



Board of Directors Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nashville Rowing Club (“NRC”) met at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 13th, 2013 at Belmont Church’s Living Room Facility.

* Meeting two called to order at 7:15 pm by David Rowland

Roll Call Voting Members Present: Lisa Delaney, David Rowland, Margaret Wright, Thomas Newman, Brad Norris, Don Sullivan, David Franklin

NRC Coach(es) Present: Eric Gehrke

1: Minutes Approval

Motion to: approve December monthly meeting minutes

Made by: David R. **Seconded:** David F.

Motion approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

Spendable balance of \$4,892 with bills still due, including: D&O and boat insurance for an approximate \$3,100 available.

Membership fees to be discussed in the coming weeks.

Member Sean W. is adding multiple “doing business as (DBA’s)” before filing 2013 taxes. There have been concerns on what was donated not being on file, and David Howard CPA is working on this.

Motion to: approve latest Treasurer finance report

Made by: David R. **Seconded:** Lisa

Motion approved.

NJRA TREASURER REPORT:

Coach Eric reports a balance of \$30,576.54 as of 1/13/14.

NEW BUSINESS (New Boats):

Coach Eric wishes to purchase two new boats.

The December approval of a 4+ from Columbia is on its way to Nashville. It’s a 2009 Vespoli Ultralight wing rigger. Jon Miller is delivering this. Coach Eric discussed our current 4+ are in need of new riggers and other parts in excess of \$4,000 per boat. Based on the age and condition, purchasing newer boats is the preference. It is expected that NRC will have more races in 4+ boats in 2014 and more \$= on hand are best to have when we have an odd number of rowers at practices (those that cannot be place in eights).

Coach Eric has Dartmouth University on hold with a potential bid to purchase two 4+’s from them tonight. Both boats are valued at around \$15,000 total, but we could offer less and \$12,000 may be acceptable to Dartmouth.

Coach Eric wants to see a newer eight in medium to heavyweight as next purchase. The existing St. Louis may be salvageable but will require all new riggers, \$ uncertain. Mid-weight double pairs are also priority. Sculling boats may also be considered.

Discussion for painting the new boats is not a plausible one. Paint adds weight and Coach Eric has a contact that decals boat(s) if necessary. The Board also discussed possible fundraising for seats; to be considered for later.

Motion to: Make an expenditure of up to \$12,000 for purchase of two quad 4+ boats from Dartmouth.

Made by: Margaret **Seconded:** Don
Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS (New Coach):

Coach Eric stated that between him and Rob, they are at capacity with over 45 athletes and growing. Member Ann has shown interest with coaching, but her work schedule conflicts with week day practices.

Coach has recognized Ms. Rozalia Bialczak as his choice for third assistant coach. She is highly interested in juniors rowing and may be interested in masters rowing and/or L2R.

Motion to: Approve Rozalia as third assistant coach.

Made by: David R. **Seconded:** Don
Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS (Policy):

Coach Eric has been writing policy and collaborating with NRC members interested with this project. Policy change is easy to vote on and we can anticipate changes such as youth interaction, how coaches can be hires, safety measures, etc. The Board needs deadlines in place to complete a draft, finalize then vote them in. It's important all members understand the new bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS (Proposed Budget):

Don Sullivan has estimated it requires approximately \$226 per member, per year to run the club. The club has about 120 members currently. Proposed budget items include items such adding insurance on new boats and more. By preparing a straw man budget, we are comparing performance with expectations.

Budget will be tied to fees and we need a budget in place very soon to understand what coaching fees will be, etc. Levels of coaching are also still being finalized. Can we consider rolling regattas into the fees as we do with the NJRA. It is imperative that the Board share with membership what they have been getting compared with what they think they know. We are currently able to take dues and coaching fees via credit card. This may include payment plans.

Other factors that will change the budget will be the move to the river. NRC would eliminate a lot of the storage fees now in place at Hamilton Creek marina.

Board vote not necessary for approval.

NEW BUSINESS (Annual Meeting):

Lisa Delaney (nominating committee) and Thom Newman (Secretary) to tally votes throughout the annual meeting beginning at the start of the meeting. Discussion was made on the layout of the ballot and measures for voting.

The MAB and NJRAB will be scored in numerical rank order and totaled so the highest six are elected.

The Board vote will be straight check off and a tally for the first five will receive a position. The fifth vote will be for Thom's remaining one year term.

Voting will take place by mail, by email with electronic signature, and in-person at the beginning of the annual meeting and no later. An electronic signature and request for name is required. All votes remain confidential and will not be shared with anyone but Lisa and Thom.

Next Steps: Thom to develop ballots, present to the board, and email them along with instructions for voting by Friday the 17th.

NEW BUSINESS (Boat Trailer Storage):

We are sending a request to any member willing to store our trailer on their property for an undisclosed amount of time. This was once stored on the Vandy grounds.

NEW BUSINESS (Naval Reserve Facility):

Brad Norris explained that engineering costs are going up higher. No figure is available yet on the deck. Boat ramp costs have increased, but there may be higher costs with "shoring" up the roadway leading down the embankment. The road is very close to the embankment and must be done properly to avoid a catastrophe.

NEW BUSINESS (Thom Newman Resignation as Secretary):

Thom Newman has provided personal and professional reason for resignation as Secretary effective January 25th after the annual meeting and vote tabulation.

Motion to: Fill second year of Thom's term.

Made by: David R. **Seconded:** David F.

Motion approved.

* The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Thomas Newman, Secretary