

**Nashville Rowing
Masters Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of October 12, 2016**

Present: Meg, Al, Jan, Emy, Jim, Jess

The Masters Advisory Committee met on October 12, 2016, at 7 pm at Emy's house. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. Meg reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and they were unanimously approved.
2. Round robin:
 - a. Jan noted that several masters mentioned that they would like to be in more than one race at a regatta. Jess stated that her reasoning was that she wanted people focused on one race, not worrying about saving energy for a second race. We suggested that she share that reasoning with the group. Also in connection with regattas, Jess mentioned that she prefers not to emphasize composite boats; rather she wants the team focused on team boats. She recognizes that some of the composite boats are long-standing teams and does not object to them; she just does not want to focus on them.
 - b. Jess noted that she wants rowers to plan to be available for the full day of a regatta unless they check with her first. This is so they can support the other rowers, carry oars, and help unload, rig, de-rig and re-load. The masters need to be seen by the juniors as helping out. Jess agreed to work with Eric to coordinate the activities between the teams. The group agreed that it is also important to get new people engaged with the entire process.
 - c. Al raised the issue of coxes being charged dues. There is general disagreement among MAC members as to whether coxes will pay the reduced dues of \$120. Jess thinks there are lots of benefits to coxing and that if we do some outreach and recruit some people, we will find that the reduced dues structure works and is an incentive to be part of the team. Jess also mentioned that members of the Women's 8 HOCR boat will cox after that race is over, and everyone on the team needs to learn to cox, regardless.
3. Music City Head Race was a great success and should grow next year. It broke even financially. Next year will be more expensive because it will be promoted on Regatta Central. We will want to recruit more masters teams for next year. Entry fees will go up, as they were very low this year.
4. Drivers – Al noted that we need new drivers for the trailers for spring races. This is a 2 person job. Jess said she would learn to do it so she could teach others. She will talk to Eric about it. This is an important issue and will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Jess agreed to add a contact number sheet to the standard email so people can provide their contact information to other teammates if they want to do that.
6. Maintenance Day – sometime in November there will be a lake cleanup day. There will be no practice on the last Saturday of the fall season (the Saturday after Thanksgiving).
7. Leave of absence membership – Al proposed a fixed \$150 fee for people rejoining any time after the dues year is halfway over. Al will present this proposal at the Board meeting on 10/26.
8. Dock extension – the extension pieces are built. We will move them when permission is given by the Army Corp of Engineers.
9. Scheduling – We will be able to include the Southeast Regionals in Spring season effective fiscal year 2018 (i.e., not in time for the 2017 SE regionals). Spring season will be 4 months long and summer season will be 2 months long and fees will change accordingly. Al will notify Kren of this change.
10. Sculling – there was discussion about how to provide sculling instruction. Don Sullivan is helping with flip tests, and Coach Emilie will be able to help with sculling. We probably will not try to subcontract with Bob Franks because of his different sculling style.
11. San Diego Crew Classic – about half of the masters have shown interest; Jess will send out a form requesting a firmer commitment soon.

The meeting adjourned about 8:45.

Meg Mazzone