

Meeting called to order at 7:39 p.m.

1. a./b./c. approval of general meeting minutes for Nov. 2014, Jan. 2015, Nov. 2015. Tom Fuller moves to accept, Tiffany seconds motion. Approval of minutes passed.

d. Treasurer's Report – Tiffany explains and discusses the report. We should have about the same income for the next year. We need upgrades for regatta box. And our expenses predicted to be more next year. We have the race course grant and next year's high performance camp. We will be paying out more than we bring in.

Conal shared his concern about not bringing in enough income to cover our expenses. James Rawson explains that we will likely have enough money coming in for at least another year. He explains that USRowing would like to bring the other regions to where the NW Region is regarding funding.

e. Regatta Box continuing to be maintained. Radios need maintenance.

2. Elections.

- a. Tiff Wood – Resigned from the Masters position.
- b. Rick Brown – Elected by special ballot at-large position, 2 year term.
- c. Jenny Park – Elected to Collegiate position (Seattle Univ.), 2 year term.
- d. Upcoming position open (4) for fall meeting in November.

3. Special Reports

- a. Megan Monterrosa, Seattle Row for The Cure. She is new to the event and very excited to report the event is scheduled for the upcoming fall, September 18, 2016. Megan also stated that 75% of the funds raised stay in the local community, and 25% go toward research. Lenny from the Ancient Mariners indicated the Ancient Mariner's would like to be involved to support the Row for The Cure this year.
- b. PVRA Course Update. Nick showed a video of course. He is planning to write a letter to all clubs asking for donations toward the funding of the course. Lenny suggested fundraising for social media as well.

4. USRowing

- a. James Rawson stated that all entry fees will remain the same this \$25 late fee, same as the last 10 years. However there will not be 8.4% sales tax on entry fees this year.
- b. Referee – process for para and adaptive rules have been posted (usrowing referees) for comment. The referee committee will prepare recommendations to BOD. Para rules are based on FISA.
- c. Youth Committee - James Coffman not present for youth report
- d. Masters Committee – not active USRowing level.

5 Active Business

or by laws. The Council would like input for any changes by the November meeting. Need to define 'open' position.

We need to look at the need for an adaptive position on the BOD, and bring this up again at the November meeting.

6. Breakout Session Discussions

a. Junior Business – Padraic McGovern

Utah Crew: In the spring of 2015, Utah crew, (From the Southwest region) Petitioned for entry to the region to be included in NW Junior District Championships as a qualifying regatta in 2016. The Council agreed that this was a precedent we'd not like to move towards. Future growth in the state of Utah and adherence to our regatta rules were the main concerns. We offered the ability to present at our November meeting, however, their president indicated they would not continue to seek petition to the region.

JNT Camp in the Portland Area: A representative from Olympia brought up the issue of having a coaching internship available only to a male candidate. Kiirsten Flynn brought up some concerns with this to the folks at USRowing. No update. On Glenn Merry's desk at this point.

Seeding Committee for Junior Districts: Seeking volunteers for the seeding committee for Junior Districts. Committee helps publicize the survey, and resolves any ties.

Junior Rowing is coming up on having to address the issue of age-related racing. Other regions are struggling with defining "what is a novice" in a big way. USRowing is moving towards age-related racing categories. We are all looking for age appropriate events for middle school athletes. And, everyone is looking to find the best events for their athletes. I'd like to convene a steering workgroup to begin discussing a plan to address these issues. Informal discussions have been happening for a few months. Anyone interested should contact Padraic directly. Nick and Conal stated they were interested in working on 'age-relate' racing. And Tom Fuller stated that USRowing is working toward this goal. The SW and NW regions are the only two that do not have U-15/U-17 racing categories.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.