

**Nashville Rowing
Masters Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of November 15, 2016**

The Masters Advisory Committee met on November 15, 2016, at 7 pm Meg's house. Present were Meg, Al, Jan, Emy, Bethany, Jim and Jess. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. Minutes: Meg reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and they were unanimously approved.
2. Round Robin:
 - a. Jim - raised a concern about the lack of lights on the boats after dark. Jess responded that she would work to resolve the light problem over the winter season. Al stated that he would mention this issue at the board meeting.
 - b. Bethany - noted that there will be a need to open the uniform store prior to spring season.
 - c. Jan - many people enjoyed the Halloween row and the interaction between the Comp and Dev groups. Jan suggested that there be a social event at least once per season to facilitate team spirit and member retention.
 - d. Emy - said that she would like to have the new member guide ready for spring season. Everybody agreed with this schedule, and Bethany agreed to help with the design.
 - e. Jess - Yazoo fundraiser is set for March 12, 2017. MAC should be involved equally with JAC. Jamie Kyne is the JAC representative in charge of the fundraiser, and masters members interested in assisting should reach out to him. Also, masters need to obtain silent auction items.
3. Fall Season Recap: Jess stated that the masters had a great fall season. We added strong people and 5-10 new people joined the comp team. She noted that she had sent an email to the masters members with a recap of the Hooch. The group discussed the level of competitiveness the team wants to strive for. Jess stated that the initial survey showed a desire to become a more competitive program, and she will push people to get stronger. There was discussion about the lack of mixed boats at the Hooch and the need for more communication about lineups in advance so people understand the coaches' philosophy.
4. MAC Highlights - 2016: Al and the group made a list of the accomplishments of the MAC during 2016:
 - a. Started new member guide for spring 2017 distribution
 - b. Maintained regular open row schedule
 - c. Set up masters' hospitality tent at Music City Head Race
 - d. Assisted with building and transporting new dock sections
 - e. Music City Head Race - lots of volunteers
 - f. Clean up day- lots of volunteers
 - g. Cox membership level
 - h. Leave of absence policy
 - i. Calendar changes
5. Adjustment of Fall Season - 2017: Jess announced that, beginning with 2017, for safety and weather reasons, the fall season will end after the Hooch, except for the cleanup day.
6. Winter Training Preview: Jess noted that 50 people have signed up for winter training which will be at Harpeth Hall on Monday and on the water when possible (and at Harpeth Hall when water is not possible) on Saturday. Emilie and Jess will work with the combined Comp and Dev groups. At the first meeting, there will be a fitness test, and members will be able to track their progress over the winter season. Jess also mentioned that the Music City Erg Sprints will be held again this year at Harpeth Hall, and we should get the word out.
7. Board and MAC Elections: Al noted that Steve Grant would be running for a MAC position and Meg would be running for a Board position.
8. Masters Holiday Function: the group agreed that January 14 would be a good date, and Bethany agreed to call DeSano's Pizza to make arrangements, similar to last year.
9. San Diego Crew Classic: Jess stated that so far we do not have enough rowers for either a men's or a women's boat, but there was still time to recruit more people before the deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:30 p.m.