

**Ocean City High School Crew Boosters, Inc.**  
**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JULY 22, 2015**

Attendees:

Suze DiPietro, President  
Karen Kopic, Vice President  
Kirsten Canuso, Treasurer  
Steve Martinelli, Secretary  
Dan Dubbs, Immediate Past Secretary  
Paige Rumaacher, Fundraising Chair  
Jane Mack, Boys Liaison  
Ruthann Meyer, Girls Liaison  
Lynn Baumgardner, Past President  
Steve Nathan, Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

A discussion took place regarding thank you notes to sponsors to be completed by the secretary.

Kirsten Canuso, Treasurer, is obtaining a re-cap of the golf outing from Bill Handley. Suze received check.

Discussion took place regarding salaries of coaches for summer camp. Mike Millar will receive \$4,000.00 and Alex Petrella will receive \$2,000.00. Mike Millar runs the camp and is in charge that is why he receives more. Alex is ok with that.

Mike Millar has been here for six years.

Kirsten Canuso gave camp figures as follows: 12-13: \$7,200.00 income; 13-14: \$6,964.00 after expenses; 14-15: \$4,269.99 after expenses. This year to date we have \$7,050.00. Four rowers owe money which will bring the total to \$7,650.00.

Kirsten Canuso also reported that after expenses this year we will be in the "red".

Discussion took place as to reducing the coach's salaries to reduce the budget.

Discussion took place about how other clubs run camps – some by the clubs, some by the coaches. Discussion as to whether boosters should run the camp and if the salaries were too high – maybe coaches should run the camps.

Steve Nathan recommended that we not take any money away from coaches this year.

More discussion as to who should run the camp – it was noted that Ocean City ran the camps and then later the Boosters ran the camps.

It was noted that we could not reduce the salaries as they were voted upon at the May 13, 2015 meeting.

Paige Rumacher made a motion to table the camp situation for a later date; unsure of who seconded motion.

A vote was taken and it was decided to table the discussion about next year's camp to the November meeting; majority voted yes, one voted no and two abstained.

Discussion began regarding the masters program – Steve Nathan gave a history of what the master program was about and its benefits to the booster club. By raising money, helping out the rowing program and the fact that the masters seem to stay with the program a long time, which holds the program in place as opposed to parents who usually belong to the boosters while their child(ren) is in the program. Everyone agreed that the master program is beneficial.

It was discussed that the masters have no formal agreement with the boosters. A discussion took place about how the \$250.00 fee for the masters program fee is disbursed. This year \$200.00 will be given to boosters and \$50.00 will be put aside for the scholarship program for the seniors. The masters will put together a proposal/formal agreement for review at the next regular board meeting.

Discussion took place about use of boats for the masters program. Suze clarified that she coordinates with the coaches and they tell her which boats the program can use. It never appears to be a problem. Masters row from June through the last week in August – can do it in the fall and use the erg room in the winter.

A formal agreement between the masters and the boosters will include use of boats and oars, launches and boat trailers and erg room.

It was discussed that the school hires the coaches.  
A discussion took place as to how the masters program and the booster programs are separate because a previous board wanted it that way. After discussion, the consensus was to keep it separate.

It was also discussed about recognition awards/scholarships.  
A discussion also took place about a boat naming ceremony and who boats should be named after. There will be a boat naming ceremony on Saturday, October 3, 2015. It will be a fundraiser.

Discussion took place as to whether there was a conflict having Suze DiPetro as president of the boosters and the masters. It was decided that no conflict exists as long as an agreement was in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen C. Martinelli

Secretary – OCHS Crew Boosters Inc.