

**VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 23042 Alexandria, VA 22304

**MINUTES of the SPECIAL BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING June 28, 2011**

I. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President, Robert Ittig, at 7:35 pm in the cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Twenty-five voting members were present as follows:

| <b><u>Officer Members</u></b> |               |                       |                |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>President</b>              | Rob Ittig     | <b>Vice President</b> | Michael Mutter |
| <b>Treasurer</b>              | Mark Peterson | <b>Secretary</b>      | -----          |

| <b><u>At-Large and Team Members</u></b> |                  |                                |                     |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>At-Large</b>                         | Harry Heim       | <b>Mount Vernon</b>            | Lisa Schneider      |
| <b>At-Large</b>                         | Fran Phoenix     | <b>NCS / St Albans</b>         | Mark LaViolette     |
| <b>At-Large</b>                         | Ryz Obuchowicz   | <b>Oakton</b>                  | Mike Mulreany       |
|   |                  | <b>Potomac</b>                 | -----               |
| <b>Briar Woods</b>                      | -----            | <b>Robinson</b>                | Thomas Criman       |
| <b>Christchurch (Associate)</b>         | -----            | <b>Sidwell Friends</b>         | -----               |
| <b>Episcopal (Associate)</b>            | -----            | <b>South County</b>            | Adale Tourtellott   |
| <b>Fairfax</b>                          | Pam Jones        | <b>St Stephens/ Ste Agnes</b>  | -----               |
| <b>Forest Park</b>                      | Curtis Hoagland  | <b>T C Williams</b>            | Eric Schilling      |
| <b>Gar-Field</b>                        | James Adams      | <b>Thomas Jefferson</b>        | Dave Applin         |
| <b>Georgetown Visitation</b>            | Charles McNamara | <b>W T Woodson</b>             | -----               |
| <b>Gloucester (Associate)</b>           | -----            | <b>Wakefield</b>               | -----               |
| <b>Hylton</b>                           | Dorothy Lazor    | <b>Washington-Lee</b>          | Tim Aiken           |
| <b>J E B Stuart</b>                     | Jenny Kusmik     | <b>West Potomac</b>            | -----               |
| <b>James Madison</b>                    | Ronald Marx      | <b>West Springfield</b>        | Bruce Reid          |
| <b>Lake Braddock</b>                    | -----            | <b>Western Albemarle(Asso)</b> | -----               |
| <b>Langley</b>                          | -----            | <b>Westfield</b>               | Shirley von Rinteln |
| <b>Mathews (Associate)</b>              | -----            | <b>Woodbridge</b>              | Hal Johnson         |
| <b>McLean</b>                           | -----            | <b>Yorktown</b>                | Chris Walsh         |

Non-voting Members:

**Coordinators**

|                         |                     |                   |       |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------|
| <b>Course Master</b>    | -----               | <b>Programs</b>   | ----- |
| <b>LOC</b>              | Ryz obuchowicz      | <b>Trophies</b>   | ----- |
| <b>Charlie Butt Dir</b> | -----               | <b>Web Master</b> | ----- |
| <b>Personnel</b>        | Shirley von Rinteln |                   |       |

**Committees**

|                      |                |                    |                      |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Bylaws</b>        | -----          | <b>Grievance</b>   | Harry Heim           |
| <b>Coaches</b>       | -----          | <b>Historian</b>   | Obuchowicz / Phoenix |
| <b>Coach Develop</b> | Ryz Obuchowicz | <b>Nominations</b> | Craig Trumbull       |

**Representatives**

|                       |       |                      |                |
|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Sandy Run Park</b> | ----- | <b>Crew Council</b>  | -----          |
|                       |       | <b>USRA Referees</b> | Ryz Obuchowicz |

The purpose of this special meeting was to conduct elections of officers for the 2011-2012 rowing season. The elections could not be held as scheduled on June 7, 2011 because eligibility of two candidates, John White for Secretary and Rob Ittig for President, was challenged as having been over the four-year term limits as specified in the Bylaws. Also, two other candidates had been presented with whom the membership was not familiar, and members expressed a desire to have additional time to consider their qualifications.

As members arrived at this meeting, the Nominations Committee members checked each off on the membership roster and handed each a ballot. Members placed their ballots in the ballot box at that time or soon afterwards.

After all had arrived, the Nominations Committee Chair, Craig Trumbull, called for a last chance to vote and then the Nominating Committee retired to count the votes.

II. President's Report. Rob Ittig:

A. Outgoing President Rob Ittig spoke for a few minutes in support of the bylaws term limit provision (i.e., four consecutive one-year terms in any one officer position). Both he and John White had removed their candidacy to continue as President and Secretary, respectively. He thanked everyone for their support over the past years, particularly this year. He encouraged all to give up the negatives, work past the hurt of the embezzlement, and aim to mentor new people, encouraging them to volunteer for some of the VASRA positions and jobs.

III. Secretary Report. Mike Mutter for John White:

A. The Minutes of the June 7, 2011 Board meeting were read and approved as written.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Mark Peterson: Nothing to report since the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

V. Vice President's Report. Michael Mutter:

A. Mike Mutter requested everyone to participate in a survey at [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com). Complete information and procedures is on the USRowing website.

B. Mike also mentioned the Scholastic Honor Roll nominations and there was some discussion about the criteria. It was noted that most of our rowers are more than qualified to win! Nominations are due By September 9<sup>th</sup> ... long before we meet again on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

C. Responding to a question from Cindy Thomas, Mike Mutter reported that we have an offer of a \$25,000 settlement from the Philadelphia Insurance Company in the Lee West embezzlement case. Mike is doing some checking to make sure that it is in VASRA's best interest to accept this offer.

Ms. West's case will be placed before the Grand Jury on July 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a brief, closed-to-the-public, procedure. The expectation is that on July 6<sup>th</sup> a date will be announced for the case to be presented in Circuit Court. It is speculated that sometime in September Ms. West will appear before the Court to present her plea bargain (8 days in jail, 200 community service hours, and probation until \$150,000 is paid to VASRA). At that time victim statements are welcome and encouraged. The judge will take all into consideration and make a decision. That same judge comes up with the repayment plan.

VII. Craig Trumbull announced the results of the election:

President: Mike Mutter  
Vice President: John White  
Secretary: Fran Phoenix  
Treasurer: Mark Peterson

VII. The new President, Mike Mutter, spoke briefly. He reminded us that next season is a new one. He encouraged us to put our disagreements aside and focus on our individual passion of rowing and making sure the kids have a good experience. Mike would like to add an extra meeting with new Board members to orient them to the VASRA mission and try and cut down on the “deer in headlights” phenomenon at the first meeting. That first meeting will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> and Mike would like it to be a “State of VASRA” type meeting.

In other news, the James Madison Women’s Eight won the silver medal at the Youth National Championships in Oak Ridge, TN on June 12<sup>th</sup>, and beat last year’s champions. St. Alban’s won the Stotesbury Cup at the Stotesbury Regatta May 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to all!!

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 8:00 p.m.

The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

*Fran Phoenix*

Fran Phoenix  
for John D. White  
Secretary