



Westerville Rowing Club  
**July Board Meeting Minutes**

July 16, 2025, 6:30pm  
Easton Community Room, Columbus Ohio

**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
    - Nate Rhone
    - Victor Rosenberg
- o Not Present:
  - Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach

**1. Votes Taken During Meeting**

- a. Approval of notes and minutes from June. See section 2.
- b. MOTION to approve the Select Regatta policy. Seconded. Vote passed 6/0/0.
- c. MOTION to approve the Ref Compensation policy. Seconded. Vote passed
- d. MOTION to approve the Coaches Travel Reimbursement policy. Seconded. Vote passed 6/1/0.
- e. MOTION To purchase BAT logic baseplates and footplates for all seats in all boats. Seconded. Vote 4/1/2.
- f. MOTION to raise Fall dues to 1150 for Juniors and 425 for U14. Seconded. Vote 6/0/1.
- g. MOTION to enter our 1V8 Men's and Women's into the lottery for Charles. Only the 1V8s will be entered. If one boat gets in and the other does, we will not put other boats on the waitlist. Seconded. Vote 6/0/1.
- h. MOTION to go to Head of the Muskingum. Seconded. Vote passed 6/1/0.

**2. Approval of Notes and Documentation**

- a. June Board Meeting Notes
  - i. MOTION to approve the June board meeting notes. Seconded. Vote passed 5/0/0.
- b. June Board Meeting Minutes
  - i. MOTION to approve the June board meeting minutes. Seconded. Vote passed 6/0/0.

- c. June Board/Coaches Meetings Notes
    - i. MOTION to approve the June board and coaches meeting notes. Seconded. Vote passed 6/0/0.
  - d. June Board/Coaches Meetings Minutes
    - i. Discussion about personal boat storage.
    - ii. MOTION to approve the June board and coaches meeting minutes. Seconded. Vote passed 6/0/0.
  - e. Select Regatta Policy
    - i. Discussion about reviewer comments in policy. Adjustments made to document.
    - ii. MOTION to approve the Select Regatta policy. Seconded. Vote passed 6/0/0.
  - f. Referee Compensation Policy
    - i. Discussion about compensation for coaches who are not athletes or athlete parents.
    - ii. MOTION to approve the Ref Compensation policy. Seconded. Vote passed
  - g. Coaches Travel and Reimbursement Policy
    - i. MOTION to approve the Coaches Travel Reimbursement policy. Seconded. Vote passed 6/1/0.
  - h. Varsity Letter Qualification Policy
    - i. Doesn't need approval.
3. Unfinished Business
- a. Discussion about current state of erg room lease and the rate increase.
  - b. Discussion about the creation of an official scholarship fund.
    - i. Current financial assistance/scholarship fund is loosely defined.
    - ii. Need rules, guidelines, etc.
  - c. Discussion about the financing of the new Vespoli 8s.
    - i. Currently set up to pay Vespoli quarterly. The club to pay off half and the other half comes from parents' fundraising (balance left \$24060 to come from fundraising).
  - d. Discussion about the purchase of replacement fours.
    - i. Nothing available right now. We have word out to Vespo etc to look for us.
  - e. Discussion about purchasing the Bat Logic shoes and clip system.
    - i. For the cost of what we currently spend on replacement shoes for one year, we could upgrade all of our boats to this system. Will save club money in the long run. Shoes can be removed and athletes take them home. Shoes will last longer and be per-athlete so cleaner and have better fit. Athletes can purchase new shoes or from our gently used inventory.
    - ii. Requires clear plans for implementation.
    - iii. MOTION purchase BAT logic baseplates and footplates for all seats in all boats. Seconded. Vote 4/1/2.
  - f. Discussion about Fall kickoff/parent meeting.

- i. No updates. Need location.
    - g. Discussion about coaching needs and costs for Fall season.
    - h. Discussion about other programming needs.
  - 4. Discussion about current budget numbers.
  - 5. Discussion about the Boathouse.
    - a. We have through end of June 2026 for current funding.
    - b. Committee is formed and meeting this weekend.
  - 6. Programming/Seasonal Updates
    - a. Summer
      - i. Discussion about updates regarding the upcoming State of the Club meeting.
    - b. Fall
      - i. Discussion about increasing dues starting in Fall. Dues increase:
        - 1. Current budget indicates a deficit.
        - 2. Club to absorb Sportsengine fees for paying by credit card.
        - 3. Last increase was Spring of 2022. \$50.
        - 4. MOTION to raise Fall dues to 1150 for Juniors and 425 for U14. Seconded. Vote 6/0/1.
      - ii. Discussion about Fall schedule.
        - 1. Cuyahoga Sept 27
        - 2. Haxton/Speakmon
        - 3. Hooch - Oct 31-2 - select for varsity/lottery
        - 4. Muskingum?
        - 5. Charles?
      - iii. Discussion about attending the Charles.
        - 1. MOTION to enter our 1V8 Men's and Women's into the lottery for Charles. Only the 1V8s will be entered. If one boat gets in and the other does, we will not put other boats on the waitlist. Seconded. Vote 6/0/1.
      - iv. Discussion about adding Head of the Muskingum to our schedule - Oct 11.
        - 1. MOTION to go to Head of the Muskingum. Seconded. Vote passed 6/1/0.
  - 7. Communications
    - a. Discussion about improving communication between board and committees by inviting them to attend board and coaches meetings. Physical checkins/conversations beneficial. Once per season minimum.