

**Bainbridge Island Rowing  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – July 24, 2024**



Location: SPRC/Boathouse and Zoom Video conference

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Block, Jill Bamburg, Celia Clark, Kim Dalan Ben Drury, John Foy, Kris Kutchera, Kathy Kalstrup, Stacey Nordgren, Gabriela Pinto, Joanie Ransom, Scott Roesch

**Absent:** Jennifer Ames-Karreman, Sheelagh Carleton, Brandon Fleet, Gracie Payne

**Quorum: Yes (12/16)**

**Others Present:** Melanie Edenhalm, Bruce Beall, Amanda Pekasky

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Jill B. Item added to the posted agenda - a safety issue.

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:**

- **Hazardous filter fabric at boat ramp/water access:** Ben Drury, Safety Officer, contacted COBI seeking remediation of the tripping hazard caused by the filter fabric at the boat ramp. Ben received COBI's permission today to maintain the existing fabric by trimming loose fabric immediately.
- Introductions and welcomes between **Amanda Pekasky** and board members.
- **Corporate Sponsorships**—Gabriela P. presented the BIR Corporate Sponsorship Tracker 2024 Excel sheet and gave directions on how to proceed with business introductions to be approached as a sponsor. Other resources are available in the shared drive.
- **Review of Q1 and Q2 financials** - Scott and Melanie
  - Review of financial statements are underway
  - ATTACH Financials that Scott presented
  - Showed Budget to Actuals to date
  - Q2 Profit and Loss and summary
  - Balance Sheet as of June 2024
- **Discuss creating an Open Team for Juniors** - to accommodate various levels of commitment, ability, and disposition; there could be a place for everyone beyond the competitive team.
  - How does BIR find and staff coaching for an open team?
  - Thoughts of BOD members on the first review:
    - How many current rowers do coaches think are interested in this option? Bruce B. believes maybe 6-10 kids
    - Important to gauge interest in this from the kids who dropped out last year; must figure out how to do this
    - What parents do we want to send the email of interest too? Probably not the full team.

- This practice and all boats will be mixed gender
- Take out the “neurodiverse” labeling in the presentation of this pilot - this offering is for many rowers and many reasons
- Possibility to compete? maybe a scrimmage.
- Bruce B. notes that this fall, 2024, a Novice team (open to all ages) will be formed, and some need for options will be met there.
- Coaches assessed that there is a definite need for this program, and have worked to develop this idea over a few years.
- Practice will be at the same time as the juniors.
- The financial impact of this is unknown at this time. There is potential for this to be negative, certainly. But Bruce believes there will be kids who won’t otherwise row, so it may be a cash-positive endeavor. This will need to be understood before proceeding with offering a Pilot.
- Cap is 16 rowers for a Pilot this fall. The minimum number is unclear at this time.

**MOTIONS:**

Secretary sought approval of past minutes:

**MOTION to approve JUNE 26, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.**

Moved by Kathy K. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben D. No discussion.

Vote: Motion passed. Andrew Block, Celia Clark, Kim Dalan, John Foy, Kris Kutchera abstained— not present at previous meeting.

**MOTION to adjourn the Regular Meeting.**

Moved by John F. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott R.

Vote: Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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

Minutes Submitted by Stacey Nordgren, BIR Secretary.

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