

Bainbridge Island Rowing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 6/24/2020, 7:00 PM



Location: Video Conference

Board Members

Present: Jill Bamburg, Rob Bloom, Celia Clark, Julia Czesla, Tim Dore, Sue Entress, John Foy, Kurt Frost, Rob Hershberg, Kris Kutchera, Anthony Oddo, Sommer Vincent, Faith Watson

Absent: Jennifer Ames-Karreman, Meloni Courtway, Kayla Musser

Quorum present: Yes (14/16)

Others present: Bruce Beall

Proceedings

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President, Sue Entress.

Agenda

- Agenda was reviewed. **MOTION** by Julia Czesla to approve the agenda. Seconded by Celia Clark, all approved.

Minutes

- **MOTION** by Rob Bloom to approve the May 27, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Anthony Oddo, all approved.

Board Transitions

- Sue Entress will step down as BIR Board President in August. The presidency is typically a two-year role, which Sue has graciously filled for nearly four years. She will stay on the Board and work on development and communications.
- Kris Kutchera will act as interim Board president until a longer-term replacement is identified. We therefore need a Board member to act as secretary.
- Jill Bamberg will lead a strategic planning and organization structure effort to ensure objectives are met and roles are manageable.
- Meloni Courtway is taking a leave of absence from the Board.
- Tracy Sublett is available to take on additional responsibilities as needed.

Juniors

- Sue Entress provided an update on the juniors from Kayla Musser.
- Attended the BHS Seniors Car Parade in support of BIR teammates.

- Juniors are looking forward to hearing about summer rowing but are also enjoying resting on their first week off from school.

Juniors Program Liaison

- Faith Watson provided an update on the junior rowing program.
- The Bainbridge Island boat with 4 junior boys finished 9th out of 21 crews in the national virtual erging competition.
- The senior picnic celebration is scheduled for June 26 but contingent on Kitsap County entering Phase 3 of Reopening Washington.
- Start of the junior rowing program is also contingent on Phase 3. Will need to continue to be flexible and keep information flowing to parents and rowers.

<Power outage interrupted the meeting. Faith Watson and Celia Clark were unable to rejoin.>

Development

- Rob Bloom provided an overview of progress on this year's virtual Dream Big event.
- This is the 20th Anniversary of BIR, a nice time to showcase our internal talent.
- Agreed on virtual auction with small house parties on October 10, goal: \$150K.
- Wing Point reservation will be canceled.
- **ACTION:** Send email to Kurt Frost and Sue Entress to approve and sign contracts.

Rob Bloom

- Planning committee meets every Monday and needs a few more volunteers. Contact Rob if you want to help.
- Received an \$8K grant from Bainbridge Community Foundation to make programs more affordable now and in fall.
- Bruce Beall and Jennifer Ames-Karreman are continuing regular conversations with potential major donors.
- Planning small private gathering in recognition of Bryson Allen on July 3.

Return to Rowing

- John Foy provided an overview on reopening masters rowing meeting COVID-19 requirements.
- Reopening rowing programs safely has been a lot of work by a lot of people.
- Focused attention on sanitization of equipment, facility, and members, with continual process improvement.
- BIR's approach is unique with coached sessions rather than uncoached boat check outs. Singles are required for social distancing. Doubles are OK for members of the same household. Maximum of 5 rowers per session.
- Starting program from scratch with 3 singles. Many thanks to members loaning singles for the program; currently have 10 singles, potentially 14-15 in the future.
- 36 masters have registered for singles rowing.
- 3-week "flights" with 1-2 rows per week.

- Juniors to start once Kitsap County is in Phase 3 of reopening with 2 2-week flights.
- Payment for each flight is due in advance.
- Accommodating refund/credit scenarios based on rower requests.

Rowing Center Construction

- Tim Dore provided an update on rowing center construction.
- Target end date: July 3.
- A fix above the rollup doors will impact rowing operations on that day.
- Rob Hershberg will coordinate the key card access system.
- Once Phase 2A is complete, informal walkthroughs for Board members will be arranged.

Safety

- **ACTION:** Review and provide input to Safety Policies and Procedures for approval in the July Board meeting. **All Board members.**

Meeting adjourned without executive session at 8:48 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, Video conference
Board Reports will be due July 19.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kris Kutchera