurrent with the LOC organizational meeting, at 8110 Gatehouse Road, Merrifield, VA.

D. Programs. Cheryl Garner: Program inputs are due next meeting, March 1, 2011.

E. Trophies. Mike Stilwell: Trophies are to be returned next meeting, March 1, 2011. Be sure they are properly engraved, clean and polished.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Audit. TBD: NTR

B. Bylaws. John White: NTR

C. Coaches Committee. Mary King: Coaches meeting is February 12, 2011, at 2 pm, in either South County High School or Halley Elementary (next door).

D. Coaches Development. Ryz Obuchowicz: NTR

E. Grievance. Harry Heim: NTR

F. History. Ryz Obuchowicz:

G. Nomination. TBD: NTR

IX. Old Business. None

X. New Business. None

XI. Announcements.

A. 2/8 – Volunteer Coordinator and LOC organizational meetings, 8110 Gatehouse Road.

B. 2/9 – Potomac Safety meeting, DC Harbor Police HQ, 550 Water St SW, Washington DC.

C. 2/12 – Coaches Committee meeting, 2 pm, South County HS or Halley ES.

D. 2/12 – Lightweight programs initiated. Body fat measurements obtained week of Feb 14th.

E. 2/17 – Sandy Run Users Safety meeting, South County HS, 7 pm.

F. 2/19 – Coxswain Clinic, 9 am to 1 pm, TJHSST, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA.

G. 2/21 – First day of on-water practice.

H. 2/26 – Occoquan Work Day. Course preparation on land, 9 am to 1 pm.

XII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A. The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

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