

ORC Exec Meeting
Location: ORC Club
May 31, 2010

Attendees

Mike Walker (President)
Chris Masson (VP Competitive)
Lana Burpee (Registrar)
Jennifer Shortall (Secretary)
Elia Macaluso (Athlete's Representative)
Geoff White (Treasurer)

Missing:

Siobhan McLaughlin (Head Coach)
Steve Higgins (VP Recreational and Instructional Programs)
Chris Waddell (VP Administration)

Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Chris M
Approved: Lana

Approval of Minutes

Moved: Mike
Approved: Elia

Business arising from minutes:

Follow up on employee/contractor status: The Head Coach is agreeable to becoming an employee of the ORC. The next steps in this process are to draft two letters; one which terminates person's contract and the second which offers an indeterminate position with the Club as an employee.

Action Item: Mike to look at contract to determine what the best reason for termination. He will also look into the possibilities of accomplishing this prior to July 1.

Motion: All paid instructors will be paid as employees.

Moved: Lana
Second: Chris M
Approved: All

Assistant Head Coach and private lessons: It is not possible for the AHC to get overtime for any private lessons he may give throughout the season. A suggestion was put forth to set aside \$45 per month and each month let the bookkeeper know how much he should be receiving from it for any lessons.

President's Business

Boat Naming: There was a discussion around how to move forward with naming boats at the Club. The Club currently has a number of boats that could be renamed, 3 singles and one of the larger boats. Some ideas were put forth on naming them after people in the club who have served a number of different functions. However, there is a debate whether or not the club follows the precedent which has been set to name singles following the letters of the Ottawa Rowing Club and use people for the larger boats.

Action Item: Exec members have been asked to come to the next meeting with possible names or words for the current boats and future boats.

V.P. Recreational and Instructional:

Registration numbers are up for both Learn to Row and Recreation. ARL is going very smoothly. Participants are enjoying themselves and many have already started looking into what other programs are open to them after ARL.

A discussion was held to have the Recreational Regatta registrations be handled by Ronin.

Action Item:

Lana to talk with Ronin and ensure that they would have the debit option ready by then.

Steve to talk with Eric (Regatta Organizer) to ensure that it would be feasible to go online for this regatta and work out any possible logistical issues.

Registrar's Business: Nothing to add at this meeting.

VP Administration: The ORC will be participating in "Doors Open Ottawa" on Saturday, June 5 and volunteers are needed. Exec members were asked to put the word out to rowers and see if anyone would be willing to take on this role for the day.

Treasurer's Business: The HST issue has been resolved and the prices have been changed on the Ronin site. It was suggested that an explanation for the registration price change be put up on the website so that people understand the change. \$1500 was deposited into the Athlete's fund. The ORC Equipment fund is operational and able to provide tax receipts as well as accept the Lisgar Contribution. The Club Audit is in progress but it will not be possible to move forward on the Trillum Fund for July 1.

Action Item: Geoff to write the HST explanation and send it to Chris W for posting on the ORC website. Geoff will also look into whether or not HST needs to be added to the registration fee for the Rec Regatta.

Secretary's Business: Nothing at this time.

Athlete's Representative: Nothing at this time.

V.P. Competitive Program: There will be no rowing or coach boats on the Quebec side of Kettle Island. It is too shallow on the river this year. Below is the Competitive Report.

Boat Damage

Korn - Is currently leaking in the stern. Secondly, it is currently rigged as a pair (hence the value of the rudder) after CSSRA's the boat will be turned into a 2x and they will tape the rudder post - minimising the leakage. In addition, all coaches and athletes must be reminded to remove vent cap to better inside of hull to dry out.

Further, there a number of cracks which are beginning to show as a result of damage sustained to the boat some years ago at a regatta and subsequently repaired. Ultimately, these repairs are just that, and the integrity of the carbon fibre was compromised and as a result the boat will continue to crack at weak points. Brian will continue to do his best to minimize the problem.

Storosko - Rudder post problem as a result of recent damage. See above with respect to what will be done - turned into a 2x after CSSRA's etc.

Silver - Vertical stress fracture at a point which was repaired some 10 years ago. Brian will try to repair it, but the boat may not last all that much longer

With respect to Korn, Storosko and Silver they should be pulled out of the allocation and send them to Hudson, Kingston or Cardinal boat repairman to get them fixed. This may not be the best option in the long run. As well, we can't afford to have these boats out of the rotation for 3-4 weeks while we wait on repairs it will just put stress on the other remaining 2x/- boats.

Coxed 4x - The plan is to make the Dawnbreaker into a Coxed quad. We have the riggers but not the parts to attach the oarlock to the rigger. Vespoli sells them, but without a club credit card we can't order them.

Coach Boats: There is a need for more coach boats. In addition, one of the long shaft coach boats is being cut down to short shaft level.

On a couple of nights in the last few weeks, coach boats have been left on the dock. This is unacceptable. An email will be sent to the coaches which Siobhan will distribute along with a number of other issues.

Safety: The staff brought something to my attention and it is a valid point with respect to lifejackets and safety kits. The hockey bags with the lifejackets and safety kits are being disassembled and in many instances there are not enough lifejackets and no safety kits in the hockey bags. Further, every Saturday am, post time trial, one of the assigned duties is to repack the bags and ensure there are 9 lifejackets and a full safety kit.

How do we ensure that the hockey bags are left untouched?

Action Item: On Saturdays, when the bags are completed they are done up with an orange safety tape or tag. This is not to be removed unless absolutely necessary.

Let Club members know that lifejackets are in the white box between Bay 1 and 2.

Vandalism: The Club has experienced some ongoing vandalism; the posts from the wedding ceremony platform were kicked out. Do we need to install security cameras?

Sale of Empacher:

The Empacher which is for sale online has received a lot of interest but to date no concrete offers. However the Club has been approached with an offer to buy it for Elmwood. This would entail the buyer paying ½ and the club paying ½ and the boat staying in the Club. The Club is going to reflect on this offer and discuss it at the next Exec meeting.