

Ocean City High School Crew Boosters, Inc.
MINUTES
PARENT MEETING
MAY 5, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Suze DiPietro, President.

Attendees:

Suze DiPietro, President
Karen Kopic, Vice President
Stephen Martinelli, Secretary
Jane Mack
Dan Dubbs

I. County Race

Passes were made available for \$10.00 each.

II. Nationals

Parents were asked to refer to the packet distributed – we are going to Ohio – rooms are 3-4 students in a room each. We will need 18 rooms for rowers and coaches; we have 22 rooms available for parents. The rooms are held, Suze DiPietro will make a list of the parents and the hotel will contact you direct for payment. It is very sparse area in Ohio but there is a golf course that does catering – you may join the team for dinner Thursday and/or Friday if you wish for an additional fee.

The school will be requiring certain information from the rowers to be completed in order to take the trip. Payment is due in full now later than May 16th – we need to contact the hotel and caterer. Contact either Suze DiPietro or Karen Kopic to hand in the completed paperwork and payment for the student. It appears that some additional boats will be petitioned in. The numbers are based on those rowers attending, however, if not, the fee due will be slightly higher.

Karen Kopic asked if there were any questions.

We do not have times yet for when the kids will be picked up and where. Suze DiPietro said we should be getting coach bus(es). As soon as we have the information we will notify everyone. Sometimes they are picked up at the high school or boat house.

Michelle Miller (parent) congratulated everyone on all they do.

Karen Kopic said there will not be a grill at the races—we will have cold food only. We will have to pick up breakfast and lunch items.

Jen Cooper (parent) asked if parents go are the athletes permitted to stay in their room? Suze DiPietro answered “no”. The kids need to be with the kids. There will be

chaperones. Generally speaking the kids are well behaved. This is a team thing – Ocean City High School going out to show that they are winners – the parents should cheer them on from the sidelines.

Suzanne Hornick (parent) asked what size are the beds? Suze DiPietro answered that the kids are queen size – two to a bed. Suzanne Hornick asked if there is bus for the parents? Suze DiPietro answered “no”, but if you want to coordinate it you may. Karen Kopic will pass it along to the coaches.

Mr. Finley (parent) said St. Augustine Prep looked into getting a coach bus and it was \$1,000.00 plus expenses.

Allison Yao (parent) asked if we are allowed to have the kids come home with the parents rather than on the bus? Karen Kopic responded that with the proper paperwork completed, the athlete may return home with the parents.

Suze DiPietro said the boys are not bringing alternates; girls are bringing 4 alternates.

Suze DiPietro said coaches are very good at policing the hallways. All coaches are going along with 55 rowers maximum.

The rooms for the parents are \$278.00 for two nights.

Suze DiPietro said that the Board is really excited – it is the first time in four (4) years they have been out of state. The area where we are staying is a bit rural. It is very pretty and the golf club is great.

Eileen Tracy (parent) asked how do you determine who gets a room? Suze DiPietro answered that many of the parents who have gone to Nationals in previous years have already booked rooms. Last June when they announced where Nationals was being held, she put a hold on rooms for everyone. At the end of the meeting a list will be made and the hotel will contact you direct.

Suze DiPietro said that the races and the finals are very exciting and bonds you forever. We want everyone to win. If so, we will receive a police escort back into Ocean City.

Suzanne Hornick asked do you have to know tonight? Suze DiPietro said she will take your information this evening and you can always ask to be removed from the list.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm