

GREATER VICTORIA YOUTH ROWING SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2012

Attendance:

Angela Grohovac – St.Andrews SS
Joanne Frappell – Royal Oak Middle School, Claremont SS
Chris Frappell- Royal Oak Middle School, Claremont SS
Alec McKay – Parklands SS
Niall Paltiel – Stelly's SS
Dawn Spraggett – Claremont SS
Deb LeFrank – Claremont SS
Louise Gage – Stelly's SS

1. Welcome.

2. **Motion to accept the agenda.** Moved by Alec McKay, 2nd – Niall Paltiel
Motion carried.

3. Motion to accept the previous minutes. Corrections discussed.
Motion to accept the previous minutes subject to corrections. Moved by Joanne Frappell,
2nd – Dawn Spraggett. Carried by all.
Motion accepted.

4. Action item review. Listed according to previous minutes.

- a) Action 1: Offer the Boat Pro Course in May and September.
- Angela spoke with Brett Malcolm and he cannot offer the program in May.
 - Discussion to encourage people to do the Boat Pro course on-line and then finesse their knowledge with a course prior to Regattas, with specific information about Elk Lake, motors, rowing etiquette etc...
 - Red Cross has a course called Boat Rescue, more detailed than Boat Pro since it also involves rescues.

Action 1: BOOK June 16 from 1 to 4pm and Sept 7 from 4 to 7pm for boat training on Elk Lake. The intent will be to always offer these courses yearly at these times so it is an expected event.

Action 2: Joanne Frappell will contact the school district so that the information is sent out to all schools via their webmail.

Action 3: Alex MacKay will put this information on our website.

- b) Action 2: Alec will send a letter to CSI about the rental boat discrepancy fee. DONE AND CLOSED.
- c) Action 3: Niall Paltiel will format information about various types of boats and motors. Done...to be discussed as formatted in agenda.

- d) Action 4: Deb LeFrank will send out a Doodle to have a larger safety boat meeting. Tim Henderson, Niall Paltiel, Dawn Spraggett and Chris Frappell would like to be part of the meeting. OPEN and tabled for next meeting.
- e) Action 5: Alex will send out the survey monkey to the board members. Done, will be discussed as formatted in the agenda.
- f) Action 6: Review questions for the survey. Done and closed. Will be discussed later in the meeting.

5. Reports:

- a) President's Report: Angela Grohovac
 - All is going well.
 - LVISSSA AGM is June 23 – would be nice to have many GYRS people at their AGM. They have recognized that we should have a voice also.

- b) Treasurer's Report: Alec McKay

- i) 2012/2013 Treasurer's Report:

- \$67500.00 unrestricted cash.
 - Projected expenses: \$24000.00 new quad
 - \$12000.00 new oars (1 for new quad, 1 for missing oars)
 - \$20000.00 VRS fees
 - \$22000.00 coach boats/motors
 - \$2000.00 boat repair
 - \$2500.00 miscellaneous expenses (? Regatta software)
 - \$2000.00 results

- Gaming money comes in July/Aug.
 - VRS fees are due now but they always get paid in September since that is when we obtain our registration fees, which is our income.

- ii) CSI Rowing Canada Fee's:

- The agreement with CSI states that we pay the Rowing Canada Fees.
 - We will finalize the next CSI agreement.

Action: Alec will send off the RCA fees of \$980.00 as per the agreement with Claremont.

- iii) Approval of 2012/2013 Budget:

Action: Alec will resend the 2012/2013 budget to the board members. It will be discussed next meeting.

- iv) Website:

- Contract not yet completed. Ends in July, 2012.
 - Alec can be notified when anything needs to be added/updated.
 - Hope to have spreadsheets so that volunteers can sign in for their volunteer duty and access it if needed to review.
 - Have a calendar of upcoming events.
 - We will need to create a volunteer email. We currently have a treasurer and a registrar email.
 - It would be nice to have each schools teacher sponsor listed.

Tabled for May meeting.

c) Safety Boat Report: Niall Paltiel

- Niall displayed on a color coded graph the pros and cons of various types of boats that may be considered as potential coach boats.
- Info was obtained from a variety of sources such as: VCRC coaches, coast guards, Sherwood marine, other rowing club reports, own experiences etc...
- Punt boats are strongly not recommended since their bow bounces off the waves.....not very safe.
- Aluminum boats are very tippy for water rescues.
- Many long-term coaches report hearing difficulties from the ear that faces the motor at the rear of the boat... they advocate for console boats.
- Many users of the coach boats have difficulty starting the motors from the back and need assistance, not safe for water rescues.
- Inflatables are the best for safety since they don't tip.
- Inflatables with consoles distribute the weight of the boat to the middle. Provides for storage in the front, can keep safety supplies up there and this helps to balance the stern.
- A 12 foot inflatable costs \$6400.95, can add a center console for \$3500.00. The console can be salvaged and placed on another boat if wanted.
- \$9995.00 for console inflatable, 15 HP Honda motor \$3300.00.
- Yamaha trade in \$1100 per engine, we have 2 Yamaha engines.
- Sherwood is offering \$1100.00 for all three boats. One parent member of GVYRS has offered to pay \$2500.00 for all 3 boats.
- Costs: new boat \$6400
Console \$3500
Motor \$3300
= \$12200.00
X2 (we need 2 coach boats) = \$24400.00
If we sell 2 trackers \$1500.00 and 2 Yamahas \$2200, then the total to purchase 2 new coach boats and motors = \$20700.00
- RCA boat cost is \$5000.00 with engine but it needs to be refurbished.

Motion made to ask for a firm quote from Sherwood for 2 inflatables with console and engine. Moved by Alec McKay, 2nd – Dawn Spraggett

Discussion:

- Concern that the motor is too small for the boat and it may need a 20HP Honda.
- Concern that the console inflatable is too much of a luxury, \$3500 per console is expensive.
- If all the partners make the same decision, best to keep the consistency to maintain the standard for knowledge, efficiency and repair.

VOTE: YES: ALL NO: NONE ALL IN FAVOUR

Action: Niall will ask for a firm quote from Sherwood for:

- 1) 2 AB inflatables with console and 15HP Honda and,
- 2) 2 AB inflatables with console and 20HP Honda.

6. New Business: NONE

7. Any other business:

a) 5 year plan:

i) Equipment Renewal Plan: **TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.**

- Purchase oars prior to CSSRA since a trailer may be able to return the oars.
- Suggest always get oars with the purchase of boats, purchase the "missing" set of oars at the same time as the boat purchase, can be sent at the same time and will be available for our season start.

ii) Strategic Plan Email Survey:

- Add “potential” to the sentence on page 1, #1. Please rank the following “potential” objectives of GYRS of importance to you.
- The second question about the CSSRA’s needs to be reworded to inform that the CSSRA regatta is important since it is the only Canadian regatta that you can row as a school instead of as a club. Also suggest placing this question towards the end.
- Explain what an academy school means.
- Change the order of the complexity of the questions.

Action: Alec McKay will re-word above discussed sections and redistribute to the board for review.

b) RBC and RCA fees increased: **TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.**

c) Safety meeting with VCRC: **TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.**

d) Incident report form: **TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.**

e) Boat Pro Course in May and September: already discussed; done.

f) Another log book for financial purposes: not needed; done.

g) Boats and trailer stored at Aylard Farm: **TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING.**

h) Grant application: Deb LeFrank

- A grant application for a \$10000.00 full day seminar to obtain advice on providing a strategic plan. It is graphically recorded, has 2 facilitators to assist in the process. It is a full day service.
- To be done in June 10 to 16.

Action: Deb LeFrank will apply for the grant.

i) coach development/safety:

- There will be 2 sessions practicing “safety water rescues”; one will be done in the fall and one in the spring. GYRS will do the fall session practice.
- Power Squadron offers courses with water rescues.

NEXT MEETING ON MAY 2ND @7PM, BOATHOUSE NORTH LOUNGE.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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