

APRIL 2010 WRRR BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2010

In attendance: Mark Shupe, Emily Shurilla, Chrys Kozack, Craig Gates, Jim Ridge, Erik Murdell, Justin Kershaw, Jeff Renston, Sally Fahrenholz, Jeff Scheid, D.D. Meakin

Motion to approve previous minutes made by Emily Shurilla, seconded by Chrys Kozack, and unanimously approved.

AGENDA

- WRRR/CRF communications
- Richard Miller contribution
- Equipment
 - Review recommendations
 - Purchasing
 - Damage process
- Program status updates
- Coaching update
- Website
- Fundraising

CRF COMMUNICATION

SUMMARY

- The WRRR Board will pursue regular communication with CRF.
- We will schedule a meeting with CRF before the next WRRR Board meeting to address a process to review new policies and rules.

MEMORIAL

- **Craig Gates moved that WRRR name the August SRL regatta in Richard Miller's memory. The motion was seconded by D. D. Meakin and was passed unanimously.**

EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND PURCHASING

SUMMARY

- Another equipment review is scheduled for April 10. Craig reports that there are still a few boats being worked on. Only one boat has a repair still to be done.
- Boats still to be inspected include the six 4s, three doubles, a few singles and two 8s.
- Paul Blonski is available to do hull repair during the season.
- There will be a reporting process for repairs needed for SRL equipment.
- The following equipment was recommended for purchase:
 - Peinert single for \$4K.
 - A set of 10 hatchets for Women's Masters at a cost of approximately \$2800.

Jeff Renston moved that we buy the new set 10 hatchets, the Peinert, and a wakeless launch at the approximate total cost of \$15K. D. D. Meakin seconded the motion, which was passed on a 5 to 2 vote.

USE OF WAKELESS LAUNCH

POLICY

- The issue of priority for use of wakeless launch was discussed.
- The board agreed upon a policy to keep key to launch in a locker, with access to key available to coaches who have completed training on its use.
- Priority beyond this policy will be determined by the Director of Rowing.
- It is likely that the head coach will be given priority.

COACHING UPDATE

COACHING STAFF HIRED

- Justin reports the following progress with hiring coaching staff (at meeting and in a later email):
 - Randy Trefethern hired as Head Coach for Masters and Director of Coaching.
 - Mitch Rosen hired as Asst Head Coach for Masters/ Sculling Coach
 - Wayne Reichard hired as #1 SRL Coach (Starts week of May 17th – Ends Last week of August)
 - Kyle Jones hired as #2 SRL Coach (Starts week of May 17th – Ends Last week of August)
 - Patty Wofford hired as Recreation Program Coach – Begins Mid May
 - TBD: Rob Zdankiewicz, Noah Whitehead
- The goal is to provide continuity in coaching – same coach each night a crew rows.
- D. D. will solicit interest from Masters women for coaching FRL.

EQUIPMENT REVIEW FOR SRL

SUMMARY

- Emily and D.D. will solicit Masters Women to be responsible for SRL equipment review scheduled for the week of May 10.

WRRRA WEBSITE

NEW WEBSITE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY

- Craig Gates and Jeff and Lori Scheid met to review the preliminary design of a new WRRRA website.
- WRRRA will pay Lori to design the site and for Ann Ortega to do content entry. A developer from Optiem will consult.
- Jeff and Craig will be writing new content for the site.
- Costs are estimated to come in under the \$2500 budgeted for the work.

FUNDRAISING

CARBON POKER

- Chrys summarized the features and structure of the Carbon poker charity tournament web site – www.carbonpoker.com
- WRRRA would receive donations from an LLC for charity play – not directly from Carbon Poker.
- The site is not yet Mac compatible, but it accepts Visa or MasterCard.
- A tournament can be set up in 5 days, and events other than poker can also be arranged – such as SRL races.
- Winnings are distributed to top players – for example, 3 to 5 player win from a field of 15 to 20 – not winner takes all.
- We can post our tournaments on Twitter, Facebook, and World Rowing.
- Tim Marcovy is reviewing the legal aspects in light of WRRRA's 501c3 status.
- We agreed that the board would try a small tournament.

SCULLING – PROCESS FOR DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT

RULES FROM SCULLING COMMITTEE

- The WRRRA Sculling Committee forwarded to the WRRRA an amendment to the Sculling Certification Bylaw for consideration.
- The final version of the Sculling Committee rule changes is attached here as Appendix A.

APPENDIX A – CHANGES TO SCULLING BYLAWS

I. That the Sculling Certification Bylaw, passed on April 4, 2005, be amended by adding the following Section VI:

SECTION VI.

(A) Scullers using WRRRA equipment MUST sign in and out on a sign-out log to be maintained by the Sculling Committee in the same bay in which WRRRA's sculling equipment is kept. Private scullers must continue to sign in and out on the log maintained in the scullers' bay.

(B) If, during a row, there is damage to or a skeg lost on a WRRRA shell, it must be reported immediately to the WRRRA Equipment Chair, copy to the Sculling Chair. The email addresses for these persons will be noted on the sign in/sign out log.

(C) The reporting sculler(s) (or, if a report is not filed, the sculler(s) who last signed out the shell in the log prior to the discovery of the damage) must pay to WRRRA the sum of \$40.00 to cover the cost of repair or of a new skeg, plus shipping and installation and, until they do so, their right to use any WRRRA sculling equipment is suspended. Any person(s) who are being charged under this rule will be notified by the Sculling Committee Chair by email, and will have 24 hours to provide the Chair with proof that they are not the person(s) who were operating the shell when the damage/skeg loss occurred. Within 48 hours after receiving such proof (if it was submitted timely), the Chair will consider it and inform the sculler(s) of whether or not the charge will stand. The Chair's decision will be final... Any person(s) so charged who rows WRRRA sculling equipment without paying the repair fee will have their right to use WRRRA sculling equipment revoked until such fee is paid and for a 12 month period thereafter, unless appealed to the WRRRA Board of Directors within 48 hours after the email notification of the suspension is transmitted. The WRRRA Board of Directors will hear and decide those appeals in the manner they determine.

(D) If someone is caught taking a WRRRA shell out without signing it out and in, and it can reasonably be inferred by the Sculling Committee Chair that the intent was to avoid responsibility for damage/skeg loss, then his/her/their right to use WRRRA equipment will be revoked for a 12 month period. Any person against whom a claim of failure to sign in and out with intent to avoid responsibility for damage or loss is made will be notified of the claim by the Sculling Committee Chair by email, and will have 24 hours to provide the Chair with proof that they did not file to log in and out with the intent to avoid responsibility for damage. Within 48 hours after receiving such proof (if it was submitted timely), the Chair will call a meeting of the Sculling Committee to consider the proof, and will give at least 24 hours notice of the time, date and place of the meeting. At said meeting, all proof will be heard and considered, and the persons to be suspended will be informed whether or not the suspension will stand. The Committee's decision will be final, unless appealed to the WRRRA Board of Directors within 48 hours after the email notification of the Committee's decision is transmitted. The WRRRA Board of Directors will hear and decide those appeals in the manner they determine..

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What this means is that the sign in/out log for WRRRA owned small boats will now be in the same bay as those boats, and it is MANDATORY that users of WRRRA small boats sign in and out. It also means that, if you lose a skeg (or the shell suffers other damage), you have to report it, and can expect to pay \$40.00 for the repair. If you don't report it, consequences will follow.

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The second change is for those WRRRA rowers who wish to row an uncoxed pair (2-) independently (i.e., without a coach in a launch accompanying you). Under the SOM, such rowers must be certified by their organization as independent pair rowers. The SOM says:

“ To be an independent un-coxed pair, both rowers must be certified by their member organization as qualified to row an in an un-coxed pair without an accompanying coaching launch.”

The Board of Directors has charged the WRRRA Sculling Committee with the task of certifying independent 2- rowers. Anyone wishing to obtain that certification may start the process by contacting Tim Marcovy, Sculling Committee Chair, at: tam1952@gmail.com.

The guidelines and checklist for becoming an independent sculler will be used to certify independent 2- rowers.