April 13, 2022

Robinson Crew Booster Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Held via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order 7:01 PM

**President, Matt Mattice**

Please add your rower’s name to chat so you receive service hour credits. We have a full agenda tonight.

**Program Director, Stefan Koch**

(notes presented by Matt Mattice)

* Coaches very pleased with how competitive our boats are. Looking forward to upcoming regattas and States.
* Very excited that Principal Phillips announced boat finishes from the past weekend’s regatta in Monday’s announcements. All boats placed.
* Stotesbury (Stotes) – Highly competitive, invitational regatta held in Philadelphia, late May (after States). We can’t take the whole team. Certain boats/rowers will be invited to attend by the coaches; names will be posted on Slack after invitations extended. There will be a cost to send your rower; Board is working to keep that number down. If finances are an issue, please reach out to the Board. We want all rowers to invited to attend. Stotes experience is important and will help with recruitment in later seasons.

**President, Matt Mattice**

* Board Member Elections – Voting by Google ballot. 1 vote per rower. Posted in the Zoom chat with incumbents noted. Voting is open.

**Treasurer, Kim Metzger**

* Bank accounts reconciled through March except Script (there is money sitting in that account)
* Payroll made through March
* Expenses – Spirit wear T-shirts plus ones purchased for fundraiser, new coxswain equipment (arrived and delivered to Coach Stefan), regatta fees (regatta fees are club’s biggest expense besides payroll), accountant for taxes.
* Fees - All registration fees received. A few families owe for service hours and will be invoiced.

**Membership, Mark Davis**

* Parent volunteer found to manage service hour database. They will be the new primary contact point for questions. Name will be shared after training.

**Ways and Means, Ryan Novotny**

* Letter Writing Campaign – Fundraiser is still open. Half the team still needs to participate. Reminder and information will be posted in Slack. $4,500 raised already. We have more events in the future and would like to defray costs to families.
* More fundraisers planned for the future, including another Bundt Cake sale.

*Discussion, Matt Mattice*

Crew creates maintenance needs throughout the season as equipment is used for practices and regattas. We recently lost several older launch motors due to wear and tear. Emergency maintenance done (Thank you, Paul Schulwitz) but not a permanent fix. Board is exploring emergency purchase of 2 new motors. Coaches must keep up with the rowers during practice for safety reasons. Also, VASRA requires all schools to contribute launches for regattas. This is an in-season cost and why we need fundraiser participation. Please help.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

* Mark Davis (Membership) requesting a dedicated website coordinator. Please reach out if interested.
* Supporting regattas is where we earn the majority of service hours for the year. Lots of opportunities with VASRA, River Rats, food tent, etc. Remember that February 15th is the cut off date. If your rower continues, you will need 75 hours by this date. Being part of Regattas and the Board is fun.
* Carpool – Critical service and another volunteer opportunity.

**Miscellaneous**

* Remind your rowers of carpool etiquette. Recent concerns raised about rider behavior. Please follow the rules, be on time, be respectful. This is a service. Let Jackie know more than 5 hours in advance if you won’t be using carpool.
* Please join us at the grandstands for regattas. The more, the merrier. It’s loads of fun and you’ll meet other families.
* Got pictures? Please share!
* Regatta shuttles and parking running smoother.
* Food tent at boathouse – No service hours for food donations, only for cash donations and actual cooking (hot dishes). Also set up and take down. Next year food donation credits will be improved. Board will discuss after the season ends.
* Team Pasta Party – Friday, April 22nd at RSS in the Blue Cafeteria. More information to be published in Quick Catch. There is a sign up for contributions.
* There will be opportunity for rowers to work the finish line at upcoming Sunday Regattas. Info will be posted in the Slack Random channel.
* If adults want to learn to row, there’s an upcoming opportunity with NRVC, a local Masters’ Club. Info to be posted on Slack Random.
* Reminder to please vote for next year’s Board. Results will be announced in Quick Catch and on Slack.

Meeting adjourned, 7:34 PM