General Membership Meeting

Robinson Crew Booster Club

September 14, 2022

Called to order 7:03 PM

**President, Mark Davis**

General Membership Meetings are held the second Wednesday monthly. While we’re not currently in season, there are updates to share, especially in regards to financials. Program Director Stefan Koch is unable to join us; sharing his updates with mine.

* Coaches - Phil Vargas officially committed and will be Novice Girls’ Coach. Still searching for others to round out our staff. Will share information on the search as soon as we can.
* General Interest Meeting – Scheduled of October 6th in Recital Hall at RSS. New rowers and families attend to learn about rowing and our team. Please share this date. Will be posted on the web site, Slack, Ram Page and in RSS morning announcements.
* Trophies – Three trophies won at 2022 States are engraved. Smaller one is in the trophy case at RSS. The two larger ones don’t fit; searching for alternate display area. We want to share the team’s accomplishments with the Robinson community.
* Green Days – New this year; restricted to returning rowers and coxswains only. First practice to be Tuesday, September 20th. Practice time 4:15 – 6:15 PM, twice weekly. Last day is October 27th. Rowers must have on-line registration complete, up to date physical and be current with US Rowing membership. No cost to participate. Carpools will be arranged by participants; drivers must fill out the carpool form, which is part of the on-line registration process. Krista Strickland will send out a sign up with Green Day dates.
* Boats – New boat will be ordered soon; designated for Girls’ Varsity. Will purchase another next fall for the Boys’ Varsity.
* Spirit Wear – Working with Burke Sporting Goods. Store will be open twice this season – once in fall, once in spring (prior to regatta season). Items available based on responses to spirit wear poll.

**VP Membership, Krista Strickland**

* Current numbers - 32 rowers currently registered, 15 still need physicals. Good girl/boy ratio so far. If rower plans to participate in Green Day practices, health form must be on file.

**Treasurer, Kim Metzger**

* Checking Account reconciled for last month. Recent expenditures:
  + $5,000 boat storage (Next payment of $2,500 due 10/1, sent).
  + $5,000 for Inland Marine Insurance (covers all equipment)
* Membership Fees – Increased to $1,200 this year. Payment schedule: $375 due December 10th followed by 3 additional payments of $275 due January 10th, February 10th and March 10th*.*
* Amazing Grace (Boat which hit submerged log at States in May) - Claim for damage repairs filed with insurance. Waiting for news.
* New Boat – Waiting for quote; will be purchased soon for use in the upcoming water season. Team will finance through Vespoli but must put 50% down (slightly more than $20,000). Team can cover that with funds on hand and still have money in the bank. We will need to replace more boats in the future.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEER** – RCBC needs a shadow for Kim this year to train as Treasurer for next year (2023/24). Board Members earn 75 hours, covering the service requirement. Kim will still be in the area to answer any questions but can’t continue as her daughter is graduating in May.

**Ways and Means, Judy Lieberman**

* Fall Bridal Show is this weekend. We have volunteers; need more hand trucks and wagons. Please reach out to her on Slack if you have any to lend.
* Car Wash – Sunday, October 2nd at the Exxon on BCP by Safeway. We need supplies and people to help. Sign Up coming out soon.
* Digital Donuts – Purchase digital coupons to redeem at Krispy Kreme. Great for out-of-town supporters. Fundraiser will run year-long.
* Restaurant Nights – 5 Guys (October), Chipotle (November)
* Chairs – Need chairs for TAG Day, restaurant nights, Nothing Bundt Cake Sale, Spring Bridal Show. This is a fun way to help the team and earn service hours.
* Dates of Fundraisers – Will be added to website calendar when finalized, published on Slack and announced through RSS.

**President, Mark Davis**

Team is re-starting the sponsorship program which was dropped a few years back. Funds will help cover costs of new boats and program expenses. This is not fundraising but rather a way for local businesses to support the team in exchange for recognition and publicity. Kate Mattice and Nasser Akhtar are co-chairing this effort.

**Sponsorship, Nasser Akhtar**

* Program will roll out in the next few weeks. Target is $20,000. There is a standard letter with details of the program and sponsorship benefits to be given to potential sponsors. There are four sponsorship tiers, Friend, Bronze, Silver and Gold. There is a possibility there may be one level higher.
* Lots of opportunities to give local businesses visibility. These include logo and name on banner to be hung on ERG shed and on the back of team T-shirt. Also, links on our team website. Tier levels include specifications of logo size and placement, etc. Some tiers will also receive recognition in General Membership Meeting announcements.
* There will be Google Form for sponsors to complete; payment options will be check or VenMo.
* Co-chairs will coordinate a sign up so there is no overlap when approaching potential sponsors. If you know anyone with local business connections, please contact Nasser or Kate.

**Carpool, Jackie Beck**

Car pool forms are now included with on-line registration. Please complete for the primary driver. Paper form is only required if your family will have a second driver.

Adjourned 7:42 PM