

GVYRS Executive Meeting Minutes

Dec 5, 2011

Attendance:

Patricia Farmer – St.Margaret's SS
Joanne Frappell – ROM & Claremont SS
Dawn Spraggett – Claremont SS
Angela Grohovac – St.Andrews
Alec McKay – Parklands SS
Niall Paltiel – Stellys SS
Tony Webb – Parklands SS
Chris Frappell – ROM & Claremont SS
Stuart Common – Stellys SS
Louise Gage – Stellys SS

Regrets: Tim Henderson – St.Andrews SS

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Welcome: Brief introduction of all members.
2. Motion to accept the October and November minutes.

Motion to accept the October minutes as amended. Moved by Chris Frappell, 2nd – Dawn Spraggett.
All carried.

Motion accepted.

Motion to accept the November executive meeting minutes. Moved by Joanne Frappell, 2nd – Deb LeFrank.

Motion Carried.

3. Motion to accept agenda. Moved by Niall Paltiel, 2nd – Alec McKay
4. Reports.

a) President's Report: Angela Grohovac

- Angela welcomed all the new members. Stated one of her goals is to establish a 5 year plan for purchases.
- Angela would also like the membership to work towards updating the constitution.
- Angela met with Bruce Frith re: signed contract between VCRC & GVYRS. CSI is currently looking to become a club.
- Angela asked VRS if GVYRS is allowed to be a club within a club.
- Answer is yes at the VRS level; Angela is investigating if this can happen at the gaming level.
- Bruce had many questions about what will occur if CSI becomes a club; such as, how can they rent boats all season long? Angela suggested that CSI submit all their questions to the board so that the board is involved in the process.

- Bruce does not understand why they cannot use the GYRS name when going to a regatta. We are explaining that many schools would like to use our name at a regatta and we do not have a system in place for choosing which school gets to represent GYRS and if one school is chosen, is this fair to all schools and is it representative of GYRS and do we want any school representing our name. It holds many issues.
- We have \$4000.00 in coach boat repairs.
- New \$20 per rower per year fee takes effect in 2012.
- It has been discussed, to simplify the financial logistics for rowers from Elk Lake, that GYRS will capture the \$20 RCA fee in September. The only rowers that will need to be captured afterwards would be the developmental crew that trains with head coach in September.
- No more RONIN registration since RCA is setting up its own system for registration.
- LVSSA is making a few changes. GYRS will be added for discussions and a non-voting contributor; it is essential for us to be part of the organization committee.
- LVSSA has a major rule change. Students, who row for CSI but are from other catchment areas, will need to row for their catchment area during GYRS season regattas. If a rower moves from novice to experienced, they will always need to be classified as experienced. Similarly, if a junior rower moves to a senior level, they will always be considered senior.

b) Treasurer's Report: Alec McKay

- Approximately \$90000.00 on books. Alec thinks that there is about \$60000.00 to spend. Alec is waiting until all receipts are submitted to provide us with an accurate financial update.
- Since HST was not previously claimed from 2002, we owe approx. \$3000.00 but once we claim all of our purchases, we will receive much more back. If this is an accountant error, we need to decide how to proceed.
- Alec suggests that some of our money be placed into savings to obtain 1 to 2 % interest rather than 0.25 % interest.
- We will need to spend the \$40000.00 from our gaming money so that we can apply for gaming money again next year.
- In keeping with the other partners, we need to purchase 1 more erg to keep up with our share of erg machines. Perhaps we should sell used ergs and purchase better Monster ergs.
- Suggest purchasing a straight quad, which has an empty slot.....for every 8+ boat lost, we need 2 quads. Good time to purchase a quad.
- We need to purchase GYRS oars for the Redlin.
- VRS encourages each club to purchase a spin bike.
- VRS encourages each club to buy another coach boat & motor and have a spare motor.
- GYRS put up \$25000.00 towards a security deposit for the boathouse renewal project. Other partners have large donations towards VRS. GYRS has purchased a speaker system for all to us. Perhaps we can contribute to wiring and properly installing the service so that it is better utilised and maintained.
- Generally, it is felt that GYRS are heavy consumers of VRS. We operate for 10 weeks and put little into the pot. It is felt that we pay our fees and leave a mess. Perhaps we can replace the wheels on the coach boats. We should start contributing towards the equipment and maintenance.
- Electronic results: need hardware and a tablet?
- Angela estimates that rewiring and the amp may cost approx. \$1200.00.
- Perhaps we can ask VRS to make a "nice to have listed" that we can contribute towards...like finish the docks etc..
- We need to keep in mind how we make donations with regards to the parents' fees.

- The gaming money will need to be spent between now and May.

Motion made to accept the treasurer's report. Moved by Alec McKay, 2nd by Deb LeFrank

Motion carried.

5. Business arising:

- Spin bikes can wait until we have a strategic plan in place.
- There is an urgency to purchase ergs since the Monster erg will be occurring soon and the quality of the ergs and the price is a huge savings.

Motion made to purchase 3 ergs from Monster Erg. Moved by Chris Frappell, 2nd – Louise Gage

Discussion:

- GYRS has not bought an erg in 4 years.
- VRS requested that each partner have 5 ergs then there would be 20 ergs on site.
- We need to purchase 3 more. The costs from the Monster erg is approx. \$950.00 per erg which saves us on shipping and taxes and a slight decrease in cost since they will slightly used.
- VOTE: All in Favour.

Motion carried.

ACTION: Alec McKay will contact Rick Crawley to purchase 3 ergs.

6. New Business:

a) Invitation to CSI parent for appointment to GYRS board:

Discussion:

- There are presently 4 parents from Claremont which leaves Claremont very well represented though no parents have rowers who are currently in the CSI program.
- CSI parents only tend to become involved with GYRS when a problem occurs to their program.....they have been seen as non-contributors to GYRS.
- We can provide minutes when requested.
- Have a non-voting CSI on board or a CSI person liaison.
- There was a vote at the AGM for board representation. The board has been voted in. How fair is it for other schools if CSI had a special seat on the board, should we extend this to all schools...is this creating another problem instead of solving one?

Motion made to request a CSI voting parent to attend our meetings. Moved by Deb LeFrank, 2nd – Dawn Spraggett.

- Provide the CSI parent with non-voting membership and needing to keep to the agenda discussions to provide GYRS with ability to move forward.
- Everybody should have a voice to add to the agenda.
- Posting the minutes on the website or having them available should be transparent enough.
- Democracy took place at the AGM. Why should CSI hold a position on the board when a democratic vote occurred at the AGM and they were not voted in?
- We need to consider that our program is not about CSI and we are considering the rights of all rowing academy schools. Would we be able to extend this courtesy to CSI to the other academy programs.....then where do the non-academy schools stand?

VOTE: Unanimous decision was made not to invite a CSI parent to our board.

Motion not carried.

b) Timeline for input on Strategic Plan:

- Angela, Alec and Aalbert have been contributing towards ideas for our club for the future and how to obtain them.
- Angela has a site whereby we can add our thoughts and ideas about what we want to change or improve GYRS. It is a means to get ideas on paper, then moving forward. We will then be able

to make committees to improve these sections. For example, the constitution needs updating, instead of undertaking the entire constitution; sections of it could be improved.

- Aalbert is involved because he has great ideas with regards to coaching development and he is a valuable resource given his knowledge.
- All members are asked to contribute ideas by January.

ACTION: Angela will send this program to all members.

c) Assignment of portfolios:

- According to our bylaws, we need to have 4 directors at large; officially these are:
Regatta coordinator – Chris Frappell
Registrar – Deb LeFrank
Concession coordinator: Joanne Frappell
Parent coordinator/volunteer coordinator: Dawn Spraggett
Safety boat liaison – Niall Paltiel (not an official position)

d) Rowing Canada AGM

- AGM occurs on Jan26 – 29, online registration for price savings on AGM occurs on Friday.

Motion made to send Angela and if VCRC pays for ½ of Deb LeFrank's costs, we'll send Deb if total costs do not exceed \$3000.00. Moved by Alec McKay, 2nd- Chris Frappell. All in favour.

Motion carried.

ACTION: Must be booked by Angela and Deb and they will report back.

e) Motors:

- Angela has made 6 trips about defective motors to Yamaha. They lent us a Honda motor to replace the Yamaha motor at the bottom of the lake, but it doesn't work either.
- Getting the motor out from the bottom of the lake is not covered under the insurance.
- Cost is \$1200 to pull motor out of the water...it's in about 5 feet of sludge.
- **ACTION: Niall will be assigned a fact finding mission to compare the 9.9 Honda motor to the 15 Yamaha motor.** The board will be presented this information and be able to make decisions based on factual information.
- Suggestion was made for this particular broken motor to go back to 15 hp Honda and then we can make a decision on the rest of the fleet based on Niall's research.

Motion made that on Dec 6'11, a Honda 15 Hp outboard motor will be purchased to replace the 9.9 Yamaha which is submerged in the lake. Moved by Chris Frappell, 2nd - Dawn Spraggett Unanimous vote. **Motion carried.**

Motion made to retrieve the Yamaha motor from the bottom of the lake. Moved by Deb LeFrank, 2nd Joanne Frappell. Unanimous vote.

Motion carried.

7. Planning of the monthly meeting dates:

First Wednesday of every month.

Next meeting, January 4th @7pm at the Elk Lake Boathouse, North Lounge.

8. Round table discussion.

Follow-up questions....clarify the "GVYRS mandate of high school and youth rowing", this must be maintained for grant applications.

9. Adjournment: 9pm.

