

Nashville Rowing  
Masters Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting of February 17, 2016, 7 pm.

Present:

- Al DeNunzio
- Jim Davis
- Erin Wenzel
- Emy Noel
- Bethany Primrose
- Meg Mazzone
- Coach David Hall
- Maggie Davidson

1. Music City Erg Sprints Review

David reported that the first Music City Erg Springs race went very well. The participants were pleased, Harpeth Hall was pleased, and there is room to grow.

2. Dock Extension Project

Al reported that the Board of Directors voted for two extensions to the dock for a total cost of \$3000. Eric Gehrke agreed to get the necessary approval from the Army Corps of Engineers. A junior rower will work on the dock as an Eagle Scout project. Jim will be the MAC liaison for the project.

3. Membership Dues

Al reported that the Board of Directors did not agree to pro-rate the dues for former members who return to the club mid year.

4. Learn to Row and Novice Classes

Maggie reported that the dates for LTR have been set as follows:

- April 16-17
- May 14-15
- June 11-12
- July 9-10
- August 6-7
- September 9-10
- October 8-9

The classes will take place in the morning of each day. Each class will be limited to 14 people. Each LTR class will be immediately followed by a 4-week novice program. Maggie will need volunteers for each class and also to rebuild the barge.

5. Spring Race Schedule

David reported on the plans for spring racing:

TN Sprint Series (1000 meter races)

- April 2 – Nashville
- April 24 – Oak Ridge
- May 8 – Chattanooga

Masters Dogwood (Oak Ridge)

May 22

## Southeast Regionals

- In June

There was a discussion about possibly doing other races this spring. David said it was not an option, either financially or logistically, this year. He said we need more participation and more advance planning but it might be possible to plan for a training trip next year.

### 6. Coach Meetings

David has sent out a questionnaire asking members whether they are interested in an individual meeting with the coach. He will send out a signup sheet. He noted that Marta Ulbricht will be leaving as coach at the end of February because of work commitments.

### 7. Competitive Sculling

David reported that he is presenting a plan to the Board of Directors at the next meeting. 26 people responded to his survey showing interest in a sculling program. The Dev Sculling program will meet Thursday evening and Saturday morning; the Comp Sculling program will meet Thursday morning and Saturday morning.

### 8. Sculling Safety Review

David reminded the group about the flip test requirement for all members of the club. This requirement will be publicized again. David said our safety requirements are more lenient than those of other clubs he has seen, and we need to follow them strictly. Al agreed to send a reminder about the flip test requirement.

### 9. Cox Class

The group discussed the need for this, and David said he would try to arrange it. The group asked for different levels of cox training and also for training about how to cox a race.

### 10. Potential Masters Kickoff Meeting

The group discussed getting the masters group together in an informal setting, and Bethany and Emy agreed to organize a social gathering.

### 11. Annual Fundraiser

This is set for March 13 at the Yazoo Brewery. The organizers are looking for silent auction items. Al agreed to ask Jamie Kyne to send out a request for volunteers.

### 12. MAC Collateral duties

- Bethany - apparel, branding
- Erin- fundraising
- Meg – secretary, open row, new member liaison
- Jim - dock, sculling issues
- Emy – comp rep, spokesperson
- Al- board liaison; dock

### 13. Other business

The group discussed safety at Hamilton Creek. David said there were now additional police patrols but everyone should take safety precautions at all times.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:45 pm.