

**Nashville Rowing  
Masters Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting of March 20, 2016**

Present: David Hall, Meg Mazzone, Al DeNunzio, Erin Wenzel, Emy Noel, Bethany Primrose  
Absent: Jim Davis

The Masters Advisory Committee met at Starbucks on Murfreesboro Road on March 20, 2016. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. The minutes of the February 17, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Dock Extension – this project is in limbo for now, but a temporary dock has been constructed.
3. Safety rules:
  - a. The committee discussed safety issues that have been raised by several members. David noted that at the first developmental sculling practice, he was surprised that several inexperienced rowers came, and he did the best he could with less than ideal circumstances. He does not expect that problem to occur again.
  - b. Flip tests are required, and David will send out an email reminding all members of this.
4. Cox plan – David is developing a plan that will be proposed to the Board.
5. Masters Kickoff Meeting – the committee discussed a gathering of the masters to discuss the goals of the program, expectations of rowers and coaches and the spring schedule. Suggested meeting place is Bethany's house on April 3 or 17<sup>th</sup>. David will let us know if one of these dates works for him.
6. Boathouse – Erin reported that she has not heard anything about boathouse fundraising and agreed to contact Lizbeth Theiss to get an update.
7. Open Row – Al will organize open rows for the next 2 weekends while Meg is out of town.
8. Training Trip- the committee discussed a possible training trip and possible “destination rows.” We agreed to discuss this possibility at the kickoff meeting.
9. Practices – the committee discussed the issue of uncoached practices when the coaches or equipment is gone with the juniors. The committee agreed this needs further discussion at the kickoff meeting, but the tentative response to members is as follows:
  - a. Comp will have uncoached practices if coaches are gone but equipment is here.
  - b. Dev practices will occur only if coach is there. We may consider extending the season for dev, but this is not guaranteed.
  - c. Open rows will continue to be available to all.
  - d. We are in the midst of a transition from a small club to a larger club, and we are growing. We are doing our best to make plans for the future. There will be glitches from time to time because of this rapid growth.
10. David reported we have two “stroke coaches” available for scullers. He will talk to the scullers about whether we need to get more of these. They are very expensive.
11. David reported that the barge build will be April 9 at 9 am. Maggie Davidson will send out information.

No further business.