

Ocean City High School Crew Boosters, Inc.
MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2015

Open Public Meeting began at 6:35 pm.

Steve Martinelli asked if anyone had a problem with directions to the boat house? Most people said no, although it was noted that some people feel that it is on the Upper Township side.

Chuck Salomon-Lowden asked if anything needs to be done. Steve Martinelli said the trailer needs to be tended to as well as sorting out the shed. A committee that takes care of those items should be formed. As far as boat maintenance, Suze DiPietro said Chis Meyer has been taking care of things. The boat "Emily Claire" will be sent next week for repairs. Coach Alex stated that they will be refurbishing everything not just the recent damage.

Rich Gligor asked about the boathouse jackets that were ordered -are they supposed to be really small? My son's large is way too small and too short in the front. Kirsten Canuso said an XL would be too large. She offered to take it and compare it to her son's. Ruthann Meyer said it may be mis-labelled – it is supposed to be fitted but bring it in to compare.

Lynn Baumgardner said they should be able to try on samples. Jane Mack said kids should try on other kids for size.

Kirsten Canuso said if you are not happy she will send it back for another size. If the jacket is that small, she can at least call the company.

Will there be a regatta for the crew camp? Yes for campers and high schoolers and helpers. Ruthann Meyer asked if it is still pizza? Yes stated Suze DiPietro. We will just be pulling out tables and chairs, water, cookies, etc – very low key. It would be nice to do the tent like at the race but it is a lot of work for the evening.

The closed portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:49 pm by Suze DiPietro, President.

Attendance:

Suze DiPietro, President
Karen Koptic, Vice President
Kirsten Canuso, Treasurer
Steve Martinelli, Secretary
Dan Dubbs, Immediate Past Secretary
Ruthann Meyer, Girls Liaison
Jane Mack, Boys Liaison
Lynn Baumgardner, Past President
Steve Nathan, Trustee
Gail Ping,

Old Business

Motion to approve minutes of July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and July 22, 2015 Special Meeting – Kirsten Canuso stated that Paige Rumaker was not present at the July 9th meeting. It will be corrected and sent to Ruthann Meyer for posting on the website – Karen Koptic motioned, Dan Dubbs seconded, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – boathouse account – \$28,708.03; operating account - \$47,192.89; games of chance \$36,090.69. Jane Mack asked about copies of the treasurer's report – Kirsten Canuso said she will have statements and printouts for next meeting for everyone. Dan Dubbs asked when the last audit was completed and if Form 990 for Charitable Giving been completed – Kirsten Canuso said the accountants FBK complete those forms. Dan Dubbs also asked about the bill list being included in the minutes.

Bills to be paid – catamaran media \$300; sportswear plus \$943.00 summer camp tshirts; Steve Martinelli \$54.74 oil and gas; CM 43.34 gas; Caprioni \$85 July; sample media - \$900.00 total disbursed \$6193.02.

A discussion about the advertising fees – this should be looked at for next year's camp.

Karen Koptic stated that Paige Rumaker just resigned her position through an email received during the meeting.

Paige Rumaker's position will be difficult to fill. Karen Koptic said that Bingo may not be done this year and that was a big fundraiser. Golf tournament also did well. Suze DiPietro asked if Denise Oliver would be able to take over the position. Kirsten Canuso said she would talk to her and see if she is interested.

Steve Martinelli asked if he should send a thank you note to Paige Rumaker – Suze DiPietro said yes.

Dan Dubbs made a motion to accept Paige Rumaker's resignation, Kirsten Canuso seconded, all in favor, regrettably accepted her resignation.

Kirsten Canuso said there is someone she can reach out to someone to see if she is interested. Steve Nathan said that we should look at what the full job entails before we ask for someone. It may be better to split the responsibilities.

Replacing the position will be tabled.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ruthann Meyer and seconded by Steve Martinelli, unanimously approved.

Suze DiPietro thanked Karen Koptic for drafting the agreement and Lynn Baumgardner for reviewing the Masters Crew Agreement. Please review and comment. Lynn Baumgardner suggested that we look it over and present for approval at the next regular meeting. Karen Koptic asked if there were any changes – Suze DiPietro took out scholarship portion and added erg room

and removed a duplication but cannot remember what it is. Steve Martinelli asked if they are good with the agreement and they said yes.

Dan Dubbs asked if we are going to have to vote on it every year? Steve Nathan stated we may not want to put in specific fees that will change year to year, equipment used, etc – keep it generic so that only the numbers will change.

Steve Nathan – back to bingo – started 11/8/14 and went through February. Gail Ping asked if she just doesn't want to do it and Steve Nathan may have someone interested in taking it over. Bingo is usually monthly.

Summer Camp Report – guesstimate gross receipts \$10,050.00; to date we have spent \$2,241.22; Alex Petrella \$2,000.00; Mike Millar \$4,000.00; gas?; food ?. Suze DiPietro asked how many rowers so we can plan for food – we need to know how much pizza to order. A discussion continued about water, set up, paper products etc.

A line item for email address should be added to registration form.

Steve Martinelli will get a price for 25-30 pies. Figure 75-100 people. Masters will be competing against the high schoolers. Kirsten Canuso will bring water. Ice will be brought by Ruthann Meyer. Desserts will be brought; Kelsey Meyer will be bringing cupcakes and brownies. Jane Mack, Steve Martinelli, and Steve Nathan will also bring desserts.

5:00 -7:30 is regatta – set up before and during race – Steve Martinelli, Jane Mack, Dan Dubbs, Steve Nathan will help set up.

Committee Reports

1. Fundraising – Karen Koptic met with Holly and she may not be part of bingo any longer; we are doing coach bingo and she is helping according to Kirsten Canuso. Karen Koptic mentioned volunteer spot and asked her to write down all needs for bingo – should have the list soon.

Volunteer spot – not sure if everyone is looking during the summer – would like to add committees for that list. Steve Martinelli was going to put together a list of some standing committees – we have 8 committees so far and we can keep adding. Remind and email them to inform them to look. Should it come out from secretary or liaisons should? Lynn Baumgardner suggested having a fall meeting in September and start introducing the parents to volunteer opportunities.

We will try to do an email, remind, facebook etc. Send out an email and remind 101 about the volunteer spot. Steve Martinelli stated that if we are going to having standing committees, each board member should be on one or two committees. Each committee will be broken down with jobs so that members can sign up for a particular committee. The committee chairperson's email will be individualized.

Steve Nathan stated that most committees are in place but maybe we just need to notify people and a fundraising chair. Paige broke down all fundraising activities so it will be easier to break

down on volunteer spot. Camp parents were interested in volunteering as their children enter the high school. Steve Nathan asked about listing tasks one by one instead of overwhelming them with all volunteer areas.

Ruthann Meyer asked about the immediate ones – bingo, 50/50, and dinner club. Kirsten Canuso was at Great Bay and we have tentatively scheduled Thurs 6/2/16 or Fri 6/10/16 - \$26.00 per head – no Saturdays. Steve Nathan made a motion to have the banquet on Fri 6/10, seconded by Karen Koptic, unanimously approved.

Karen Koptic summarized – remind 101 and mailchimp to all for volunteering.

Special Presentation by Steve Martinelli and Alex Petrella:

Steve Martinelli gave all members a boat inventory with ratings of 1-10. Also, an outline of each boat and its condition along with a list of items needed for the boats totaling \$8,075.00. Alex Petrella noted that we only need two riggers, not four, reducing by approximately \$400.00. There is a used 4-boat available – 2009 - \$15,500.00 (refurbished top to bottom); brand new - \$21,100.00. Lynn Baumgardner asked if they take anything for trade-in. Alex Petrella said it is possible. Alex Petrella wants to know if we purchase. Gail Ping wanted to know what account it comes from. Dan Dubbs suggested we make payments rather than pay in full. Steve Nathan does not want to get a loan. Parts, etc come out of the operating expense. Karen Koptic asked about installments – interest free? Ruthann Meyer said parents will be excited to see a new boat. Dan Dubbs asked what are the advantages of new/refurbished boat? Alex Petrella answered that new boat would be specifically for girls. Ruthann Meyer wanted to know what you want the boat for - Lightweight or regular? Alex Petrella wants it to be the fastest 4 boat in the program. How about refurbishing a boat - \$7,000 - \$8,000. Ruthann Meyer wanted to know if it would be worth refurbishing one and buying the old one. Steve Martinelli asked if the equipment list would fix all girls boats – Alex Petrella answered yes. Alex Petrella thought he may lose 10-12 rowers, but there are at least 12 incoming freshman. Steve Nathan made a motion to purchase new boat; seconded by Karen Koptic – Gail Ping wants to wait until after fall crew. Alex Petrella wants to upgrade the fleet. A vote was taken – motion carried.

A motion to approve purchase of parts list was made by Dan Dubbs, Steve Nathan seconded – A vote was taken – unanimously approved.

A discussion about boat naming began and how to go about it. Steve Martinelli recommended putting a small number on each boat that does not have a name to keep better track of maintenance, etc. Lynn Baumgardner suggested that the girls be even numbers; boys odd numbers.

Ruthann Meyer asked Alex Petrella if we could get any money for old timer – Alex Petrella stated about \$2,000.00.

2. Girls Liaison – Kelly & Kait have been meeting pro bono with the girls at the erg room and would like to give them a gift card – Lynn Baumgardner said the girls should do it; Suze DiPietro suggested items from our inventory – beach towels were recommended – motion to provide beach towels to Kelly & Kait was made by Ruthann Meyer and seconded by Stephen Martinelli; unanimously approved.

3. Boys Liaison – no comments

4. New Boathouse – Steve Martinelli stated paperwork has been sent to Trenton. Lynn Baumgardner said last we heard it was a “no”. Steve Martinelli said if we were commercial and put docks in it would be ok. As we are not commercial, we have to abide by shellfish. Docks could be replaced exactly but that won’t work. It is a county owned facility and everything must be done correctly. County wants it as much as we do. They are trying for an exemption from NJDEP shellfish rule. Lynn Baumgardner asked is this about the building or the docks. Steve Martinelli said it is the docks right now. Steve Nathan said once we have a drawing we will know how close we are to the wetlands. Steve Martinelli stated we are using a 60 x 90 two story buildings.

New Business

1. Fall Crew – Suze DiPietro stated that according to Mike Millar it will start week of Sept 21st. Registration at boathouse – if you do it during community lunch Ruthann Meyer will go. Last year it was \$100.00 per rower; how are coaches paid – will there be an agreement perhaps based on participation. Ruthann Meyer asked if we wanted to make money. Lynn Baumgardner asked if you just wanted to cover expenses. Kirsten Canuso thinks there should be a different agreement with the coaches. Steve Nathan said maybe a minimum of \$500 and plus \$X for each additional rower. Steve Nathan said we pay coaches and then they pay assistants. Steve Martinelli had a questions regarding coaches – rowers pay boosters and then boosters pay coaches. We have girl coach and boy coach and pay them a certain amount of money. Last year Kelly & Kait got \$300; Millar \$1000; Alex \$1000; Evan \$500. Ruthann Meyer stated that we needed to enforce “no money no rowing”. Coaches are not following roster showing paid/unpaid. Lynn Baumgardner stated that we need to say no money no row. Steve Nathan will tell coaches about the pay change.

Steve Martinelli said he has two offers for a coxswain seminar for free and would like to arrange before October. Any problem with this? Dan Dubbs says you need to see who will be with the kids – coaches have to be there and one adult.

Suze DiPietro said there may be a switch with the boy coaches – Eric may have a job at EHT so he may be leaving. Huck may not be able to continue. Alex Grossi is a coach on girl team in AC – he is coaching our girls and is interested in joining the team.

We will plan at our next regular meeting to have a parent meeting on Sept 16th at the OCHS Cafeteria at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 by a motion presented by Dan Dubbs, seconded by Suze DiPietro.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen C. Martinelli
Secretary – OCHS Crew Boosters, Inc.