

Bainbridge Island Rowing  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
10/26/22, 7:15 PM



Location: Videoconference / Marge Williams Center  
Conference Room

**Board Members**

**Present:** Jennifer Ames-Karreman (joining at 7:55 pm), Andrew Block, Laura Bottger, Lindsay Browning, Hannah Cutler, Julia Czieszla, Melanie Edenholm, Sue Entress, Mirén First, John Foy, Kris Kutchera, Marc Stewart, Tim Verharen, Beth Wheeler (via intermittent wifi access)

**Absent:** Jill Bamburg, Celia Clark, Brandon Fleet

**Quorum: Yes (14/17)**

**Others Present:** Mary Agliam

**Proceedings**

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM PT by President, Kris Kutchera

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Minutes**

- **MOTION** by John Foy to approve the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Tim Verharen, all approve.

**Agenda**

- **MOTION** by Melanie Edenholm to approve October 26, 2022 Agenda. Seconded by Marc Stewart, all approve.

**Month in Review - September 2022 - Kris Kutchera**

- In October, we had successful showings at Tail of the Lake and American Lake with many medals and placings. Athletes are now training for our last regatta of the year, Head of the Lake on November 6.
- Coaches are finalizing plans for winter training, which will be held in the lower level of the boathouse while construction is taking place in the upper level.
- Mirén First and Andrew Block have filled all of the team parent roles for the year.

- Celia Clark and Coach Redge are resurrecting the team coordinators and regatta committee to provide needed support for the adult programs.
- Next month, Judy Friesem will be facilitating a couple of discussions on Aging while Rowing with the goal of discussing the benefits and concerns of rowing into our later years, and brainstorming ways to stay safe physically and emotionally.
- As part of our Public Campaign, we staffed a booth and bake sale at the October Art Walk / Moonlight Market, and hosted the One Call For All kickoff at the boathouse. These events were a huge success thanks to Jennifer Ames-Karreman, Beth Wheeler, Mirén First, Hannah Cutler, Bruce Beall, and our other volunteers.
- John Foy, Jeff Krueger, Beth Wheeler and the Design Committee are vetting the proposal from Clark Construction, and contract documents are being prepared with a November start date in mind.
- On the event rentals front, Lindsay Browning is joining the Development Team and will provide leadership on the business plan for venue rentals.
- Thank you, everyone, for all you do!
- It's time to start thinking about nominations for our 2023 Board of Directors. We will have at least two open two-year term positions plus the junior representative position, which is a one-year term. Succession planning for our officer roles will be an essential consideration in selecting new Board members.
- I will be scheduling time with each of you before the end of the year to listen to feedback and discuss your hopes and aspirations for the coming year.

#### **Financials Update - Melanie Edenhalm**

- Financials remain on steady footing; higher than budget member totals and revenue.

#### **Construction Update - John Foy**

- HVAC design is nearly complete and should address both large and small gatherings. Very close to resolution.
- Contract revisions and refinement continue by BIR, CAA, and BIR's attorney. Slated to be sent to Clark this week.
- Design Committee completed review of value-engineering proposals.
- Construction should start next month.

#### **Questions on Consolidated Report**

- No questions

Jennifer Ames-Karreman joined the meeting.

#### **Development - Jennifer Ames-Karreman**

- Lindsay Browning has joined the Development team focussed on Event Rentals, and will be formulating a roadmap for that business with the team.

- Interested rental parties will complete a form on the BIR website with their event information; Mary Agliam will be assisting with the processing of the Event Rental inquiries.
- Once the CCI contract has been finalized, we will ask the Board to approve confirming event rentals scheduled for 60 days from completion.
- Kris Kutchera, Mary Agliam, and Lindsay will meet next week to refine the Event Rentals process.
- Lindsay encourages board members to try out the Event Rentals link on the BIR website, and to share info about rental availability, once completed, with the larger community.
- Julia Czesla noted that net income from DreamBig has been revised to \$160K.

Mary Agliam departed the meeting.

**MOTION** by Hannah Cutler to adjourn to Executive Session. Jennifer Ames-Karreman seconded. All approve. Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:07 pm.

**MOTION** by John Foy to adjourn meeting. Melanie Edenholm seconded. All approve. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Beth Wheeler, with notes from Laura Bottger and John Foy.