

Ocean City High School Crew Boosters, Inc.
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2015

Public discussion started at 6:30 pm.

Mrs. Michel talked about how her daughter Noelle was hit by a car on her way to crew practice on June 4, 2015. The driver was a 91 year old woman. She explained that the woman left the scene of the accident, they reported it to the police, and police were not able to do much. She asked if we could sign a petition to have her license re-assessed.

Sharon Szabo explained that she is considering buying a double hull for her family to practice. It is 30 feet long and wanted to know if she could rent some space at the boathouse. Faith Camp said they tried it before and would need to have proof of insurance. She was advised to check with the McMahon agency and get back to us. She was also advised to check with the city because it is their property. Discussion took place about what other boat houses did.

Suze DiPietro gave Steve Martinelli correspondence regarding the scholarship program.

The closed portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:46 pm.

Suze DiPietro talked about a boat naming fundraiser. She recommended naming the boat after Mike Milliar after all his hard work, however, requested ideas about having the boat named.

A discussion took place about the scholarships given by the masters program. A motion was made by Steve Martinelli and seconded by Steve Nathan to allow masters program to have a fundraiser to name a boat after Mike Milliar, proceeds to go to graduating senior boys and girls.

Discussion took place as to whether Milliar was contacted. Faith Camp asked how other boats were named. Ruthann Meyer thought it was a good idea to name after a coach. Much discussion took place. A vote was taken: 4 yes; 3 abstained. It was noted that the ceremony would take place the first or second week of October 2015.

Kirsten Canuso gave a summer camp update – to date we have 21 campers for session 1; 7 for session 2; 5 for session 3; 11 for session 4.

Bill Handley will hand out registration forms to lifeguards.

We have 3 or 4 coaches and volunteers. We need volunteers to help with sign-ups. The following board members signed up: Ruthann Meyer for 7/20/15; Kirsten Canuso for 7/27/15; Steve Martinelli for 8/3/15; Jane Mack for 8/10/15.

Lynn Baumgardner will order food for the camp regatta to be held August 17, 2015.

Paige Rumacher will order t-shirts.

There will be medals for different categories.

Suze DiPietro stated that the boat yard needed maintenance – numerous weeds and poison ivy. Steve Martinelli volunteered to clean up the boat yard.

Suze DiPietro also stated that parking is an issue and that someone needs to mark off where the boats come out of the boat yard, especially near the gates. Steve Martinelli volunteered to do that.

It was noted that there will be a Quaker City Regatta on August 4th for the masters – three boats to enter – 2 eight-boats and 1 four-boat. The race will take place at the head of the Schuylkill. A discussion took place as to who the master coaches were and how the practices worked.

Kirsten Canuso was given a check for \$3,600.00 from the masters program for equipment rental.

Discussion took place about agreement between masters and boosters and how it came to be.

Kirsten Canuso made a motion to accept a \$200.00 per rower payment for the masters summer program of 2015. Ruthann Meyer seconded the motion. Eight affirmatives – motion passed.

A discussion took place about summer rowing program for boys and girls. It was noted that the boys were rowing in the morning. Questions arose as to why the girls were not rowing. A discussion took place as to how the girls were notified. It was determined that they may not have been notified in the same format as the boys. It was decided that we would re-notify the girls, contact the coach for availability to try and make sure the girls had the same opportunity as the boys.

Discussion about fee for the alumni rowers. Kirsten Canuso made a motion to accept \$100.00 fee for the summer season; Faith Camp seconded the motion. It was unanimously passed by the Board.

Discussion took place regarding the need for an extra meeting for the Masters agreement.

Discussion took place about fall coaches and the possibility of selecting a replacement coach.

Kirsten Canuso gave a Treasurer's Report: General Operating Fund \$39,112.18; Games of Chance \$36,086.05; Boat House \$28,704.40.

Discussion took place reiterating that all parent-coach contact should be done through either the girls or boys liaison.

Karen Kopic spoke about some future fundraising ideas. A committee needs to be formed for each fundraiser to better balance the workload. Steve Martinelli suggested a yard sale to raise money.

Suze DiPietro spoke about how difficult it was last year in dealing with false accusations from some of the parents. She was considering resigning as President – all Board members asked her to consider remaining as President after she thinks about it. We all felt that she has done a good job and had the rowers' best interest in mind and did not want her to resign.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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