

**Bainbridge Island Rowing  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 28, 2025**



Location: SPRC/Boathouse and via Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Andrew Block, Kim Dalan, Brandon Fleet, John Foy, Kayla Holbeck, Kathy Kalstrup, Kris Kutchera, Eric Ludwig, Drew Marlar, Lisa Mudgett, Gracie Payne, Gabriela Pinto

**Absent:** Jennifer Ames-Karreman, Ben Drury, Sheelagh Carleton, Scott Roesch

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

**Others Present:** Walker Hauptman, Amanda Pekasky

**Proceedings:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM by Kathy K.

Secretary sought approvals from the Board:

**MOTION to approve the Agenda as presented.**

Moved by Drew / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrew.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION to approve 4.23, Board Meeting Minutes as amended via email.**

Moved by Andrew / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gabi.

Discussion: none

Vote: Motion carries.

**Thank you**

- The Board thanked Gracie for her service at the top of her final meeting as the Junior Representative.

**Insurance Update & Next Steps**

- Assessing expanded coverage options for non-rowing events; evaluating bundled policy via new potential partner.
- Working with COBI on simplifying events utilizing the lawn outside of the rowing center.
  - Proposal includes BIR handling the calendar to manage lawn bookings and fees to simplify events and removing special event permitting and police requirements.

**Consideration/Approval of City Dock Agreement**

- Finalizing 5-year renewable dock agreement with COBI

## **Motion to approve BIR Dock Agreement and authorize Amanda to sign with COBI.**

Moved by Drew 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric

Discussion: None

All in favor.

## **Membership & Program Updates**

- Juniors: Large Senior class this year means keeping a close eye on next year's enrolment to meet goals
  - 50 of targeted 90 registered for summer "Try Rowing" sessions
  - Over 50% of current 8th graders signed up; possible 7th grade pilot under exploration.
- Adult Program participation remains strong, Novice Program expected to push numbers over target.

## **Nationals Travel**

- Junior Nationals Travel Policy has been created, will be sent around for general review.

## **Development Update**

- Fundraising has changed significantly over time, Jennifer and Gabi are developing messaging framework for education and shared understanding.
  - Q&A doc coming for board/stakeholders to better advocate BIR's impact and financial position
- Outreach continues for scholarships, including potential Nationals support
- Organizing time for Guy Harper to visit the boathouse

## **City Council Relationship**

- Ongoing focus on building relationships with COBI.

## **Operations Highlights**

Amanda

- Successful Bingo event with good partnership from Bainbridge Island Events; looking to continue quarterly.
  - Shoutout to Gracie and her family for joining
  - Raffle baskets were particularly popular
- Swing events continuing through July with a special August event featuring a live band
- Venue rentals ahead of last year; July 4th and summer events planning underway.
- Physical tri-fold printing happening to help expand to more traditional venues.
- Emphasizing the club's ongoing commitment to safety, submitted for the BCF Grant for a new safety launch

## Walker

- Raced 36 boats at Regionals this year, with zero missed starts.
  - Thanks to all involved in making the day a success, including Ina, Sydney, Bruce, Addie, Chelsey, Walker, parent volunteers and Regatta Kitchen for amazing food.
- Junior Girls quad going to National Championships, trip planned with final logistics locking into place soon.
- New Hudson Double via donation now in the boathouse, as well as two donated ERGs
  - Looking to add some additional hanging racks in the near future to address increased demand for member boats, with associated rack fees.
- All Adult LTR classes are fully subscribed for the rest of the year
  - Exploring options to lessen the ask from LTR into Novice, with less commitment up front to help increase retention
- Brown Bear
  - Lots of interest about Brown Bear Regatta - determining what our capacity is for the event
- Electric launch repaired after a cable fix

## Team Hike

- Drew proposed BOD do a team hike to better get to know each other, will send some date options.

**MOTION to adjourn the 2025 Board Meeting.**

**Moved by Andrew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gracie.**

**All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.**

Minutes Submitted by Kayla Holbeck, BIR Secretary.

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