

MINUTES/NOTES – Northwest Rowing Council Meeting November 5, 2016

Call to Order – Opening Remarks

Approved Minutes/Notes from general Meeting April 2016

Treasurer's report reviewed – filed for audit

Regatta Box discussed – approved to maintain and continue operation

Elections

Discussion of by-law positions / requirements / introduction of candidates

At-Large – current Dee McComb – elected for new term

At-large – current Tiffany Knapp – elected for new term

Masters Position – no replacement yet appointed by board – Lenny O'Donnell candidate for at-large position vacated by Carmen Slack – elected for new term

Junior Position – current Padraic McGovern – elected for new term

Open Position – current vacated by Carmen Slack – Patrick Harbison elected for new term

All parties to be posted to the website with contact information

Special Reports

Matt Lacey – Pocock Foundation | local youth outreach

--Talked about Joy of Sculling conference in Olympia, February 10-12, to help fill gaps where there is no reach coaching education

--Ergomania has been reducing in participation – after this year if someone wants to step up and take over the event as a possible fund raising event, happy to discuss

--Talked about Coach Across America placements which are Americorps teachers that are grabbed for coaching positions – cost of \$900 gets lots of hours at less than normal payment for coaching – could put them on the novices – talk to Matt about the program

--Pocock Foundation doesn't have enough scholarships available – looking to get help to support the scholarship program – in 2016 there were 45 scholarships provided

--Suggested getting an administrator/head coach round table together to talk about how to increase youth rowing in the NW and pass the 1500 mark

Seattle Row For The Cure will be September 17, 2017 this year – looking at making some changes like finishing at Gas Works Park and having a celebratory event at the end with food vendors, etc. Also talking about adding 2nd warm-up marshal to keep order in the pre-race area. Also looking at creating 3 levels of rowers at different platforms to encourage different forms of giving

Portland Row For the Cure will be July 22nd, 2017 at Vancouver Lake. Will be the 25th anniversary. There will be boats in the morning, dragon boats in the afternoon and paddle boats after that – Will be a Saturday this year instead of a Sunday – looking for a good turn out.

Tony Andrews – Technology software – talked about developing a program for boat reservation/management/usage – working on it and hopes to have something the beginning part of 2017 – will report back

USRowing Reports

- a **James Rawson** talked about national regattas need to be reviewed – working on it at national level – lots of entries – try to make it fair for everyone – Youths will be May 19th to 21st and Masters will be June 23rd to 25th, 2017
- b **Tom Fuller** talked about Rules Committee created at national level appointed by the board to review proposed rule changes – committee to advise board on rule changes and referees work as technical body advising the rules committee – so far working well – but if there is disagreement, each committee would submit to the board for their consideration – also reorganizing Referee Committee – 2 athlete representatives, 2 at-large members, chair appointed by the CEO, trials coordinator, FISA liaison, referee coordinator, and ----. Will officially happen in December to broaden the access for the membership and all interests represented. Discussion about age based rules and have lightweight rowing go away – the way things are going. We are only country that doesn't have age-based rowing.
- c **No Youth or Masters Committee** – but those committees are no longer at USRowing

Active Business

Working on NW Region Calendar – provide us information

Facebook Page - social media – contribute

Website – anyone want to help or assist contact Dee McComb

Grant Program – PVRA Update – asked for an agreement regarding the vote allocation by the board of the \$4000 per year – asked for an agreement to be signed so we had something in writing. PVRA would send the agreement – but haven't received it yet – but it looks like it was just sent today. No other grant requests – Kyle with PVRA did say agreement sent over recently and offered update – said they have \$30K loan from Portland Boathouse – have received \$15K as donations – looking for crews to donate separately. Kyle thanked everyone for their participation and happy they have a new race course

Online video meetings – still looking into that technology to get more folks participating in our two annual meetings. Dee suggested maybe meetings north and south – or halfway like Olympia. Tiffany offered that will have meeting involved with Ergomania on January 28th, 2017.

Any other business? No new business – confirmed for Patty Hyatt that regatta box had been discussed and approved

Discussion | breakout sessions – no masters breakout

Padraic led junior discussion – inquired if anyone didn't know about the background to this discussion – all information on the website currently. Looking at having discussion on separate weekend, like MLK weekend, to see what events would look like working with James Rawson and then come to the next meeting with a better idea. Youth quad identified as U15 and under for purposes of discussion. Lots of comments about experiences – concerns about

impact on events and unintended consequences. Discussion about crew priorities and where weak spots might be, strengths, international concerns and models – discussed Brentwood. Much discussion – various opinions / proposals / James at USRowing to come up with scenarios – coming up with planned discussions for January.

Definition of novice

Look at working with fours