

**Western Reserve Rowing Association (WRRRA)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 24, 2023**

**Opening:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of WRRRA was called to order by the President, Sharon Romilly, at 6:12 pm at the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse.

**Attendance:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Martha Rini made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2023 WRRRA B.O.D. meeting as submitted. Maria Coyne 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 and Fall CRF assessments.

**Governance Report, Martha Rini:**

Martha made the following motions for Karin Connor:

1. A temporary exception be made to the WRRRA adult membership requirement for the year 2023 for member organization John Carroll University to run an alumni program. The program will run for no more than nine (9) weeks with the participants rowing one time per week. The exemption ends December 31, 2023. (See 7-24-2023 Attachment A). Maria Coyne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. A temporary exception be made to the WRRRA adult membership requirement for the year 2023 for Audrey Rieman (age 26) and Catherine Gallagher (age 24) at the request of member organization Saint Joseph Academy (SJA). This allows both current SJA coaches to row under the SJA program. The exemption ends December 31, 2023. (See 7-24-2023 Attachment A). Sharon Romilly seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Sculling Report, Monica Wagner:**

1. All current scullers have paid their fees.
2. No sculling clinics have been planned.

**Corporate Rowing Report, Maria Coyne:**

1. The CRF Bow Ball Learn to Row is scheduled for August 6, 2023.

2. The Cornerstone Fund Corporate Row is scheduled for August 17, 2023. The company is being charged \$2000 for this event. Leah will email the second volunteer confirmation by August 14, 2023.

**Equipment Report, Teresa Hooper:**

1. Heidi reported that the 2023 Novice crews were given education on proper equipment handling at the beginning of the season.
2. Used oars will be sold for \$100 each.
3. The broken cox box is being repaired.
4. The broken launch has been repaired.
5. Boathouse Connect is working well for the reporting of needed boat repairs.
6. Heidi will register WRRRA crews for the HOTC.
7. Who will handle HOTC equipment rental needs to be decided.
8. The new Still Water launch from US Rowing is scheduled to arrive in August.

**Sweeps Report, Heather Bonsky:**

1. The Master's team has received an inquiry from someone interested in coaching part-time this Fall (one weekday and one weekend day).
2. Karin will ask Aaron Marcovy if he would be interested in coaching the women's Master's team this Fall.
3. Multiple data points (besides erg scores) are needed to determine who the Master's Captains can cut from the team.
4. There are 16 people interested in the tentative Learn to Cox Clinic on August 13, 2023. There are also 6 people who are possibly interested and 7 who cannot attend on the proposed date.
5. Heather reviewed how the Learn to Cox session will be run.
6. The possible Fall rowing programs were reviewed: Fall Development Program and HOTC Prep Program.
7. Fall programming would begin August 20, 2023 and run for 8 weeks.
8. There will be no Fall Intermediate program.

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

1. WRRRA will not award volunteer credit for the CRF ODA events. Leah will email a list of WRRRA members who inquired about volunteer hours to Jamye. Jamye will ask the CRF Executive Director to inform these individuals that they will not be receiving volunteer hours for their participation in the CRF ODA clinics.
2. Going forward, any volunteer recruitment requests need to be approved by the WRRRA President or Director of Volunteerism before being sent to WRRRA membership.
3. WRRRA issues volunteer credit for two non-WRRRA related events:
  - A. WRRRA approved HOTC related events.
  - B. The annual Canalway RiverSweep event.

**Program Director, Heidi Lamb: No Report**

**Closing:**

1. Next scheduled meetings:
  - A. Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6:00pm at the CRF Boathouse.
  - B. Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 6:00pm at the CRF Boathouse.
  - C. Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00pm at the CRF Boathouse.
  - D. Saturday, November 11, 2023 at the CRF Boathouse: WRRRA Annual Meeting. Time to be determined.
2. The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:16pm.

**Respectfully submitted by Leah Livermore, WRRRA Secretary, on August 10, 2023.**