

SLRC OPEN EC MEETING  
Sunday, April 12, 2015

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

**Treasurers Report:** The updated 2015 budget was distributed and reviewed. This is the same Budget that was distributed at the meeting in January, but with the addition of the Spring and Fall line items. The expenses are the same. There is no budget for regattas since they are a pass-through expense. The monthly money report was distributed and reviewed. The Capital Account has a balance of \$80,013.18. The bank accounts have been merged into one Commerce Bank and one QuickBooks account. The only money now left at US Bank (in the account formerly used by the Boosters) is enough money to cover credit card bills waiting to clear and the Simon fund, which was opened as a money marketing account. The Operating Account has a balance of \$35,172.44. The buses have been prepaid for several Junior regattas from the Operating Account which accounts for the fluctuation in the account. This will be recouped after each regatta. A question about how we handle problems with the bus company, bid out, and contract with bus companies was asked. There are 3 bus companies that will drive out of St. Louis. Cavella was chosen because they are reasonably priced, few complaints and have had positive feedback about them.

There is \$19,227 in the Simon Fund. This fund was discussed and thoughts about contacting the family to see if the 5% yearly limit could possibly be lifted. This would give the EC the freedom to award more money to Juniors in need which is what this fund was designated to do, serve as a scholarship fund. The Simon family will be contacted to discuss looking into ways to better utilize this fund.

The Profit and Loss statement (January through April 11) was distributed and reviewed.

**Coach's Report:**

Juniors. Cincinnati High School Invitational (Cincinnati, OH) was held on April 11. It was great water, great weather and some really good racing. Tim mentioned that the goal for the next race was more speed. Upcoming regattas are:

- Saturday, April 18th – Madison WI Regatta (Madison, WI)
- Saturday / Sunday, April 25 & 26 – Oklahoma City Girls at SLRC
- Sunday, May 3rd – Indy High School Invite (Indianapolis, IN)
- Saturday/Sunday, May 16 & 17th – Midwest Junior Rowing Championships (Cincinnati, OH)
- Friday-Sunday, June 12-14th – Juniors National Championships (Sarasota, FL). *End of Juniors Spring Season.*

The Junior's summer season will start on June 17 and run for about 3.5 weeks, ending at the Chicago Sprints. Andrew Black and Khurram Naveed will coach the Junior boys. Tim will coach

the Junior girls and Emily Goss will assist with the Junior girls. There will also be 2 Summer Youth LTR camps, possibly a third in August.

Adults. The Masters will be competing at the following regattas this summer:

- Saturday, June 27 – Indy Summer Sprints (Indianapolis, IN)
- Saturday/Sunday, July 11 & 12 - 35th Annual Chicago Sprints (Chicago, IL)
- Thursday – Sunday, Aug. 13 – 16 - USRowing Masters National Championships (Camden, NJ).

There will be three Adult learn to rows this summer held in June, July and August. LTR Coaches are: Brian Spinzig = July; Tom Lieb = August. We are still looking for someone to coach the June LTR, possibly Steve Giddings. We are also still looking for a full-time Intermediates coach. Brian Spinzig and Tim will continue to coach the Intermediate practices until a replacement has been found. A question was asked if someone would also take over Novice Sculling. This will be looked into.

The new Pocock fours are finished but they are looking for transportation to get them to St. Louis. We took delivery of the two new sets of oars from Concept2, pre-painted red, and Stu has been applying the decals to them. A question was asked about updating the sculling equipment. This is something that will be looked into at the end of the season when the equipment committee meets. The two oldest eights also need to be replaced.

**Booster Report:** The SLRC Juniors Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30–8:00 p.m. at the Doubletree in Chesterfield. This location was chosen because it was the best size for the price. Upcoming – Ladies on the Lake – a date will be chosen soon.

One of the Junior parents, that is also the owner of a physical therapy company, has expressed an interest in working on stretching with Junior squads. This person would come to the boathouse after practice (approx. 6:00), to work with each of the squads for a couple of weeks. More info to come on this.

Hotels for the Junior fall regattas have been reserved, as well as the buses for the Chicago Sprints. Alison Volk will be taking over uniforms after this spring. All uniforms for this year have been delivered and there will not be another store until August.

An update on the records check for chaperones on the Junior regattas – there have been checks done on 12 parents and all have been approved. These checks were done through USRowing and are good for 2 years. Prospective chaperones also have the option to have a record check done through the police department and mail them to Lisa Jones.

**Communications Report:** There is an ad for SLRC coming out in the County Activities Guide which goes out to all STL County residents. There have been several inquiries about the dates

for the June LTR. Those dates have yet to be confirmed. The FAQ's and Coxing Guide are being updated. Francine will be contacted about making the Summer LTR signs.

**Old Business:** The boathouse cleaning schedule needs to be followed. An email was sent to all members about this issue. Gordon Hamilton Sculling clinic will be June 19, 20, and 21. An email will be sent to all adults and all Junior parents. SLRC will again host rowing workshops. The first will be on June 6 which is National LTR day. WashU will be hosting a workshop in May, but has not yet chosen a date. A possible third workshop will be held in the fall.

**New Business:** Bank erosion by the docks, especially the singles dock, has gotten so bad the bank is practically falling away. A solution would be to look at plating fast-growing brush or trees to keep the erosion at a minimum. It was mentioned that the MO Dept. of Conservation sells seedlings of native plants for \$0.80 each. We would need to get input from STL County. We will also look into possibly getting a local volunteer group involved to assist with this project.

WashU will be replacing its dock this summer.

The Club Constitution and the next steps in resolving its issues were discussed. At the moment, SLRC is a benevolent association, created by a judicial decree, governed by a constitution, and requires an order of the court to make any amendments or changes to this constitution. The bylaws cannot violate or conflict with this constitution. If they do, the constitution governs. The following options were discussed:

1. To change the constitution by initiating an Adversarial Cause of Action (friendly suit).
2. Bring a Petition in Equity to change the constitution and ask the Judge to ratify what came before. This would eliminate the need for the friendly suit / lawsuit.
3. Begin creating a new limited liability company with 501(c)(3) qualifications. This could take six months – one year. Once established, transfer the assets over to the new LLC and abolish the BA. The EC has not discussed this in-depth yet, but would like to look further into this option.

The next EC meeting will be Sunday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m.

*Meeting adjourned.*