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**Bainbridge Island Rowing  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – June 26, 2024**



Location: SPRC/Boathouse and Zoom Video conference

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Ames-Karreman, Jill Bamburg, Ben Drury, Kathy Kalstrup, Stacey Nordgren, Gabriela Pinto, Joanie Ransom, Scott Roesch

**Absent:** Andrew Block, Sheelagh Carleton, Celia Clark, Kim Dalan, Brandon Fleet, John Foy, Kris Kutchera, Gracie Payne

**Quorum: Yes (8/16)**

**Others Present:** Lindsay Browning, Kurt Frost, Judy Friesm, Cynti Oshin, Amanda Harper

Meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM by Jill B.

**Topics of Discussion:**

- Announcement made of 2 new hires to the BIR staff: Director of Program and Business Development and Deputy Director of Rowing. Plans were made for announcing this to the existing staff and all club members/rowers.
- Update on the Jr Nationals financials - charges were greater than what was communicated to the parents; consideration of issuing refunds to junior families that may have been overcharged.
- Kurt F. discussed the budget to actuals. Conclusion: despite Jr. Nationals payouts, additional expenses we are on track to be within budget.
- Judy Friesm joined the meeting and led a discussion on neurodiversity that is anticipated to be an ongoing issue for BIR; conversion is welcome around how the club and Board can support these student rowers.
- The Board desires to send a response to Connor Verharen, who sent a letter to the full Board in May. Jill B. will draft a letter to Connor for the full board to consider and sign.
- Amanda Harper and Cynti Oshin joined the meeting to present the Auction theme and campaign: **Changing Lives** - 4 pillars:
  - rowing changes lives
  - gathering changes lives
  - sharing changes lives
  - community changes lives
- The Board acknowledged and celebrated Lindsay Browning and her contributions to BIR.
- Gabriela P. discussed the Corporate Sponsorship program creation.
- Jennifer Ames-Karreman presented the elements of the Brown Bear sponsored Fall Invitational Regatta.

**MOTIONS:**

1. **MOTION to offer a refund to all junior rowers who participated in 2023 Nationals to correct the difference in costs charged versus costs to be charged as presented in team communications.**

Moved by Scott R. 2nd by Ben D.

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Vote: All in favor. Motion carries.

- 2. MOTION to keep the 2024 Nationals cost of attendance consistent with what was communicated by coaches to junior rowers via emails during spring 2024 season.**

Moved by Scott R. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy K.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carries.

- 3. MOTION to update the Kitsap Bank signatories via Corporate Resolution to reflect our current board officers.**

Moved by Gabriela P. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanie R.

Vote: All in favor. Motion carries.

- 4. MOTION to create a Bill Booth Boathouse Maintenance Reserve fund to set aside reserves for the future of maintenance of the SPRC/Boathouse; funded by donations and future budget surpluses, with funds that may only be spent upon a specific board motion garnering a majority vote.**

Moved by Kathy K. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer A-K.

Discussion: Advantages presented is that we can raise restricted funds for this if a fund is created. Disadvantages regarding restricted funding and challenge to raise funds specifically for this need to be explored further.

Motion Tabled pending further and full discussion.

Secretary sought approval of past minutes:

- 5. MOTION to approve May 26, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.**

Moved by Scott R. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben D. No discussion.

Vote: Motion passed. Jennifer and Scott abstained-not present at previous meeting.

- 6. MOTION to approve June 18, 2024, Special Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.**

Moved by Joanie R. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott R. No discussion.

Vote: Motion passed.

- 7. MOTION to adjourn the Regular Meeting.**

Moved by Gabriela P. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott R.

Vote: Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Note: No Executive Session was convened during this June 2024 board meeting.

Minutes Submitted by Stacey Nordgren, BIR Secretary.

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