

Ocean City High School Crew Boosters, Inc.
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2015

Attendees:

Suze DiPietro
Karen Koptic
Kirsten Canuso
Stephen Martinelli
Dan Dubbs
Jane Mack
Steve Nathan
Faith Camp-O'Donnell

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

Kirsten reported that the coaches/assistant coaches were paid as follows for Fall Crew last year: Mike Millar \$1,000.00; Rudgren \$500.00, Alex \$1,000.00, Kait and Kelly \$300.00 each. Suze DiPietro suggested that we pay them what we did last year - Holy Spirit and Mainland give coaches \$1,000.00 and assistant coaches get \$500.00.

Steve Nathan made a motion to pay coaches \$1,000.00 and assistant coaches \$500.00, seconded by Stephen Martinelli, all in favor.

Kirsten Canuso reported that fall crew had 23 boy participants and 42 girl participants.

Faith Camp-O'Donnell asked what we charge for fall crew – Kirsten Canuso answered: \$100.00 per rower; we received \$6,300.00 and our expenses were \$3,500.00. Faith Camp-O'Donnell asked if Holy Spirit and Mainland charge for fall crew – Suze DiPietro answered yes \$100.00 also. Boy's crew in Mainland and Holy Spirit may no longer be in force. Faith Camp-O'Donnell asked if maybe perhaps we should charge a little more – how much are we spending on Fall crew; what is the portion of the insurance. Steve Nathan said we should figure the insurance; Kirsten says that we pay the insurance, Ocean City does not cover it; during Kim Campbell's time as Treasurer, the Ocean City High School lapsed in the insurance policy so now we, OCHS Crew Boosters, pay for the entire policy. Steve Nathan said Lynn Baumgardner went to the high school and asked about the policy- we need to ask her what information she received.

Faith Camp-O'Donnell suggested that we re-assess the fee charged for the program – we need to make a budget for that program.

Jane Mack asked if the coaches and assistant coaches were paid the same if they have 8 kids or 20 kids. Kirsten Canuso explained that two years ago there was a contract and they were paid a per rower fee; last year there was a stipend.

Steve Nathan asked about winter crew – we had discussed that summer crew could be relinquished to the coaches. The wear and tear on the ergs is enormous. Do we have the same amount of kids – keep it simple. A question was asked about the gym and the erg room – the

gym is recommended, not mandatory. Jane Mack said that at the last meeting Alex Petrella stated that the gym is not mandatory. Steve Nathan said that Mike Millar is volunteering his time for winter crew because he wants the boys to work out at the gym – he alternates with erg room. Perhaps we should figure the cost of the program and pay them a fixed amount and have a structured winter crew program. Boys do not pay for erg room, but girls pay \$100.00 for erg room. Alex's girls went to gym in Upper; Kait and Kelly girls went to erg room. Faith Camp-O'Donnell said that winter crew has always been free – the coaches used to say go swim or just to the gym. Faith Camp-O'Donnell feels that the fee for winter is too much. Karen Koptic stated that she paid the \$100.00 for winter crew and money to Upper Level Fitness also. Jane Mack stated that Mike Millar said he volunteers his time, and at the last meeting Alex Petrella said he would volunteer too. Suze DiPietro said she will talk to Alex Petrella. Karen Koptic said she just bought a new erg monitor for an erg she has at home. The replacement monitor was \$180.00. Steve Nathan said that for winter crew we will talk to the coaches to find out what exactly they will be offering – let's be clear with them before we start. Perhaps no winter crew compensation to the coaches. Suze DiPietro will talk to Alex Petrella - let's charge \$25.00 boys and girls for the erg fund. Dan Dubbs made a motion to charge \$25.00 for winter crew and no stipend for coaches for winter crew, seconded by Karen Koptic, all in favor.

Suze DiPietro wants to thank the coaches for fall crew, we just got a shipment of t-shirts, would it be possible to give a t-shirt as a token of our thanks to each coach – all agreed this would be a nice gesture.

Stephen Martinelli had a Boathouse update – Steve Nathan and Stephen Martinelli went to NJDEP and all looks like a go and the next step is Atlantic Electric approving layout. Application will be expedited supposedly, but it is looking very good. As long as Atlantic electric approves all work. Stephen Martinelli said we are having the county sign application for docks and because it is educational, we may seek Ocean City School Board to sign also. If it is not an educational facility, we will not be approved – if we are an educational facility we are ok to proceed. It will take some time – if we install temporary docks, they are at our own risk. If we get permit from NJDEP and county allows us to move dock over – we will be at our own risk if board approves. Do not say anything yet to Ocean City School board. Kirsten Canuso wanted to know when we are reaching out to Atlantic City Electric. Stephen Martinelli said we have to meet with them, the Freeholders and Dale Foster the County Engineer. We will have to have public access to the dock – one parking space up front. Faith Camp-O'Donnell said the floating docks are ours; the other docks are property of Ocean City. Two docks floated away and then Ocean City installed a new one – this may be the fourth one they have replaced. Stephen Martinelli stated that EZ Dock will be making one specifically for crew. NJDEP may make us pay back fees. The County owns the property and the County never paid the state so we will have to probably pay the back fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.