

Ocean City High School Crew Boosters, Inc.
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2015

The Public Comment period began at 6:43 pm. A discussion took place that without the payment and proper registration form there will be no rowing. Suze DiPietro met with the Ocean City High School Athletic Director and said that she invited him to ride in a boat and he is willing to participate. It was mentioned that the crew banner will be in place in the gym showing all the past wins.

Ian Tapp – new boys crew coach was introduced . A few questions about his general background were given.

The closed meeting session was called to order at 7:07 pm by Suze DiPietro, President.

Attendees:

Suze DiPietro
Stephen Martinelli
Ruthann Meyer
Jane Mack
Steve Nathan
Lynn Baumgardner
Gail Ping
Faith Camp-O'Donnell

Coach Comments:

Alex Petrella asked who will be posting winter crew information – Ruthann Meyer accepted the written documents for posting on the website. Ruthann Meyer asked if we can keep the time consistent. Suze DiPietro asked Alex Petrella for the bill for the Emily Claire repairs – the Athletic Director would like to have it for payment. Alex Petrella asked for names on girls' boats – perhaps someone could donate money to repair a boat or buy a boat or the girls could pick a name; it would be good to have this done before Spring season. Suze DiPietro stated that she does not want to name the new 4-boat now but to stick with the Boat Naming/Alumni BBQ tradition. We do not have a fundraising chairperson at this time, but we will figure it out.

When asked about the cox boxes – everything should be fine. Deposit on vespoli has been sent; not sure if slings were included. Steve Nathan asked if it would be better to make something lower rather than buying from vespoli. A few sets of homemade versions would be useful. We are trying to find a wireless cox box. The boys' two cox boxes do not work. Suze DiPietro requested Alex call her tomorrow.

Mike Millar reported that Fall crew is moving along, not as many as he would like; 8-9 freshman. Equipment seems to be fine except for cox boxes. OC 1 boat can be fixed; black 4-boat has three holes; the “funk” needs tweeking according to Suze DiPietro. Mike Millar says we can purge the funk. Funk was not used for summer or fall crew. The spring looks promising for the boys. Winter crew, does not have a set date – waiting until after Thanksgiving. There is no fee to

boosters – they pay gym. Ruthann Meyer stated that the girls pay \$100.00. Alex Petrella said if they want to do gym it will be on their own. Why don't boys pay for winter crew but the girls do? Stephen Martinelli asked about ergs – what is your opinion? Mike Millar said you should always refresh the inventory and a few years ago they were fixed and put recalled ergs in office that we use for spare parts. Steve Martinelli wanted to know how many do you think you need? Mike Millar said we are using all ergs. Lynn Baumgardner asked if you could ask Athletic Director about erging at the high school, it would especially help out the freshman. Mike Millar said ten ergs would be great. Gail Ping asked if there is money in the budget – Suze DiPietro said \$48,000.00.

Ian Tapp asked if he has to have the winter schedule done.

Mike Millar asked about boathouse and Stephen Martinelli said he will be making a report later in the meeting.

Boathouse Update – Stephen Martinelli reported that he has better news regarding the new boathouse – this month I got a “yes” from NJDEP for the building; cannot say exactly what size/shape without any permits. Now we have to get a flood permit – building needs to be up to current code. We cannot promise a bathroom, but we are working on it. We have contacts in the health department and there was an existing bathroom so we need to meet with Health department and engineer. Docks first, building second. This was very positive news about the building. There was a shellfish issue with the docks. We needed to reconfigure. I will pass around a diagram of what they have proposed – very close to what we requested. Army Corps requires us to do a demolition permit. Last update from NJDEP came yesterday and they are awaiting biologist review. This is only a preliminary application. A full application (90 day review period) is next. As soon as we have a “yes” from NJDEP, Marie Hayes, Cape May County Freeholder, will bring the application to Open Space and they will want to see plans in order to see what we are doing. The county is totally on-board with our plans. Suze DiPietro asked Stephen Martinelli what he meant the other day – he said you could build the building but they forgot about the flood permit. The launches need to stay out of the water because of the shellfish issue. Mike Lucey has been working for free so far but when this comes to fruition, you will need to earmark \$10,000 for application fees and his professional fees.

- I. Approval of September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes by Steve Nathan seconded by Jane Mack; unanimously approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report – questions regarding the report including all income and expenses is requested by next meeting – more detailed reports are required. Stephen Martinelli made a motion to table the minutes because we need more info; seconded by Steve Nathan.
- III. Committee Reports
 - A. Fundraising – reported by Suze DiPietro
 1. Paige Rumaker will continue to handle clothing; she is putting together an order form; red tshirts will be available at Under the bridge
 2. ShopRite Ergathon – crew kids at shop rite with change cans – couple kids erging and a couple collecting – is this a good idea. We need someone to be in charge of this. Gail Ping suggested that the liaisons contact the

parents and ask for their help. Liaisons should send out an email asking for help – take over and organize from start to finish. Week before Thanksgiving will be good.

3. Spring Beef n Beverage – like Maynards function last year – this is a lot of work; someone needs to take this over – Gail Ping suggested that they used to do a fundraiser the 2nd week of January and it worked well; Liaisons are to send emails requesting parents to organize this event. Ruthann Meyer and Jane Mack will meet and work on the wording so it is consistent.
 4. Update of 50/50 and Dinner Club Tickets –skip until next meeting
 5. Update on Bingo – Ruthann Meyer will do bingo if she has a partner to help her out, such as Sharon Solomon-Lowden; will talk to Holly – Steve Nathan said to call Dennis, he likes to help out for bingo
 6. Sponsorship List – Who has it? Kirsten Canuso has it; Connect with the Cates family??
 7. Yard Sale-Gail Ping said it was done in the past during the Ocean City Community Wide Yard Sale; people are needed to organize and work the sale; Steve Martinelli will run clean communities and yard sale. Gail Ping said there is a craft show at Music Pier two times a year – they used to donate \$2,000 for the crew kids to volunteer and help out for the day. Gail Ping will inquire.
- B. Girls Liaison – left meeting prior to giving report
- C. Boys Liaison – nothing to report
- D. Boat House- see above
- E. Masters – race season concluded – will be erging Sunday mornings - \$10 each Sunday at 8:00 am – Zach coaches the sessions – one hour long; Mike Millar boat naming move to October 24, 2015; 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Deauville
- F. Food Tent-there was a meeting – progress was made – many good ideas – cost saving ideas, next meeting is Oct 28th; sign ups were discussed about \$150 tent fee and adding additional \$50 fee and then rewarding volunteers with a refund

IV. Old Business

- A. Equipment Update
1. Boats – OC 1 damaged; Chris Meyer can fix; see above for rest; all outboards ok; eight oars being re-finished to replace crushed ones
 2. Cox Boxes – two needed to be bought – Lynn Baumgardner wants to wait and research to see if they have wireless ones; Steve Nathan said that some may be under warranty and we can send them to be repaired. Stephen Martinelli said Chuck Solomon-Lowden was fixing the speakers on some last season. Chris Meyer inventoried each piece of equipment and wrote what needed to be done.
 3. Ergs – see above; Steve Nathan said call greenheads to purchase 10 ergs. Stephen Martinelli said we should do some homework and report back next month before we make a decision.
- B. Standing Committees – hand out from Stephen Martinelli – committee listing
- C. Special Committees
- D. Executive Binder

V New Business

- A. Meeting with Jack Phyzenmeyer, OCHS Interim Athletic Director – see above
- B. Fall Crew Numbers and Update
- C. Coach Salaries – Fall salaries were never discussed: Mike, Alex, Kelly, Kait, Ian; Lynn Baumgardner suggested we pay them half of what we collect. Lynn Baumgardner said salaries should not be paid by boosters – they used to not get paid. Steve Nathan said look at what we paid them last year. Stephen Martinelli and Steve Nathan said to look at last year; perhaps change to a per rower fee. Steve Nathan made a motion to have Treasurer let us know what we paid last year prior to next meeting. Stephen Martinelli suggested having a special treasurer meeting prior to the food tent meeting on October 28, 2015. Stephen Martinelli will email her tomorrow. Suze DiPietro wants to double check on 50/50, bingo and dinner club paperwork.
- D. Delgrande Family – Suze DiPietro asked that perhaps we should send dinner over for the triplets as they would be home. Steve Nathan made a motion to purchase a dinner and send to their home, seconded by Jane Mack.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.