

**The Northwest Rowing Council**  
**Minutes – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting**

1. Call to Order – Opening Remarks | Introductions
  - a. Minutes approval review comments - **Approved**
  - b. Treasurer's Report - Attached
2. Special Reports - PVRA item from below was discussed here
3. Active Business
  - a. NW Region Regatta Calendar
    - i. Reminder to submit dates to webmaster for posting as well as Row2k
  - b. Website management/discussion
    - i. Dee continues to manage this
  - c. PVRA Report
    - i. No report from PVRA
    - ii. Status of Vancouver Lake - silting/filling
    - iii. **Put on January Agenda**
      1. Matt Lacey recommended a committee is formed to support PVRA and/or plan for future if Vancouver Lake situation cannot be rectified
      2. Have Alan provide info current state of affairs
        - a. Alan reported via Bruce that milfoil is the larger issue currently
      3. James confirmed via Molly Evjen that 2019 regattas are not at risk of cancellation
  - d. Regatta Box - discussion
    - i. Questions raised
      1. Does the NW Rowing Council want to continue supporting it?
      2. Should the fee be raised?
      3. Should contents be itemized and priced so LOC's can pick and choose?
      4. Can USRowing provide corporate shipping rates?
      5. Who should be the steward of the box?
    - ii. **New board to propose a plan at January meeting**
  - e. Ad hoc committee – bylaws review
    - i. New board will create a committee to look at positions to ensure they best reflect the current constituency of NW Rowing
  - f. Other business brought by members
    - i. Richard Parr took interest in a possible Rigging Clinic for NW coaches; date TBD, but College Club is likely location
4. Elections
  - a. Discussion of by-law positions / requirements / introduction of candidates
  - b. 2 At-large
  - c. Juniors Position
  - d. Open Position
  - e. Nominations

- i. Eliza Dickson - Juniors or At-Large
    - ii. Andy Everett - At-Large
    - iii. \*Margaret Christopher - At-Large or Open
    - iv. Richard Hull - Open or Junior
    - v. \*Letcher Ross - At-Large
    - vi. Caitlin McClain - Junior or Open
    - vii. 2 provisional members would be ad-hoc committee to propose amendment to By-laws to increase Board to 9 members
      - 1. Letcher & Margaret are provisional
  - f. Voting
    - i. Final motion to elect the four non-provisional members above **pending electronic voting** and create an ad-hoc committee of all nominees to amend by-laws as previously noted in agenda to increase board size to 9 members through which all 6 nominees would serve on the board
  - g. Current
    - i. Lenny O'Donnell - Masters
    - ii. Rick Brown - Collegiate
    - iii. Matt Lacey - At-Large
5. USRowing Reports
- a. Jules Zane, USRA National Referee Program Coordinator
    - i. new system for scheduling current referees for regattas; to be demoed at convention
    - ii. need new referees, especially from the NW (we have lowest population)
      - 1. If each club could recruit 1 new referee we would increase by a substantial percentage
    - iii. **Jules will send via Dee a blurb to be included in club newsletters**
  - b. James Rawson – Events Manager
    - i. Regional Championships
      - 1. May 17, 18, 19 - Youth
      - 2. June 21, 22, 23 - Masters
    - ii. Addition of U15/U17 National Championships – 2019
      - 1. June 1-2 on Cooper River
      - 2. Email AJ regarding age class definitions
    - iii. West Coast Scholastic Championships
      - 1. Qualifier for SRAAs
      - 2. April 13, 14 in LA region
    - iv. Convention - in San Diego this year - December
    - v. World Rowing Indoor Championships in Long Beach - in February
  - c. Referee Committee – Rules Changes
    - i. Rule change proposals are published on USRowing website for membership to be aware of
6. New Business
- a. US Rowing Strategic Planning Committee – Matt Lacey
    - i. Committee is setting course of action for the sport through LA Olympics
    - ii. Matt wants to represent NW interests and welcomes discussions

## 7. Proposals Discussion

- a. Marty Beyer proposal - expand sculling in NW
  - i. Marty proposed establishing a committee to look at creating separate regional championships for sweep and sculling (similar to Sarasota model)
  - ii. James mentioned that this committee would be advisory only due to USRowing ownership of NW Youth Champs; part of a greater conversation
- b. Padraic & Rick are working on a proposal to add U15/U17 events at regionals in preparation for 2020 U15/U17 Nationals

## 8. Discussions | breakout sessions

- a. Masters - none
- b. Juniors (Youth)
  - i. Youth Regional Challenge
    1. December 12-15 at Nathan Benderson
    2. Coaches - Caitlin McClain, Alex Mann, Helen Tilghman, Richard Hull, Rick Brown
    3. 68 total seats - 34 for men and women
    4. Deadline for applying is November 15
    5. **Info will be sent again to junior coaches**
  - ii. New junior programs at Inglemoor and Bothell high schools - over 100 kids rowing!