



Westerville Rowing Club
March Board and Coaches Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2025, 6:30pm
Westerville Public Library, Westerville, OH 43081

Invited Attendance

- o Present:
 - Chair- Jeff Latimer
 - Vice Chair- Melissa Kappes
 - Secretary- Allison Marshall
 - Treasurer- Bruce Binnig (also Master's)
 - Members-At-Large:
 - Jeff Klima
 - Coaches:
 - Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach
 - Grace Bordner: Head Coach and Women's Lead Coach
 - Cory Henderson: Men's Lead Coach
 - Betsy Binnig: Masters Coach
- o Not Present:
 - Victor Rosenberg

Votes During Meeting

MOTION To sell the Wintech straight four. Seconded. Discussion about listing on row2k and offering trade or to sell.

REVISED MOTION To trade the Wintech 4- for a coxed four. Seconded. Passed 4/4.

MOTION To purchase the 2 new vespa eights and finance over three years. 76K, 84 after financing. 20% down (14-15K) plus shipping/delivery. Seconded. Vote: 1 for/3 against/1 abstain.

Discussions

1. Budget
 - a. Regatta budgets.
 - i. See seasonal updates.
 - b. Coaching costs.
 - i. Discussed a spreadsheet that compares coaching payroll costs last year to so far this year.
 1. Cost-saving measures established over winter are paying off.
 - ii. Discussed the need to clarify and document the reimbursement of coaches travel costs to away regattas.
 - iii. Discussed the plan for routine gas can fillings.

2. Equipment
 - a. Status of equipment purchases.
 - i. Discussed the current needs.
 1. A four and two eights.
 - ii. Discussed options for meeting these needs within our current budget.
 - b. Votes about equipment:
 - i. MOTION To sell the Wintech straight four. Seconded. Discussion
 1. Put on row2k offering trade or to sell.
 2. REVISED MOTION To trade the Wintech 4- for a coxed four. Seconded. Passed 4/4.
 - ii. MOTION To purchase the 2 new vespo eights and finance over three years. 76K, 84 after financing. 20% down (14-15K) plus shipping/delivery. Seconded. Vote 1 for/3 against/1 abstain.
3. Coaching Updates
 - a. Coaches presented the need for a bulk order of bolts and washers before regattas in Spring.
4. Registration:
 - a. Numbers as of Mar 25
 - i. Men: 39
 - ii. Women: 38
 - iii. U14: 26
 - b. Roster Checks
 - i. Discussed how much has been collected in dues so far for Spring and the collecting past due fees from Fall and Winter.
 - ii. Discussed how to be more transparent with club about dues collection, such as sharing current amount collected in weekly email.
 - iii. Discussed establishing a requirement to pay before racing.
5. Programming/Seasonal Updates
 - a. Discussed how the regatta spending budget is working out.
 - i. Spending is within or under budget on entries and travel costs.
 - b. Discussed upcoming scrimmage.
 - c. Discussed entries and coaches travel costs for Cincinnati Invites.
 - d. Discussed Dogwood, Indianapolis, and Midwest entries.
 - e. Discussed Nationals and making sure parents know what's involved.
 - i. Grace sent out a survey for parents to complete about whether they'd be able to attend, should the chance arise.
 - f. Dillon
 - i. Discussed regatta chair roles that have recently been filled and still need filled.
 - ii. Updates given about fundraising, launch boat driver trainings, and site-related questions.
 - g. Fall select regatta.
 - i. Discussed Hooch vs Charles for the Fall season.

1. Due to performance last year, men's entries at Hooch are not guaranteed. This is how their rules work.
 2. Hooch overall is the preference because we can get more entries than we can to Charles, so more athletes can attend.
- h. Varsity lettering
- i. List of lettering athletes due by April 25.