

OTTAWA ROWING CLUB
Executive Meeting

When:

Where: ORC

Who: Mike Walker President
Chris Waddell Vice-President, Administration
Jennifer Shortall Secretary
Steve Higgins Vice-President Programs – Recreational/ Instructional
Elia Macaluso Athlete’s representative
Chris Masson Vice-President Programs – Competitive
Lana Burpee Registrar
Geoff White Treasurer

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Lana B
Second : Steve H

2. Review of records of last meeting

With one change requested by Geoff W regarding the pending audit
Motion: Chris M
Second: Steve H

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Uof O student run learn to row: members of the U of O rowing team attended the meeting to request the executive’s support in the team running a learn to row on Saturday August 28 as a fundraiser for the team’s efforts to send athletes to the CUCs in BC in November. The executive had some suggestions about earlier start times but approved the concept and told the U of O

4. President –

Head of the Rideau: ORC members will pay their fees this year and coordinate it through their coaches. Universities will pay \$250 + HST. ORC members paying entry fees is designed to raise revenue from regattas to pay for equipment etc.

Also agreed the novice races would be shorter than the full distance.

There was discussion about possibly using Mooney's Bay instead of the Rideau Canoe Club as the regatta site but no decision made at this point.

Executive succession: Chris M indicated that he would be running again for VP competitive. Geoff indicated that he was uncertain at the moment pending workload.

5. Athlete's Representative

Moved by Elia seconded by Chris M to accept the proposed guidelines prepared by Elia for distribution of the athlete's fund.

6. Vice-President – Competitive Programs

Head Coach Search - A number of candidates were being interviewed and a few more applications were received by the committee. Chris Masson will send Chris W information, i.e. job posting so that it may be posted on the ORC website. A suggestion was made that the new Head Coach be well versed in fixing boats etc.

Rules of Racing Review- This new document is causing some disruption in the rowing community.

Junior Program – Need to look at numbers for this program and determine the impact on current equipment.

Purchase - The Club has been approached about buying an Aldar 18 that a private citizen had bought and no longer wants. The Exec has asked Karim to find out more information about the boat before making a final decision.

Winter Training - Karim will be meeting with Carleton University to discuss the winter training program. He would like to know what numbers we would be looking at for this year.

Carleton University is looking into purchasing ergs and has asked whether or not Carleton/Ottawa/ ORC could go in on the ergs together. The Exec still needs to make a decision on this but if we were to do this the best time to buy would be at the Head of the Charles.

Head of the Trent-There will be one trailer going to Trent.

Head of the Fish-The ORC will be attending this regatta however the schedule has changed. Instead of leaving on Friday and returning on Sunday the club will go down on Saturday and return on Sunday. The small trailer will be used and programs need to look at boat availability. Karim will send the Executive information on how to limit Fish entries (criteria is that the juniors are first then the high schools and everyone must have a passport before registering)

7. Vice-President - Recreational and Instructional programs

The Montreal Regatta was cancelled due to logistical difficulties on the Montreal end. Rec rowers would like to know if they can go to Boucherville on October 18 instead. The Executive agreed to this.

Learn to Row- A request will be sent to Ronin to have this removed from the registration site.

A refund may be required for a rower who came out for LTR and moved up to novice rowing immediately. Steve will let the Exec know if this is an issue.

Winter Parking Revenue- There may be an opportunity to open up parking spaces (for payment) to Mint employees. Chris W will speak with the club's city contact Lynn and find out if there would be any problems. He will let Steve H know as soon as he has information.

8. Registrar – Nothing at this meeting.

9. Vice President Administration

Upcoming Regattas - Head of the Trent, Head of the Fish, Head of the Charles – buses have been rented, rooms have been reserved.

Dirt Pile Issue-There is a need to separate the dirty soil from the clean soil. This is causing a delay in its removal from the club. The club has spoken to the city and asked that this situation be resolved by November.

Additional Duties - A suggestion was made to either adjust Karim's salary or provide him with a bonus in light of the additional duties he is assuming while the club does not have a head coach. Chris W will talk with Chris M about this.

Electrical Visit-An electrician came through to inspect the boat houses recently. Brian walked around with him.

The Club was given a \$500 cheque from the construction company that rebuild the wall for use of the water etc

New Boats-

Coach Boats- There may be a way to get coach boats for \$2200 from JL

The Club is starting to see an increase in coaches but a decrease in the number of coach boats available for them. If and when this becomes a problem the solution will be to either share boats with coaches or move back and forth between crews. The final option will be for Mike W will talk with the Safety Committee to discuss the issue and find a solution which will be final.

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, September 28th, 7 p.m.

11. Close of meeting

Motion: Chris W

Second: Steve H

Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.