

**OTTAWA ROWING CLUB**  
**Executive Meeting**

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**When:** June 28, 2010

**Where:** **ORC**

**Who:** Mike Walker President  
Jennifer Shortall Secretary  
Chris Waddell Vice-President, Administration  
Steve Higgins Vice-President, Instructional and Recreational  
Programs  
Geoff White Treasurer  
Siobhan McLaughlin Head Coach

Jenna Pelham (visitor) President of University of Ottawa Rowing Club

**Missing:** Lana Burpee Registrar  
Chris Masson Vice-President, Competitive  
Elia Macaluso Athlete's Representative

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Chris W

Seconded: Steve H

**2. Approval of records of last meeting**

Moved: Mike W

Seconded: Steve H

**3. Business arising from the Minutes**

Regarding the purchasing of the Empacher by Derek Howe, he will follow up with Elmwood to see if they will donate the \$7,000. Derek is away for the next couple of weeks at which point Chris M will follow up with him.

If the purchase proceeds the Darwin will be moved into Bay 4, a Vespoli 8+ will be sold and the Darwin would be accessible to all programs.

#### **4. President**

Pond to Podium (Training Development Centre) application: The deadline is July 16, 2010. Mike and Chris will work on an application and contact Exec members as needed for particular information and approvals.

**Motion: To prepare and submit an application for the Training Development Centre (Eastern Ontario)**

Moved: Chris W

Seconded: Geoff W

Approved: All

#### **5. Athlete's Representative**

Elia submitted a revised Athlete's Funding Proposal. Overall the Executive was supportive of the idea however comments were made on the section pertaining to eligibility. The level of carding will be considered when applications are submitted. The application will have to look at the goals and long term plans of the athlete and ensure that the person is participating on a national rowing team. Final approval will rest with the Executive however should a clear decision not be reached the Athlete's Representative will make a decision and bring it to the Exec for approval. This will help ensure that there are not biases.

**Action Item:** Elia will discuss with Julie Shearer the suggested approval strategy and return to the Exec with a response.

#### **6. Vice-President – Competitive Programs**

The Treasurer has received the cheque and form for the donation to the club for the Lisgar boats.

Chris M has spoken with Craig Law and he is interested to be on the boat naming committee.

Boat Damage – Fluid has been contacted and they estimate \$300 to \$500. Pictures will be taken of the two boats and sent to Hudson where it is assumed that the repair cost will be between \$4k and \$5k. It will also depend what our plans are with the boat - 1) repair it with a view of moving it into Bay 1 to be used by the Masters, Recreational programs or 2) repair with a view of continues use in the competitive programs. If we go the route of competitive programs, I believe they will remove the entire bow and replace it - so the fix will be closer to \$5k. Downgrading to Bay 1, they will probably patch it up with Carbon Fiber and bondo the body and paint it, the boat will be like a battleship.

#### **7. Head Coach business**

The club has received a morning noise complaint from the Quebec side of the river. She has asked all coaches to restrict their use of megaphones and yelling when on the water in the morning.

Siobhan has said that the Saturday morning time trials will be done by the time the Recreational Regatta begins at 7:30 a.m. on July 17.

Competitive rowers will be volunteering on ARL nights. They have been told that if spots are not filled the crews will not go out that week.

Pete McClelland (Cambridge, ORC, National Team) will be coming to speak at the ORC on Wednesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m.

**8. Vice-President - Recreational and Instructional Programs**

Steve brought forth a situation whereby a rec rower would like a refund. The person in question did the LTR and has discovered that they do not have the capabilities for rowing and want out. They have requested a refund within a month of registering rec. The suggestion being put forth is that they person be charged a one month guest fee + administration costs for a total of ~\$300 (out of the ~\$600 rec fee).

**Action Item:** Steve will discuss this option with Lana.

**9. Registrar**

Deferred until the next meeting.

**10. Vice President Administration**

Brian (club manager) has had a preliminary discussion with the company who runs boat cruises up the Ottawa River. It was a fruitful discussion and the next steps are being investigated.

Club credit cards are active.

Dirt pile: There is a small level of contamination within the dirt pile.

**Action Item:** Chris W will speak with the ORC contact at City Hall to determine if there are any options to removing the dirt to the dump at little or no cost.

ERA: rooms have been reserved and additional funds will be used for other costs such as travel.

Row Ontario: rooms have been reserved at Niagara College and the Best Western for rowers, the driver and the head coach.

Fiona's work at the Club has been progressing very well.

Canada Day: bands will be distributed on Wednesday and Thursday. Set up will begin at 3 p.m. and doors will open at 6 p.m. There will also be a silent auction to raise funds for the Athlete's Fund.

**11. Treasurer's Business**

Geoff provided a more detailed description of the club's financial statements. He also provided an update on the audit which is currently happening. To date things are going quite smoothly.

**12. Secretary's business**

Jennifer spoke to the owners of Rowers Gone Bad about having a booth at the Head of the Rideau regatta. They are interested but there might be a time conflict as they

are at the Head of the Welland the day before. RGB has asked the ORC to keep in touch with them over the summer and discuss other options, such as ordering in advance and then having someone from the club distribute the purchases which is similar to what we do with Row West.

**13. New Business**

The University of Ottawa Rowing Club is looking into ways to raise funds for rowers to attend CUs in BC this year. They will be coming to the ORC Executive with a proposal to coordinate a LTR or ARL type of program at the club in the fall.

**14. Next Meeting**

Monday, July 19 7:00 p.m. ORC

**15. Close of meeting**

Moved: Elia

Seconded: Chris M

**Meeting ended at 9:00**

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