

Ocean City Crew Boosters, Inc.
APPROVED MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mario Japzon at 6:37 pm – all were advised that the meeting was being recorded.

Attendance:

Mario Japzon, President
Dan Dubbs, Vice President
Tom Sigmund, Treasurer
Donna Martinelli, Secretary
Renee Esposito, Girls' Team Liaison
Donna Oves, Boys' Team Liaison
Allison Yoa, Fundraising Chair

I. Erg Room

Winter crew – Coach Tapp reported that we will most likely be at 36th Street. We need the ok from Jamison and we are not sure this will work out. Coach Tapp will try to reassure the administration, but wants to assume we are not getting into the school so we will need to make some adjustments to make it more conducive.

Coach Millar reported that he has repeatedly asked and met with business administrator, city administrator, athletic director, and Mike Allegretto – it was agreed that the storage facility at the tennis courts could be used and then wheel across the street. We were supposed to supply the school with insurance and that did not happen. New athletic director asked principal and have not heard back.

Coach Tapp also discussed presenting the school with facts concerning how many rowers continue to row in college and what they receive in scholarship money.

Mario Japzon gave a deadline of two weeks, if nothing is done, we will proceed with erg room. Coach Tapp would prefer to modify the building and be ready.

Stephen Martinelli said we can load anything you do not want onto his trailer and get rid of it. Mario Japzon said we will form an erg room committee. There was a discussion about changes to the erg room Donna Oves suggested that we speak to a new booster member parent who is on the City Council.

II. Selling/Buying Boats for 2017-2018 Season

The Board suggested to hold onto all girls boats, buy new Vespoli girls 8-boat, sell Millar and purchase a new boys boat next year. Looking at the numbers for Fall we have 40 boys and 66 girls so far.

Many suggestions were presented about which boats to sell. The inventory listing was scrutinized by the Board along with the coaches during the meeting. Stephen Martinelli asked which boats are designated “camp boats”; he suggested that you could take bottom rack boats and use them for camp. Coach Millar said Wake Forest is not raceable.

Tom Sigmund suggested that we almost have enough to purchase a new boat for the girls without selling any boats and then work on our plan about the other boats and plan for a boys boat next year.

Stephen Martinelli reiterated that there be enough boats – the bottom kids get the bottom boats, the top kids get the top boats. I would hate for you to sell the V4 boat.

More discussion about the boats took place. Coach Millar wanted to be reassured that we will continue to purchase a new boat every year – one year for girls, one for boys.

Stephen Martinelli (alumni member) stated that you should sell the Resolute – the parts are so expensive.

Dan Dubbs made a motion to purchase a new Vespoli for the girls, seconded by Mario Japzon – vote taken – all in favor, unanimously approved.

A discussion about naming the new boat took place. Coach Tapp suggested to name it after Kathleen Taylor.

Coach Millar asked for budget for used boat – it was stated whatever you receive for Resolute. Coach Millar asked if he could get outside funding – the Board answered yes.

Coach Tapp will talk to guy about pricing bottom rung boats so that he can put that money toward oars.

Stephen Martinelli mentioned that we have launch issues – you need to buy at least one motor and the Boston Whaler package or two new motors and a launch.

Dan Dubbs made a motion to name the white 8 the “Dr. Kathleen Taylor”, seconded by Allison Yoa – vote taken – all in favor, motion approved.

Coach Millar suggested we reach out to Faith Camp-O’Donnell as she is one of the original board members and may want to suggest a name or two for the boats. A discussion of possible names ensued.

Stephen Martinelli stated that every boat should say Ocean City and have a cover.

Coach Tapp discussed needing coaches. Coach Millar agreed. Mario Japzon suggested placing an ad in Row2K.

There was a discussion about salaries. Allison Yoa made a statement about the coaches helping enforce payment. Donna Oves suggested we revisit what the school provides because we have 10% of the school population.

Mario Japzon said we will visit the coach scenario in the spring.

Tom Sigmund asked about the ratio of boats/coaches – Coach Tapp said he likes two (2) boats per coach.

Stephen Martinelli said if you treat these kids right – they will come back and coach.

Mj stated that there is a plan that if you have financial issues, please speak to him and the Board will set up extra fundraising for them to receive credit. Donna Martinelli stated that I have reached out to delinquent families to no avail even when a payment plan is offered. MJ said they can sell extra dinner club and 50/50 tickets in addition to spring requirement.

Dan Dubbs made a motion to have “Ocean City” placed on all boats, seconded by Mario Japzon – vote taken – all in favor, motion approved.

Coach Tapp discussed new uniforms with the girls but does not want them to spend a lot of money and everyone needs to agree to the added expense.

Stephen Martinelli brought up the motor issue again – we need at least one motor. That will give you four (4) launches. A motor is \$2,600.00, 4-stroke.

Dan Dubbs made a motion to buy a new motor for \$2,600.00, seconded by Tom Sigmund – vote taken – all in favor, unanimously approved.

Stephen Martinelli asked balance of boathouse account - \$20,000.00 to \$21,000.00.

Girls will present new uniform designs at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Dubbs, seconded by Mario Japzon.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.