

Ocean City Crew Boosters, Inc.
MINUTES
ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING & ELECTIONS
JUNE 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Suze DiPietro, President at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present:

Suze DiPietro, President
Karen Koptic, Vice President
Kirsten Canuso, Treasurer
Stephen Martinelli, Secretary
Ruthann Meyer, Girls' Liaison
Jane Mack, Boys' Liaison
Dan Dubbs, Past Secretary
Steve Nathan
Lynn Baumgardner, Trustee at Large
Gail Ping, Trustee at Large
Faith Camp-O'Donnell, Trustee at Large

I. Ballot Presentation by Karen Koptic

Vice President – Mario Japzon, Dan Dubbs, Faith Rumaker
Treasurer – Kirsten Canuso, Dave Krause
Girls' Liaison – Becky Greene
Boys' Liaison – Jane Mack
Fundraising Chair – Allison Yoa

II. Public Comment

Sue Catanoso (parent) said that she is questioning the nomination process. Ruthann Meyer asked about why there is an issue, we have taken every name nominated and we have been asking for nominations for quite some time. We know that we had a long time but we wanted to give everyone a chance to see if they wanted to run for office. Sue Catanoso says that bylaws supersede Roberts rule. Karen Koptic said that the regular meeting was split into two meetings because of time. Karen Koptic stated that an email was sent asking for nominations by a certain date and at that time we only had two nominations. The Board submitted the balance of the nominations. Sue Catanoso asked if maybe we were premature. Jane Mack said we cannot change bylaws; we have to amend them accordingly. Karen Koptic said we did not have an opportunity for the Board to discuss the matter thoroughly, other than asking for another meeting, it cannot be done. Ruthann Meyer said it is a moot issue right now; it is very hard to please everyone. We were trying to let everyone know in plenty of time – we should follow Roberts's rules or bylaws. Nationals became a huge issue and that set us back on the amount of time we could tend to the nominations and elections. Ruthann Meyer said that it is usually 6 or 7 people only come to vote. Cheryl Ann Bartello (parent) asked why there is only 15

minutes to vote. Suze DiPietro said she will give us more time, when the window is 2 hours and only 5 people show up; it is not conducive to the amount of time spent waiting. Jane Mack asked who changed the voting window. Steve Nathan stated that this is not a Board decision. Jane Mack said precedent was always 2 hours who changed it? Jane Mack wants to know who made the decision. We are restricting parents – this is the only time to voice their opinion – we do not have to be hard on the parents, we need the parents. It was not voted on. Stephen Martinelli deferred the decision to the nominating committee. Karen Koptic said we were not moving along and we were getting no information from anyone about the nominations, sent out proposals, and I did not hear anything back from the Board. Steve Nathan asked if anyone wanted to nominate anyone else. Billy Mack (parent) said you cannot nominate anyone else. Cheryl Ann Bartello said it is being pushed aside and we are not trusting you. Suze DiPietro stated that herself, Karen Koptic and Stephen Martinelli discussed meeting schedule and that it is a guideline, not set in stone. We went based on past elections and maybe 6 people show up – we were just being time effective. We need to clean up a lot of business prior to the new board taking over at the July meeting. We only get the library until 9:00 pm. Faith Camp-O'Donnell said we will continue. Karen Koptic quoted Roberts rules "Nominees - Although it is not common for the nominating committee to nominate more than one candidate for office, the committee can do so unless the bylaws prohibit it. It is usually not sound to *require* the committee to nominate more than one candidate for each office, since the committee can easily circumvent such a provision by nominating only one person who has any chance of being elected".

Sue Catanoso stated that she has an issue with using Roberts rules – nominations are specifically covered in the bylaws. Faith Camp-O'Donnell said there is no problem, we are going by bylaws-is everyone ready to vote? Sue Catanoso asked for everyone on the Board to introduce themselves. The members went around the table and introduced themselves. Kirsten Canuso introduced herself and withdrew her name from the nominations. Faith Camp-O'Donnell introduced both herself and Gail Ping and stated that the Board is just trying to be fair and make things move along. The two ladies have been involved for about 12 years; we don't come in very often, because we are only here for the recommendations of the board.

Ruthann Meyer reminded everyone that there is only one vote per rower.

Suze DiPietro made an announcement about summer morning crew. In addition, we will be having summer crew camp for kids – check out the website for information.

Heather Williams (parent and past Board member) asked where the money goes for camp - to the boosters? Ruthann Meyer said we don't make a lot of money. Suze DiPietro said that you ran it previously, you know how it works. Jane Mack asked about how the money is split. Suze DiPietro said the masters take money, pay coaches and there was no provision that money was given back. We will charge \$200.00 with \$100.00 going to the coaches and \$100.00 going to Boosters – just like masters program. Suzanne Hornick (parent) asked who was coaching? Suze DiPietro answered Zac Ebersson and Alex Grassi. Jenn Cooper (parent) asked don't our coaches want to coach? Suze DiPietro answered that this is Masters Program and we like to keep it separate so that our coaches (OCCB) can do summer camp and these coaches do the Masters. In order for the

program to grow, we want to expand with older and younger rowers. Suze DiPietro would like to make the program more accessible. Cheryl Ann Bartello stated that it is my understanding that the coaches want new equipment – who pays for repairs over the summer when they are used? Suze DiPietro said that we do have insurance, but there is maintenance. Chris Meyer, Chuck Salomon-Lowden and Stephen Martinelli do tons of the maintenance on the boats, free of charge. Cheryl Ann Bartello asked if the masters row in the new boat? Suze DiPietro said no. Cheryl Ann Bartello asked about us renting a boat for \$2,000.00 and it is old (her son was coxswain in the rented boat). Suze DiPietro said we did and it worked out pretty well. Cheryl Ann Bartello wanted to suggest that in the future we fundraise strictly for boats. Suze DiPietro said bingo goes toward boat repairs and maintenance. Ruthann Meyer said our goal is to buy a new boat every year. Two boats need to be retired. Cheryl Ann Bartello asked if we could fundraise all year? Suze DiPietro said it is hard enough during the crew season to get parents and rowers involved with fundraising and no with everyone on vacation it would be more difficult. Masters crew also gives scholarships to senior rowers. We are non-profit; we help support the high school. Seventeen scholarships were given out last week. Suze DiPietro said it is about the kids. It is a good program.

III. Elections

Voting commenced at 6:53 pm, ballots were collected and then tabulated. The following newly elected officers were announced at 7:12 pm:

Vice President – Mario Japzon
Treasurer – David Krause
Girls' Liaison – Becky Greene
Boys' Liaison – Jane Mack
Fundraising chairperson – Allison Yoa

Suze DiPietro stated on behalf of the Board I thank you for coming and caring for the team. I hope our relationship is good moving forward and you can help us do more. I know it was a bit uncomfortable at first but good things will be coming. The banquet will be great on Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.