

Bainbridge Island Rowing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 9/23/2020, 7:00 PM



Location: Video Conference

Board Members

Present: Jennifer Ames-Karreman, Jill Bamburg, Rob Bloom, Celia Clark, Julia Czesla, Tim Dore, Grant Dull, Sue Entress, John Foy, Kurt Frost, Kris Kutchera, Kayla Musser, Sommer Vincent, Faith Watson

Absent: Rob Hershberg, Anthony Oddo

Quorum: Yes (15/16)

Others present: Bruce Beall

Proceedings

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President, Sue Entress.

Agenda

- **MOTION** by Rob Bloom to approve the revised agenda. Seconded by Tim Dore, all approved.

Minutes

- **MOTION** by Jennifer Ames-Karreman to approve the August 26, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Seconded by Jill Bamburg, all approved.
- Upcoming Board meeting schedule adjusted due to holidays:
 - October 28
 - November 18
 - December 9 (if needed)

Juniors

- Kayla Musser provided an update on the juniors.
- Feedback on the fall season from boys and girls captains is positive. Remote school has been tough, and people are appreciating the opportunity to row.
- Coaches are doing a good job of keeping sessions organized.

Director of Rowing - Fall Rowing

- Bruce Beall provided an update on juniors rowing.
- The fall junior season is logistically complex but working through it. Girls and boys (60 kids total) are on the water two days a week, with land workouts on alternate days. Working on schedule for a third day on the water, either Friday or Saturday.
- 16 singles for the programs. The damaged boat has been repaired.

- Zoom meetings for coaches on Thursdays to discuss logistics, safety, radios, etc.
- Several radios have been lost in the water; looking into floating radios.
- Bill Booth has offered to make a conference room table with some donated fir slabs. **ACTION:** Review conference room table dimensions with Tim Dore. **Bruce Beall**
- Many thanks to people who have loaned single boats for the program. We would not have had a season otherwise. **ACTION:** Connect with Julia Czesla, who volunteered to organize recognition of singles owners. **Bruce Beall**

Masters

- Celia Clark provided an update on the masters program.
- Everyone being resilient and positive despite changes, smoke, electrical storms, etc.
- Agreed to extend masters flights by 1-2 weeks to make up for missed days due to smoke and weather. **ACTION:** Communicate the makeup schedule to masters. **Celia Clark**
- One remaining Coaches and Coordinators meeting before the end of year. Encouraging coaches to attend.
- Several masters are interested in purchasing singles and loaning for program use. **ACTION:** Notify Celia of singles for sale. **All**
- Lots of interest in singles rowing for long term, potentially a new program. Storage space limitations would need to be addressed.

Dream Big

- Rob Bloom provided an update on Dream Big.
- Currently 26 live and silent auction items
- The Coaches Wet Bar offered by the board is an awesome bucket of booze including a major donation of Bainbridge Distillery goods.
- 3 artists are donating items and we will promote the Bainbridge Island Studio Tour.
- Invitations go out this week to our members, rowing families, donor list, the community, and alumni. Follow up emails will be sent with additional information.
- Preorder meals will be offered by Via Rosa, Heyday Market and Sweet Dalia Baking.
- There will be a social hour before the auction.
- Lots of great photos and footage of boathouse, drone photography and time lapse video of construction.
- Auction will be mostly on YouTube TV with pre-recorded segments; auctioneers will broadcast live from Vashon Performing Arts.
- A huge thank you to the Dream Big team: Jennifer Ames-Karreman, Rob Bloom, Julia Czesla, Sue Entress, John Foy, Sommer Vincent, Celia Clark, Tracy Sublett, Karol Daniellson, Michelle DeCouteau, Meloni Courtway, Brian Berdan, David Cohen, James Sheldon, Dani Stoehr, Asa & David Rabin!!

Development

- Jennifer Ames-Karreman provided an update on upcoming community grants.
- While some organizations are pausing their community grants, others are not.
- With membership down 40-50% this year, fees and dues cannot cover costs of operations. We will focus community grant requests on scholarships and funding to offset operational costs.
- Julia Czieszla is leading the effort with One Call For All.
- Contact Jennifer with any other input or awareness of other grants.
- Thanks to gifts from the Alder Fund and Bainbridge Community Foundation, BIR is offering a screening of *A Most Beautiful Thing* (October 1-3) followed by a virtual Q&A with author Arshay Cooper on Saturday, October 3 at 5:30 PM. Regional rowers, friends of BIR, and community members will be invited to participate.

Financials

- Kurt Frost provided an update on the financials.
- Currently operating under very constrained conditions with coach ratios of 1:5 vs historical ratios of 1:10 or more. Thanks to member donations and the PPP grant, we have sufficient funds for 2020.
- Based on conservative assumptions, 2021 would produce an operating deficit, but the carryforward cash position from 2020 would result in a cash balance at year-end 2021 of close to zero.
- Many thanks to the coaches, parents and other people who have been volunteering their time to allow BIR to stay open during this challenging time!!

Questions about the Consolidated Report

- Investigating requirements to obtain a temporary certificate of occupancy for the upper level of the boathouse for indoor training.
- Upcoming purchases: specialized ladder for upper level windows and vacuum cleaner.
- The card key access system for the boathouse will be activated in the next few weeks.

Meeting adjourned without executive session at 8:49 PM.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, Video conference
Board Reports will be due October 25.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kris Kutchera