



# ANN ARBOR ROWING CLUB

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## Board Meeting

Monday, August 10th, 2015

6:30-8:30 PM

REI Conference Room

Present: Martin Myers, Dave Olson, Blake McGowan, Paula Goforth, Janet Goldberg, Julie Janusz, Lisa Psarouthakis, Nora Krinitsky and Sara Gronewold

Absent: Tamara Stein

Guest: Cyndi Ives

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Blake moved to approve the minutes from the May and June. Janet supported the motion and it passed with unanimous approval.

Adaptive Program: Paula and Cyndi

- New oars for adaptive boat have been a big hit with Caitlin. Easier for arms only rowers.
- Three regular adaptive rowers. Caitlin, Robert, and .....Working with another woman, Barb, who is still working on the erg at this time.
- Looking into purchasing a transfer board for the dock.
- 4 adaptive scullers, 3 teens on the spectrum.
- 4-8 Team RW&B rowers.
- Very successful program but a high ratio of volunteers to rowers.

Question: Can/should we figure out a way to compensate volunteers for their work with the adaptive program? There is a concern that if we start giving cox credits for those who help with the adaptive program that it will be complicated to track.

Committee is requesting extra cox credits for spotting during adaptive rows and for those who row in a double behind an adaptive rower.

Will take this to the program committee for a final decision on what positions get credit and which don't.

Cyndi would like to offer a launch driver class for those who would be interested in learning how help drive a launch for the adaptive program. Special skills are needed to be able to approach adaptive rowers. August 28<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date.

#### Director Report: Sara

- Master's Nationals: trailer loading plan is in place. Last revision on coxswain placement just completed.
- Coaches: Losing Brendan, Sharon, and Jerry. Pioneer is back on the water so Sharon is done. Jerry is handling a very busy sculling program all by himself. Have approached Katie Peretick about coming back. Will work on finding more coaches.
- HOTC interest is due today. Will look at potential boat lottery based upon interest.

#### President Report: Martin

- ADA ramp being installed next week. Will make a new temporary ramp for launching.
- Julie has done a spread sheet to track cox/ row ratio and monthly payments. Her efforts have enabled the club to identify and collect missing payments. Thank you Julie!
- Weed harvesting went well. Will track down the High School and UM teams to collect their share.
- May want to add more launches for MCI to help direct canoe and kayak traffic.

#### Membership Report:

- Numbers are strong for this time of year. 151 members.
- Sculling membership is really high-many more than last year. May need to consider limiting numbers that show up for regular practice.
- LTR numbers have been very good this season.

#### Programming:

- The committee is meeting next Tuesday and will look at all the issues raised so far. Adaptive, evening program, sculling program, out-of-practice rowing...etc.

#### Finance Report: Blake

- The club is in great financial shape. \$55,000.00 in the bank right now. \$16,000.00 in capital equipment account.
- MCI-still many outstanding checks.

Insurance: Dave

- Insurance is all set. No changes.

Social Committee report: Nora

- Post MCI party was really well received.
- Possible bowling outing in September.
- Halloween row is planned.

Safety Committee: Sara, Paula, Janet.

- A few reports have been submitted in the last few weeks. Need to tighten up the rules for out of program rowing. Need to communicate better with other rowers if we have scrimmages.

Reminder: Board elections are in September. Current board members should solicit nominations for election for next year.

New Business: Julie

- Julie has produced a summary of how much rowing is happening to get an idea of how many different types of boats are going out and when. She also sent out rules that she follows when collecting cox credits. Julie would like a sub group to review and edit for posting on the website.

Parting thought: With the difficulty in finding coaches during the fall, may want to consider limiting the number of rows available per week, or add more uncoached practices.

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 pm

Approved: 9-14-15