

**SLRC EC Open Meeting
Sunday, August 30, 2015**

Attendees: Lisa Jones, Deena Krestel-Rickert, Jeff Marden, Peggy Francis, Susie King, Stu Sharp, John McCool, Jenn Canaday, Tim Franck. Cathy Cooksey was absent.

Treasurer's Report: As of August 28th there is:

\$31,918.05	Capital
\$14,940.16	Booster Fees
\$21,551.87	Jr. Fundraising
\$750.00	Heilman Fund
\$7,465.00	Truck fund
\$711.70	Sculling Clinic
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\$77,336.78	TOTAL Capital Acct.
19,256.96	Simon Fund
\$36,808.47	Operating Account

We still owe Pocock \$56,000 and Wintech \$27,083.34 for the boats we have bought. We purchased 2 King 8's, 2 Pocock 8's and 2 Pocock 4's. The insurance money for the damages at the regatta in Ohio in May has been collected and deposited and that is helping pay for the boats. Also, it is estimated that approximately 115 Juniors will be coming in this Fall (we may surpass that number) which will bring in a significant amount towards membership dues.

Coach's Report:

USRowing Masters National Championships (Camden, NJ) went very well. SLRC trailered our boats and also boats for the Columbus Ohio team. Tim also trailered boats back to deliver to other teams. In doing that we were able to cover the cost of trailering our boats to/from Camden. Chuck Cook brought home a gold medal in both the lightweight and heavyweight H 1x. The Mixed B 4+ grabbed the bronze medal, and the Mixed A 4+ took silver in their race. Trish Milla and Susie King put on the gas in a massive sprint in the A 2- and brought home the bronze in a photo-finish race.

The Junior Varsity teams, both girls and boys, began their fall season on August 29. There are approx. 30 boys and 50 girls on the varsity teams this year. Another assistant has been brought in to help with the varsity girls – Maggie Bose. Maggie just moved to St. Louis from Seattle and we are happy to have her assisting with the Varsity Girls. Novices will begin in 2 weeks.

The Juniors plan to race at the following 3 regattas this fall:

Head of the Rock – Oct. 11, Rockford, IL
Blake Haxton Fall Invitational – Oct. 24, Columbus, OH
Head of the Hooch – Nov. 6-7, Chattanooga, TN

The Masters will be racing at the following regattas:

Head of the Rock – Oct. 11, Rockford, IL
Head of the Hooch – Nov. 6-7, Chattanooga, TN

Several masters will also be racing at:

Six Bridges Head Race (Little Rock, AR) on September 19,
Head of the Des Moines (Des Moines, IA) on September 26, and
Head of the Charles (Cambridge, MA) on October 17-18.

We are expecting to get the two new Pocock 8's soon. Possibly the demo in mid-September, maybe the other 8 as well. Most likely that will arrive in October.

Cori Austin will stay with the intermediates through the fall. We are still looking for a novice sculling coach.

Booster's Report:

Junior's registration is currently in full swing. Dues are due by the middle of September. Diane Duncan will take over as the new Volunteer Coordinator. One of the Juniors came up with a long -sleeve t-shirt design that will be made available to SLRC members. Information on that will be sent out after the JL store closes.

Communication's Report:

The 2016 Ergathon t-shirt design was discussed and will possibly have a design contest for this year's t-shirt. The Adult Summer LTR's were maxed out in registrations each month. A point was brought up that the clubs need to work on keeping the attendance number up when people move from LTR's on to Intermediates. The number of people attending seems to drop significantly after the end of the LTR. Possibly schedules conflicting is one reason for this. One option presented was a sculling practice during the week. We will have to check to see if there is equipment available.

Old Business:

WashU – new dock and installation: WashU has purchased a connect-a-dock. They were hoping to have it installed already, but due to an issue with additional insurance they are still waiting on the new dock's installation. They are now looking at the end of September.

Along with WashU, we are still looking at the issue of the bank erosion/bank stability. There are some short term fixes that we can do, but if we want something that will last long term (10 – 15 years) it is estimated that it could cost between \$25,000 - \$50,000. This kind of project would have to be shown to the County and Department of Natural Resources. WashU is currently talking to the County about this and financing a portion of the project.

New Business:

A SLRC Fundraising Committee is in the process of formation. There will be an informational meeting held on Sept. 5 at 10:30 at the boathouse. The club is looking for new fundraising ideas and to possibly put into motion some long-term planning ideas. It is possible we should be looking into forming a Strategic Planning Committee. Where do we want the club to be 5 – 10 years from now, and what will be our plan to get us there? This relates to both the Junior program and the Masters.

The EC will meet on the booster issues that have been raised and also the recommendation of keeping the club a Benevolent Society at the next EC meeting.

Scott Allison was in attendance and requested to change SLU Crew practice times. SLU Crew has now aligned with Wash U. Scott asked the EC to consider allowing SLU to practice in the evenings. It was decided that due to the number of SLRC boats on the water on Tue./Thur., along with kayakers, paddle boarders and sailboats, it would be safer for SLU to practice in the evenings on Mon./Wed./Fri. from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, when there are fewer SLRC boats out.

Important Dates coming up :

Saturday – September 19 – All Clean Day – Masters Only (Jrs. will clean in the Spring)

Saturday – October 17 – Pumpkin Race (Masters Only)

The next EC meeting will be on Sunday, September 20, at 10:30 at the boathouse.