



Westerville Rowing Club
Approved Board/Coaches Meeting Notes
August 14, 2024, 6:30pm
Autmow, 108 E College Ave, Westerville, OH 43081

1. Invited Attendance

a. Present:

- i. Chair- Jeff Latimer
- ii. Vice Chair- OPEN
- iii. Secretary- Melissa Kappes
- iv. Treasurer- Bruce Binnig (also Master's)
- v. Members-At-Large:
 1. Jeff Klima
 2. Victor Rosenberg
- vi. Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach
- vii. Coaches:
 1. Grace Bordner: Women's Head Coach
 2. TJ Scarpa: Men's Head Coach (via online)
 3. Betsy Binnig: Masters Coach
- viii. Committee Chairs: Fundraising
 1. Ann Walston & Tara Paciorek

2. Committee Updates- Fundraising

- a. Tara Paciorek, Ann Walston with Caitlin Kelley are chairs for Fundraising
- b. Fundraising provided items for review (documents are in August 2024 folder):
 - i. WRC Fundraising strategy
 1. Request for greater transparency with goals for club including needed equipment, Budget and regattas to help fundraising better establish needs and asks.
 2. Allocation of the fundraising to be determined by board however would help fundraising team to know what the needs are
 - ii. Board to review the Strategy and Casino night and follow up after next meeting
 - iii. Sponsorship plan: Board will review and provide feedback no later than Sept 4

3. Website:

- a. Request to update the Website regularly, keep information fresh on it
 - i. Need to talk to Caitlin about this

b. Also updated searchable calendar-Jeff and Julee

4. Coaching Updates

a. Coaches:

i. Captains/Leadership Team

1. Grace: 2-3 Captains,
2. TJ: 1 Captain & 2 athletes of each grade for leadership council
3. Coaches are asked to provide written plan for how these athletes will be chosen in case of parent feedback/question

ii. Goals/ Fall Updates

1. Women's Team: Grace

- a. Grace is close to her Level 2
- b. Women's team coaching:
 - i. Ben primary Assistant
 - ii. Drew as needed

2. Mens Team: TJ

- a. TJ will begin working on his Level 2 this fall
- b. Focus on 4s/Quad over 8s, continue with sculling
 - i. Especially due to smaller team (as of right now)
- c. Bring Coxswains into a team
- d. Coaching:
 - i. Cory primary Assistant
 1. Cory will be working on Level 1
 - ii. Aiden Wilson as needed

3. Howard: U14

- a. Coaching:
 - i. Chris primary assistant
 - ii. Cara and Aiden as needed

4. Drew to work with Coxswain Development

iii. Recruiting in fall

1. Focus on returning to middle schools
2. Consideration of high schools

b. Head of the Charles:

i. TJ: Men's Coxed quad

ii. Grace: Women's 1V4+

iii. To approve,

1. Communication that this is a lottery
 - a. Explicitly state the boats that are being entered
 - b. If a boat gets the space, they go.
2. We are only entering our most competitive boats from each team
 - a. These are not the 8s
3. Goal is to consider 4s or 8s as we are moving towards that goal
 - a. We will not consider sending a boat that is not competitive: top 50%

4. Families are required to cover the cost of this trip
 - a. Melissa to look at cost of entering boats, hotels
 5. Motion to approve entering the Head of the Charles lottery with a Womens V4+ and a Men's 4X+
 - a. Motion Passes 3/2
5. Seasonal Updates
 - a. Registration: as of 8/11/2024
 - i. 18 Mens
 - ii. 17 Womens
 - iii. 16 U14
 - iv. 34 Masters
 - b. Fall Kick Off: This Saturday, August 17. 2024
6. Facilities Update: Postponed to next week
 - a. JCC Parking: Jeff Klima
 - b. Project Updates
7. Equipment:
 - a. Discuss a predictable cycle of replacement
 - i. How would this be developed? Who would be in charge
8. Regattas: Postponed to next coaches meeting
 - i. Food Tent: Christy Bass is stepping down, Heather Gonzales has agreed to Chair
 1. Concerns with low sign ups for Set-up, will have SUG at Kick Off
 2. NO food tent at Hoover Fall, reduce parent volunteer needs
 3. Will not have food tent at Hooch, will order as in past years
 - ii. Hoover Fall:
 1. 150 Volunteer slots + 16 Food Tent (with reduced need from ~35 per regatta last year)=166 Volunteer slots
 - a. Does not include course set up or tear down
 2. Launch Drivers: Victor to have driver training 9:30-11:30
 - a. Sept 7, 14, 28