



Nashville Rowing
Board of Directors
October 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes



Members present: Tom Padden, Lizabeth Theiss, Maggie Davidson, Don Sullivan, Dawn Foster, Mike Alles, Phil Hertik, David Franklin, and Anne Campbell

Staff present: Eric Gehrke, Cory Sanderson, & David Hall

- 1) Approval of prior minutes (Anne Campbell)

There was a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting.
Motion by- Phil
Second- Lizabeth
Motion passed.

- 2) Treasurer and financial reports (Phil Hertik)

Phil gave a financial update. The 990 form is due November 15, 2015 and all BOD members must see it before the Treasurer signs off. State reports will have to be submitted as well.

- 3) Business
 - a. Elections/Annual Meeting (Tom Padden)

An email was sent out to the membership explaining the voting and nomination process. Ballots will include Board of Director nominations as well as the proposed changes to the by-laws. It was suggested the Advisory Committees have rankings for votes, in case one is elected to the BOD first. The boathouse announcement will be out at the Annual Meeting.

 - b. Branding (Dawn Foster)

Dawn has received the contract from Insomniac Arts but she still has to review it. Dawn also noted that she is rolling off the board and someone will have to take over masters branding. Maggie noted that all gear ordered should be in the Nashville Rowing colors.
 - i. Juniors Branding hand-over to Cindy Franklin & Kim Collins

 - c. Progress Reports
 - i. Community Outreach (Cory Sanderson)

Cory's main focus is recruiting for winter training, after the Hooch.
 - ii. Equipment Management (David Hall)

David worked on travel accommodations for the head race season and acquired the Power-link backstays, on top of his usual boat maintenance.
 - iii. Sculling Lesson Report (Eric for Laura Rush)

There are 3 members taking private sculling lessons.

- d. Equipment & Fleet Update (Eric/David)
 - i. Capital Needs List

The club has filled a lot of equipment needs but there are still some big items that need to be purchased. It was suggested putting the donation link and a copy of the CNL, so members can see what is needed, on the website. There is a big fundraising need for a 8+ (small) and mid-weight 4x/-.
 - ii. Equipment Repairs
 - 1. Mawn Pick-up

Repairs are complete and were covered by insurance since the damage occurred during a storm. David will drive to Oak Ridge to pick-up the Mawn.
 - 2. Winter Annual Repairs

Boats will be sent to Oak Ridge for annual repairs this year. The cost should be under the 4k allotted in the budget - no need for a BOD vote unless expenditures are over the budgeted 4k.
 - iii. Putting Trailer up for sale

We are selling our old single-axle trailer to Harpeth Hall ideally before Christmas.
 - iv. Dock Extension

MAC is in favor of the dock extension. Vanderbilt and MBA will not go in on it. The club still needs to talk with the Corps of Engineers to be sure we go about the extension the correct way. Estimated cost is ~\$6200 for three sections of gangway.
- e. Capital Initiatives/ Foundations Campaign (Eric)
 - i. Fundraising Committee Update
 - 1. Chipotle Fundraiser \$1638.24

Went very well and the juniors captains did a great job organizing the athletes to assist. The club helped set the single day revenue record for Chipotle stores in Nashville.
 - 2. Winter Fundraiser

Fundraising Committee met to begin organizing a winter fundraiser. They came up with ideas on who they want involved in the planning and formed a Winter Fundraiser Committee. It was noted that this will be the kind of event that starts small and grows annually. Winter Fundraiser Committee will meet after the Hooch.
- f. Membership Update (Eric)

The club has 42 junior members (compared to the 40 budgeted), 4 student members (4 budgeted), and 56 master members (60 budgeted).

 - i. Application for Financial Aid

Cory has begun developing an application for financial aid. The BOD discussed having full and partial aid as well as families sponsoring athletes.
- g. Adult Programs Update (Eric/ Maggie)

There are still a few outstanding program fees but the season isn't technically over until November. There are 30 Competitive Participants, 11 Development participants, and 8 Novice participants.

- h. Juniors Programs Update (Eric)
All paid from the beginning. Athletes joining mid season received prorated dues.

 - i. Juniors Programs Update (Eric)
There are 66 High School Fall Development participants, over the 60 budgeted, and 9 Middle School Fall Development participants, under the 12 budgeted.
- 4) Other
- a. Next meeting date (Tom)
Saturday November 14, 2015 after the Annual Meeting @ The Bridge Building
- 5) Adjourn