

**Western Reserve Rowing Association (WRRRA)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**August 10, 2023**

**Opening:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of WRRRA was called to order by the President, Sharon Romilly, at 6:05pm at the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse.

**Attendance:**

- WRRRA B.O.D. in person: Sharon Romilly, Kathy Whitford, Martha Rini, Leah Livermore, Heather Bonsky
- WRRRA B.O.D. via Zoom: Teresa Hooper, Karin Connor, Maria Coyne, Monica Wagner
- WRRRA B.O.D. unexcused: Robin Murphy
- Other in person: Heidi Lamb, Michelle Fox

**Approval of Minutes:**

Martha Rini made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2023 WRRRA B.O.D. meeting as submitted. Kathy Whitford seconded and they passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report, Kathy Whitford:**

1. The current financial report was reviewed.
2. Upcoming expenses include the SRL Championship Regatta, Fall CRF fees, sales tax for the second quarter and outstanding timesheets.

**CRF Report, Michelle Fox:**

1. The August 6, 2023 CRF parking lot incident that resulted in vandalism to three cars was reviewed.
2. Michelle will ask the CRF B.O.D. and Executive Director to distribute a letter to the member organizations recommending that no cars be left in the parking lot overnight.
3. The Irishtown Bend project is scheduled to begin in September.

**Corporate Rowing, Maria Coyne:**

1. Medical Mutual of Ohio has expressed interest in a Corporate Rowing event for nine individuals on August 31, 2023. It will be run like a private Learn-to-Row event with 1-2 boats.
2. Karin will first recruit coaches for this event.

**Volunteerism and Merchandising Report, Leah Livermore:**

1. New merchandise has arrived for the merchandise tent at the SRL Championship Regatta.
2. The August 13, 2023 Coxswain Clinic currently has 15 volunteers.

**Sweeps Report, Heather Bonsky:**

1. Ann Ortega has been volunteering to help with the WRRRA website updates. She will email Leah her volunteer hours.
2. The Learn-to-Cox Clinic agenda was reviewed. Coaches will be paid \$50 for the session.
3. The Master's team needs to enter their Head of the Charles bids.

4. Scott Spatny is writing the HOCR qualifications for the newsletter.
5. Heather will email the SRL members Head of the Cuyahoga regatta requirements to the WRRRA membership on August 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. Sharon and Karin will be coaching the HOTC Prep Program in the Fall.

**Coaching Report, Karin Connor:**

1. The 2023 FDP and HOTC Prep Program coaches have been secured.
2. Outstanding SRL makeup sessions that need to be scheduled.

**Governance Report, Martha Rini:**

1. Martha has requested that each WRRRA board member send her a recommendation of one candidate she can contact regarding the upcoming B.O.D. election.
2. Martha and Kathy will arrange a \$100 donation from WRRRA in memory of Kim Bache.

**Equipment Report, Teresa Hooper: No Report**

**Program Director Report, Heidi Lamb:**

Carol Wilson is working with Heidi to finalize the August 18, 2023 WRRRA Day of Remembrance Row.

1. Carol has secured coaches for this event.
2. Plans for the SRL Championship Regatta are being finalized.
3. The Learn-to-Cox Clinic is scheduled for August 13, 2023.

**Sculling Report, Monica Wagner: No Report**

**President's Report, Sharon Romilly:**

1. No cuts have been made to the Master's team despite members not showing up to practice.
2. Heather will email the Master's Captains and inform them that no cuts are to be made this year because the program lacked a coach.
3. Documented criteria needs to be available to cut members from the team.

**Closing:**

1. Next scheduled meetings:
  - A. Thursday, September 28, 2023 at the CRF Boathouse.
  - B. Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the CRF Boathouse.
  - C. Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the CRF Boathouse: WRRRA Annual Meeting. Time to be determined.
2. The board voted to move to executive session.
3. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
- 4.

**Respectfully Submitted by Leah Livermore, WRRRA Secretary, on September 25, 2023.**