

Bainbridge Island Rowing
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 27th, 2026



Location: SPRC/Boathouse and via Zoom

Board Members Present: Laura Bocchetti, Kim Dalan, Brandon Fleet, Mandi George, Kayla Holbeck, Kathy Kalstrup, Aaron Leong, Eric Ludwig, Drew Marlar, Lisa Mudgett, Paige Murphy, Gabriela Frei, Elisa Rogge

Absent: Oscar Aitchison Tirman

Quorum: Yes (13/14)

Others Present: Walker Hauptman, Amanda Pekasky, Karsten George

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM by Kathy.

Call to Order / Quorum

- Thank you to our outgoing Junior reps, and welcome to incoming Junior reps
- The Board went around the room introducing themselves

Board Action

Secretary sought approvals from the Board:

MOTION to approve the Agenda as presented.

Moved by Drew / 2nd by Eric.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION to approve April 22nd, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by Kathy / 2nd by Drew.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Junior Report Out on Regionals

- Successful Regional Championships season and preparations for Nationals, with four athletes heading to Florida.
 - BIR qualified its first mixed double for Nationals, marking a program milestone.
- We saw strong parent engagement and community-building efforts throughout the season from volunteer coordination, communications, and events. Junior Parent Reps focused on continuing to build on this momentum.

Financial Update

- Year-to-date financial performance remains strong, with cash flow and enrollment tracking ahead of budget expectations.

- Venue rentals and facility use continue to perform well, supported by community events and expanded rental offerings.
- A mid-year budget review will be conducted in June.

Fundraising

- Fundraising performance is ahead of goal and tracking well above our usual pace.
- Development efforts focusing on strengthening major donor engagement and diversifying fundraising activity throughout the year, vs focusing so heavily on the final quarter.
- Fundraising team shared a Dream Big theme and planning preview for this year's event.

Summer Season Snapshot

- Junior summer programming remains on track, including Try Rowing camps and seasonal regattas.
- Adult summer participation is strong, with regional competition and Cascadia enrollment trending high.
- Scholarship fundraising and community-building activities are planned throughout the summer, including Fourth of July Snack Shack, World Cup Watch Party, Alumni Row, Rotary Auction volunteering, and starting Brown Bear planning in earnest.

Operations Reports

- Amanda
 - Great turnout for Mahjong in May. Our community events continue to strengthen local partnerships while supporting scholarship fundraising efforts.
 - Research is underway to identify a registration and CRM solution that improves member experience and administrative efficiency.
 - Return-to-Rowing outreach has generated renewed participant interest.
- Walker
 - A new Adult & Novice coach, Justin, has joined the coaching staff and is currently onboarding.
 - The second Learn to Row session is underway with strong participation.

Seventy48 Race

- BIR Board members participating in the upcoming Seventy48 race provided a quick overview of the race and planning involved.

Motion to adjourn the May 2026 Board Meeting.

Moved by Paige. 2nd by Kathy.

All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Minutes Submitted by K. Holbeck, BIR Secretary.

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