



Westerville Rowing Club
June Board and Coaches Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025, 6:30pm
Easton Community Room, Columbus, OH

- **Invited Attendance**

- Present:

- Vice Chair- Melissa Kappes
- Secretary- Allison Marshall
- Treasurer- Bruce Binnig (also Master's)
- Members-At-Large:
 - Jeff Klima
- Coaches:
 - Grace Bordner: Women's Head Coach
 - Cory Henderson: Interim Men's Head Coach
 - Betsy Binnig: Masters Coach

- Not Present:

- Chair- Jeff Latimer
- Victor Rosenberg
- Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach

Meeting rescheduled from June 8. Focus for today is Dillon.

Votes taken during this meeting

MOTION To give \$25 per half-day shift to each launch boat driver. This can be given as cash or as a voucher that can be put toward the next season's dues (Juniors, U14, or Masters). Seconded. Passed 5/0/0.

Minutes

1. Dillon ****Priority****

- a. AED Status: Need one on site. Discussion about options.
 - i. AED grant won't be decided until after end of June. Cannot plan on having it in time, if we receive it.
 - ii. Nate is working with contacts to borrow one.
- b. Discussion about changing referee compensation.
 - i. Current compensation scheme dates to a time when the referee pool wasn't as large. The pool now is much larger, so this scheme is not needed.

- ii. Proposal is to pay all refs an amount commensurate with the event. Internal refs can apply this amount to next season's fees.
 - iii. Board did not vote because the club regatta committee determines how much we pay refs.
 - c. Discussion about launches and engines.
 - i. We need at least 12 launches/engines, with backup engines.
 - ii. Two john boats and engines have been purchased with the Straker grant funds. The engines are 2-cycle which take different fuel. This is important to note on the engines.
 - d. Discussion about launch driver compensation.
 - i. Compensating launch drivers is a common practice at regattas.
 - ii. Important because launch drivers are critical and must be competent and well-trained.
 - iii. Proposal is to give \$25/half day shift. Could be a voucher toward next season's dues or cash. Total is \$600 for 12 drivers @ 2 shifts each.
 - iv. MOTION To give \$25 per half-day shift to each launch boat driver. This can be given as cash or as a voucher that can be put toward the next season's dues (Juniors, U14, or Masters). Seconded. Passed 5/0/0.
 - 1. Other grants
 - e. Discussion about the course.
 - i. Plan is to start putting course in a week before Dillon. Need to obtain permission from the park manager.
 - f. Discussion about fun extras.
 - i. There are 4 dash races at the end. Would like fun funky prizes. 500m. Money could be earmarked for special projects (scholarship fund?).
 - ii. Fun things for the kids' events. The finish buoys will go to the M/W 8s. Other options?
- 2. Discussion about scrimmages. Permits need to be done way ahead of time, 3-4 months. Westerville and Columbus required.