



Westerville Rowing Club  
**July Board and Coaches Meeting Minutes**  
July 9 2025, 6:30pm  
Easton Community Room

- **Invited Attendance**

- Present:

- Chair- Jeff Latimer
- Vice Chair- Melissa Kappes
- Secretary- Allison Marshall
- Treasurer- Bruce Binnig (also Master's)
- Members-At-Large:
  - Victor Rosenberg
- Coaches:
  - Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach
  - Grace Bordner: Women's Head Coach
  - Cory Henderson: Interim Men's Head Coach
  - Betsy Binnig: Masters Coach

- Not Present:

- Jeff Klima

## 1. Budget

- a. Crew Lab: has this been canceled?
  - i. Bruce confirmed it has been canceled.
- b. Discussion about Sportsengine's cost going up. It's now \$1299 for the year.
- c. Discussion of the upcoming State of the Club parent meeting.
  - i. This meeting has been scheduled for Jul 28, 2025 - Monday. Will be livestreamed with someone monitoring chat for questions. Fall registration will not go out until after this meeting.
  - ii. Purpose is to discuss the club budget and how that affects dues, etc. and to introduce the changes coming with Fall season.

## 2. Coaching

- a. Discussion about coaches background checks: all coaches need updated checks.
- b. Discussion about defining segment captains' roles, responsibilities, and the expectations, as well as the selection process.

## 3. Registration

- a. Roster Check
  - i. U14 17
  - ii. Men 19

iii. Women 24

#### **4. Programming/Seasonal Updates**

##### **a. Summer**

###### **i. LTRs**

1. Discussion about how the Learn to Row camps are going so far.
  - a. 37 signed up so far. Going well. More likely to register.
2. Discussion about Masters' Learn to Row and the interest for one in September.

###### **ii. Discussion about JCC still needing us to not enter until 4 PM.**

1. Reminders will be sent.

###### **iii. Discussion about Rowfest.**

1. Schedule of events JUST went out at noon today. It's super late.
2. Two coaches to go (Grace and Cory).
3. Travel plan - Nothing booked yet.

##### **b. Dillon**

###### **i. Discussion about the need for launch boats and engines.**

1. We're likely to be short and need to borrow. May need to purchase one or two - grant will cover it.
2. Discussion about safety bins for launches.

###### **ii. Discussion about the current plans for the course setup.**

1. The pontoon boat will now be the starting platform. Will have a portajohn on it.
2. Course lines need untangled. Howard to start soon.
3. Buoy painting next week. Kids will work on that - excited about it.
4. A group is going down Sunday to start putting in the docks at the start (Howard, Klima, Chris B).
5. All anchors and transverse lines going in the Saturday before. Then buoy lines. Have approval from Dave @ ODNR to do the work that early.

###### **iii. Update about the AED grant**

1. Grant covers the AED unit, a response kit, outdoor cabinet.
2. There are things we need to do like training.

###### **iv. Discussion about other regatta areas that need attention.**

1. Discussion about volunteer and ref food needs.
2. Discussion about fundraising.

##### **c. Fall Season**

- i. Dates: Aug 18 - Thanksgiving break (Tuesday Nov 25) then pick up for winter season right after. This makes sure kids are around for winterizing.
- ii. Discussion about coaching structure.
- iii. Discussion about Fall kickoff/parent meeting date/location.
- iv. Discussion about Fall regatta schedule. To include Cuyahoga and Haxton for sure. Need votes on Marietta and Charles.

#### **5. Communications**

- a. Discussion of new policies that need to be reviewed by coaches and board.

- i. Coaches Travel Policy
- ii. Select Regatta Policy
- iii. Referee Compensation Policy

**6. Equipment**

- a. Discussion about the Wintech four that we sold. Money received and Grace is looking for a replacement.
- b. Discussion about the JT, which needs repaired.