

# SLRC ANNUAL MEETING

## Minutes

January 24, 2015

**Attendees:** Lisa Jones, Deena Krestel-Rickert, Linda Anderson, Peggy Francis, Tim Franck, John McCool, Stu Sharp, Jeff Marden, Susie King and Gwen Lane.

**Coach's Report:** 2014 was a successful year for adults and juniors. At the Masters Nationals in Grand Rapids, MI, SLRC medaled in eight events: 1 bronze, 4 silvers and 3 golds. Two of the golds went to Chuck Cook in his single and 1 gold to Susie King and Trish Milla in the pair. The Recreational Masters won Gold in their age category at the Masters Nationals Head Race in Augusta, GA. The Juniors medaled in 18 events at the Midwest Junior Rowing Championships. We had three boats finish in the top 10 in the nation at the Youth Nationals.

In 2015, the Masters will be focused on the Masters Nationals in Camden, NJ on August 13-16, 2015. The Juniors will focus on the Midwest Championships in May and Nationals in June. There was also a mention that the club is looking into targeting middle school age children for rowing, but that proposal has not been presented to the EC as of this date.

**Treasurer's Report:** In 2014, SLRC purchased 2 Pocock Eights, 2 Pair/Doubles, 1 King Demo and 1 Trailer for an approximate total of \$141,000. The King Demo was purchased with insurance money following the accident resulting in complete loss on the Hunter with added funds from the Capital Account. On 12/31/14, the balance in the Operating Account was approximately \$5,000, reflecting the payment towards all insurance for 2015 on boats, truck, and boathouse. The Capital account has a balance of approximately \$6,000. The February Adult LTR is still accepting participants with a start date of February 3rd. Adult membership dues are continuing to be collected. The EC decided in November 2014 to increase the salaries for returning assistant coaches effective with their January paychecks.

In presenting the 2015 operating budget to the membership, an error was discovered. The treasurer based the projected junior dues for only one season rather than both spring and fall. The amount projected under booster fees, therefore, was also incorrect. As these adjustments needed to be addressed, there was a motion to table the budget for further correction and represent at a future meeting called by the president.

**Booster's Report:** As of 12/31/14, the balance in the checking account is \$43,874.52. The balance in the Roshney Simon Scholarship Fund is \$19,132.47. In December, \$2,240.49 was raised at the bake sale for the scholarship fund.

The financial review of the Booster Committee books was completed. The committee reviewed QuickBooks, credit card statements, bank statements, fund transfers, and cash receipts. It was determined that there have been no inappropriate transactions, and all records are accurately reflected in receipts, hard copies of what was entered into computer files, etc. The committee made a number of recommendations. The EC will review the recommendations at their February meeting and make decisions as to what will be implemented moving forward.

**Other Business:** The meeting then was opened for questions. A small group of parents had a number of questions regarding the booster fees—how they are spent, what do they cover, who is in charge of that account. Some had questions related to who in the membership is allowed to vote on club matters. One parent indicated that he believes no voting can take place until the club's constitution issues have been resolved related to non-elected positions serving on the board. It was explained to those in attendance, that a number of years ago, the membership passed a change to the by-laws allowing two positions from the Booster committee to be de facto EC members, but the club never amended its constitution. The parent who raised the constitutional issue is of the opinion that because of this discrepancy, the club is in violation of its constitution, and should not conduct business or voting until this is resolved. That opinion is not shared by the attorney hired by the EC to make the necessary changes and file the amended copy when approved by the membership. Additional questions from parents focused on how regatta fees are determined, and they requested a more detailed account of how funds in the Booster account are used. An attempt was made to explain why regatta fees are not included in the budget under expenses as those are costs that are paid in full by those who attend the regatta so the club has always considered those 'pass through' expenses. There was also a brief overview of how Booster Fees support the junior program.

A motion was made along with a second to move forward and vote on the proposed by-law and constitution changes along with the slate of officers. Before a vote could be taken, another member made an additional motion to table the vote related to the by-laws so that the issues brought forth at tonight's meeting could be sent back to the by-law/constitution committee. Due to the vigorous debate among several in attendance, the president chose to make an executive decision and postpone the vote related to the proposed by-law and constitution changes, but move forward on the slate of club officers. The ballots for officers were counted and the slate was voted into office by a count of 83 in favor, 4 against.

2015 Slate of Officers:

Lisa Jones, President

Deena Krestel-Rickert, Vice President

Jeff Marden, Treasurer

Jenn Canaday, Secretary

Susie King, Communications

Stu Sharp, Captain

John McCool, Lieutenant

Peggy Francis, Booster Rep

Gwen Lane, Booster Rep

The president will take the governance issues back to the committee and will convene a special meeting at a future date to represent to the membership. The budget mistake will be corrected and represented to the membership.

The members were also asked if the club should continue to offer the Gordon Hamilton Sculling Clinic and most indicated that they would like this to be offered. A committee will be formed in early spring to help Chuck Cook coordinate this program. The club has also been contacted about doing some type of adaptive rowing. The members indicated that they would like more information on what that would involve, i.e., cost/equipment/insurance, before making determination if this is something the club will offer.

The meeting was adjourned.