

**Nashville Rowing
Masters Advisory Committee
Minutes of Meeting of April 27, 2016**

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

The Masters Advisory Committee met at the Green Hills Grille on April 27, 2016. The following is a summary of the discussion:

1. The minutes of the March 20, 2016, meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Round Robin:
 - a. Erin –updated the committee on the fundraising for the new boathouse. She said we will need to raise \$1.5 million once the project is approved by the Metro Council.
 - b. Meg – discussed open row – it is hard to get enough people to sign up to take a boat out on Sunday mornings. The committee discussed other times and also possibly taking a 4+ out if there aren't enough for an 8. Meg will follow up with Cory.
 - c. Jim – Noted how much he enjoyed the scrimmage in Oak Ridge; the rest of the group agreed that it was well organized and well executed and thanked David for his hard work organizing it and carrying it off.
3. Masters Kickoff Meeting – the committee reviewed the summary of the kickoff meeting and agreed that we need to notify the Nashville Rowing Board of Directors about the masters' concerns. The committee discussed the issues that need to be raised:
 - a. Uncoached practices – is Jessica an option to coach?
 - b. Options for making up cancelled practices
 - c. Masters want a dedicated masters coach, but there is not enough money available to pay a full time masters coach. The group discussed the option of a part time coach who is dedicated to masters and does not have conflicting duties with juniors.
4. Cox Contract – Board voted on a new membership category for coxes, including a discounted membership fee schedule. The group agreed that we need to recruit more coxes, and Emy suggested that coxing be a part of the Learn to Row program. She also suggested that coxes be given an instruction sheet with basic information on it.
5. Summer Schedule – David will send out information in advance.
6. Rower-coach meetings – some have occurred; David encourages people to contact him privately if they want a meeting.
7. Destination Regatta – this was an issue discussed at length at the kickoff meeting. The group agreed to start off slowly, possibly with one weekend per season. Emy is going to check on some options and will check with the Chicago club. David agreed to reach out to the Asheville club. David also mentioned Club Nationals in Cincinnati for select rowers, as well as Masters Nationals in Worcester, MA. David will get information to the members about these regattas.
8. Masters Membership Categories – David discussed some options that other clubs have used to address injuries, absentee members, etc. The committee agreed to look into this further by the end of the year and make a recommendation to the Board.

9. Barge Build – scheduled for May 5 at 6:15 pm.
10. Volunteer hours – there was a general discussion about whether volunteer hours should be a requirement of membership. No action was taken.
11. Touring rows – Emy will talk to Dietmar and send out an email to gauge interest

No further business.