October 12, 2022

Robinson Crew Booster Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 7:04 PM

**President, Mark Davis**

Thanks to all attending tonight’s pre-season meeting. We have a light agenda but will be sharing important team information. Please put your rower’s name in the chat for service hour credit.

**Program Director Update, Mark Davis for Stefan Koch**

* Coaches – New coach is joining the team, Coach Vargas. He is an RSS teacher and former Lake Braddock Crew Coach. Coach Vargas attended the interest meeting last week and is a great addition to the team.
* Shell – New 8 officially ordered; it should be here for the Spring season. It will be for the Girls’ Varsity squad. Credit from Vespoli for the Amazing Grace (shell damaged at States this past May) applied to purchase cost. Next season team is looking to purchase another new boat so we can start cycling in new equipment.
* General Interest Meeting – Session well-attended. Approximately 30 families in attendance. Captains spoke, Coach Stefan provided overview of program. Expecting a large team again.
* Open House – This Saturday, October 15th at 11 AM. Meet at the boathouse, Sandy Run Regional Park. This is an opportunity to see where the team practices, see the boathouse, check out the grandstands. Experienced rowers have been asked to do a demonstration row. If your experienced rower can attend, please RSVP via Slack to Coach Stefan so he has a head count.
* ERG Returns – Scheduled for November 10th at 3PM and November 12th at 9AM.

**VP Membership, Mark Davis for Krista Strickland**

* As of Monday, 59 rowers registered. Please be sure to register your returning rower and submit the physical paperwork. This is not necessary to attend Saturday’s Open House.
* Next General Membership Meeting will be in person at RSS, 7PM. Details to follow.

**Ways and Means, Mark Davis for Judie Lieberman**

* November 12th – Restaurant night at Chipotle. Dinner out and crew benefits. Event will be posted on website calendar and in Slack.

**Treasurer, Kim Metzger**

* Account – Working to access an old club account which has $7,000 in it. Submitting proof of identity and association with club.
* New Shell Financing – This will be several years of payments. Hoping to use this year’s fundraising to purchase new shell outright next fall.
* Membership Dues – First payment will be invoiced with December 10th deadline.
* Income – Received $1,500 in Sponsorships and check for Amazing Grace insurance claim.

**Sponsorship, Matt Mattice for Kate Mattice**

* Sponsorship – Idea for program came from seeing other teams with sponsors at away regattas as well as seeing local businesses sponsor here at RSS stadium (football). Board and Sponsorship Chairs devised a formal sponsorship program to reach out to local companies to support our rowers. Idea is to grow our support network to help with boat purchases and pay down financing. Goal is $20,000; we’re just under 10% of that now as a few Board Members gave the outreach a trial run. Website has details on the Sponsorship tab with details of tiers and benefits for each level. Benefits include advertising on T-shirts, web site, Quick Catches, ERG shed banner. Sample emails and fliers are also available.
* **Please think of what local businesses you frequent and any connections you may have. Reach out using the sponsorship program information. Service hours will be awarded for sponsorships brought in.**
* Post any questions in the Slack General Channel and someone will get back to you.

Crew is an expensive sport. Fundraising and sponsorship is necessary to keep costs stable for our families.

**Service Hours**

* Hamid Munir maintains the spreadsheet tracking service hours. Direct questions regarding your current totals to him. A link to the spreadsheet will be posted in Slack.
* Questions about service hour requirements should be directed to Krista Strickland (Membership) or Mark Davis (President)

**Miscellaneous**

* Attend Open House especially if you missed the interest meeting. Lots of your questions will be answered. Will split out parents and students. There will be boathouse tours, boats to see up close, rowing demonstration, hike to the grandstand.
* Carpool – Sign up paperwork is part of this year’s online registration process. Be sure you fill out properly so you can drive and your rower can ride.

If you have any questions, message any Board Member via email or Slack.

Meeting Adjourned 7:32 PM