

Joanne Hull



As many of you know, I was appointed earlier this year to fulfill an open board position. I did so in the capacity of Board Treasurer. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue assisting WRRRA in its growth and development as a thriving rowing organization in our area. I believe I have made significant contributions, by:

- ✓ Helping make the complexities of WRRRA's finances more simple and understandable by many:
- ✓ Ensuring that timely and quality financial reporting is available to the board and interested members (on the website) each month; and
- ✓ Contributing to quality programming processes and procedures to help our membership in more broad ways.

I believe my experience as a CPA in the for-profit as well as the not-for-profit sectors uniquely qualifies me to assist WRRRA at this important point in its journey. By helping WRRRA get "a point" in its quality handling of financial management and board oversight, each member can then get the most from their membership and their rowing experience.

I ask that I be considered for another board term to continue with these important initiatives.

Sharon Romilly



I wish to be considered a candidate for election to the WRRRA Board of Directors at the upcoming meeting on November 12, 2011. I am involved in coaching, Masters and the Sculling programs at WRRRA and would like to be considered as a representative from sculling.

I have been a member of WRRRA since 1993, and began rowing in the SRL program. I have rowed in the Competitive/Masters program since 1998. I was the CRF Treasurer 1998-2000. I have been the Away Masters Regatta Chair from 2001-2005. I have been coaching juniors since 2002. I served as the WRRRA President from 2005-2007. I am currently on the CRF board as a scholastic representative, have attended all meetings and just successfully ran the HOTC-2010.

As you can see, I am very involved in the rowing community and definitely have an excellent understanding of the dynamics of the boathouse, CRF, the schools and WRRRA. I have been involved in the growth and change at the boathouse and fully am aware of the steps ahead and the time commitment involved. I understand the financial composition of WRRRA and what is needed to continue on. I understand the dynamics of CRF and how WRRRA fits into the big picture. I feel that I would be an excellent asset to the board.

After spending several weekends with LTR, filling in when short on coaches, and participating in the dynamics of the Masters program, I think I can help contribute to more positive growth by the experiences I have had this season. I also am on the Sculling Committee and know that WRRRA needs to support this growth because it is a part of future growth in our success.

Thank you for this opportunity to help further the future of the Western Reserve Rowing Association.

Rachel Stanley



I began rowing four years ago through WRRRA's SRL program as a post-collegiate way of reacquainting myself with Cleveland and hopefully meeting new friends along the way. In the years since, I have rowed under most programs WRRRA offers and competed in some of North America's premier regattas with some of my closest friends. Through my time rowing with various programs, coaching SRL/FRL, and volunteer posts ranging from burger flipper at SRL regattas to manning the docks at the HOTC to WRRRA committee member and 'Masters Regatta Treasurer,' I have met some of the most caring, passionate and competitive people I know. I have become whole-heartedly invested in WRRRA's members and its success as a club.

I am very encouraged by the momentum the current board has been building in terms of communication with and involvement of membership. I am confident that I can add value as the club continues to strive to balance growth in the sport that we love while still providing quality programming, coaching and equipment to all its members.

I believe that I can bring a unique perspective and set of experiences to the WRRRA Board:

1. As a rower, my relative youth (in terms of years rowing and actual age) could provide me with an ability to challenge the frame of reference through which the board views discussion points.
2. As a financial analyst, my job requires me to approach situations logically and strategically and work with cross-functional teams to determine the most efficient resolution to issues, which I believe I will be able to translate to the board.
3. Additionally, I have been a member of the leadership team for the Northeast Ohio Susan G. Komen Affiliate's Race for the Cure for the past three years – giving me valuable experience in understanding the dynamics and motivations of volunteer run organizations. I also had the opportunity to participate in the Affiliate's strategic planning process in 2010 – experience that could assist in WRRRA's upcoming strategic planning process.

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for the board of Western Reserve Rowing Association.

Kathy Whitford



I have been a member of WRRRA since for almost 20 years now so rowing and "rowing people" have become a key component in my life. I have a sport that I will be able to participate in for life (I hope :) and I have met some wonderful rowers who will certainly be friends for life. I have seen the enormous growth of WRRRA over the past decades; and I am very invested and committed to assuring that the growth continues and is managed. During my time in WRRRA I have held different officer and board positions but perhaps more importantly, even when I was not a board member or officer I have remained active. I continue to volunteer at many WRRRA volunteer parties/events as well as many CRF activities.

Over the years I have participated in all of the programs: SRL/FRL, sweeps rowing with buddy boats, rec and sculling. For 2012 I plan to continue sweep rowing but also invest more time into sculling so I improve.

I am running for the board of directors because I am very excited about the potential of the adult rowing organization and I would like have a more active role within the leadership group. In addition to my rowing experience I believe that my work related leadership and program experience are assets. In my current job and my previous positions I have started new programs, supervised many staff and directed an annual camp with employees and over 300 volunteers. I believe that I am level-headed, objective, analytic and a hard worker; personal characteristics that will help me in a leadership position on the board. I hope to be able to formalize my leadership with a position on the WRRRA Board of Directors.