

St Louis Rowing Club

Board of Directors Open Meeting Minutes: March 2, 2021 Conference Call

Board Members:

Present:

- **Steve Dedrickson, President**
- **Kristy Heffernan, Vice President**
- **Deb Small, Treasurer**
- **Vicky Cochran, Secretary**
- **Julie Albsmeyer, Communications**
- **Carissa Foster, Captain**
- **Christina Lawrence, Safety**
- **Ruth Miller, Junior Program Coordinator**
- **Eric Yin, Junior Program Coordinator**

Absent:

Quorum present? Yes

Others Present: 18 members asked to attend meeting and were provided access

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at **7:32pm**, by **Steve Dedrickson**

Approval of minutes

Motion for Approval of minutes from February 16, 2021 was made by Julie, seconded by Steve, c

Agenda

Old Business

- 1) 5C Meeting (County Park, WashU, SLU, SLRC)
 - a) First meeting in about 3 years, follow-on meeting planned in 6 months
 - b) Discussion regarding Flooding due to rain or/ northern states winter thaw
 - c) Discussion regarding Fire Department boat practice causes wakes on lake
 - d) Discussion regarding need and funding for Security cameras
 - e) Park Rangers to help with monitoring non-member use of cove (fishermen mostly)
- 2) Novice try-outs and orientation recap- Ruth and Eric
 - a) Good number of participants in all 3 sessions of the orientation
 - b) Some may move to Middle School Program
 - c) Large interest in Summer Camps
- 3) Update on Financials- Deb
 - a) Overview for 2021 Actual vs Budget
 - b) Approximate 80% retention for Fall, Good retention for Spring
 - c) Good Adult renewal in July, plus gracious donations

- d) Fundraising is lower than budgeted. The Holiday fundraiser was a success but overall lower revenue than the erg-a-thon and Junior Banquet has offered in prior years. This is partially off-set by the generous contributions received as part of our Adult Member renewal appeal in July of 2020.
- e) Adult renewal for April is being watched
- f) Reserves
 - i) Insurance has reduced slightly
 - ii) DOA has reduced, funds have been moved to the equipment reserve and Flood reserve (\$20,000)
- 4) Member Management Software - Deb, Christina
 - a) Options for enhanced Communications, Financials, Registration, Document Management,
 - b) 12 Objections have been captured for so
 - c) Concern that we are reviewing software without completion of objectives

New Business

- 1) Adult Practice Schedule and Protocols- Kristy
 - a) Sweep
 - i) Important to separate Intermediate and Experiences Rowers starting April
 - ii) Important to have intermediates exposed to both Competitive and Rec teams
 - iii) Important to have coaches that meet the teams expectations
 - iv) Important to start season with drills for fitness and technique
 - b) Sculling
 - i) Steve and Dean available for coaching
 - ii) Kickoff approx. mid-April
 - iii) Need to determine logistics
 - c) Time on water is a concern, how do we get Adults more water time
 - d) Masking
 - i) Needs more discussion
 - ii) Will continue to stay with the current Masking requirement (on and off water)
- 2) Need to make risk assessment regarding Masks for Juniors Rowers/Coxswains
 - a) Discussion regarding
 - i) Country lifting mask requirements while exercising
 - ii) Comments that the Mask requirements were why some rowers did not renew
 - iii) With Regattas now the focus, practices will be designed for racing

Motion: to rollback Youth Mask criteria to Fall protocols made by Deb, Seconded Kristy, Passed (Passed 9-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain)

Action: Julie to send out new communication to Juniors/Coaches/Parents
- 3) Purchasing a new(used) single for mid-heavy weight
 - a) Cost of a used 1x was estimated at approx. 5-6 thousand

Action: Steve to reach out to Chuck C, Steve G, and/or Jeff Martin for help on specifications

 - b) Discussion on funding
 - i) Can we ask for donations again?
 - ii) Maybe look into fundraising? Ergathon?

Around the Room- Any updates from board members and/or their committees

- 1) Steve
 - a) N/A
- 2) Kristy

- a) Suggestion to pass on information on masks that are good masks to row
- 3) Deb
 - a) Policy draft for a fee based boathouse use
- 4) Vicky
 - a) N/A
- 5) Julie
 - a) Diversity and Inclusion
 - i) Fund-raising has had a lot of discussion
 - ii) Updated scholarship communications
- 6) Carissa
 - a) N/A
- 7) Christina
 - a) N/A
- 8) Ruth
 - a) N/A
- 9) Eric
 - a) N/A

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn made by Julie, seconded by Deb, (Passed Yes-9, No-0) meeting adjourned at 8:55pm