

Boulder Community Rowing Board Meeting
January 12, 2009
REI Conference Room

Present: Suzanne, Andrea, Josh, Nicole, Terri, Jana, Marc D
Guests: Eric, LK, Dave

Announcements

- Minutes now available on-line., On the News page – will be posted as Non-approved and then archived after approved and the new unapproved minutes will be posted monthly
- 2009 is BCR's 10th anniversary to be discussed further that we roll celebration into National LTR Day
- The David Dodrill, the red Peinert, has been named and we are planning a christening celebration of the boat in the Spring. We will notify his family and also post a picture on Website.

Finance Update

- LK will send to the board as she left it home (apologetically)
 - Plan: will be entering members as customer – can pull up and see all that they give money for
 - Discussion of protection of financial information. Those who want information can be directed to LK
 - Jana wanted to know about the budget now that we have Reservoir numbers. Nicole provided a copy of the budget and money allocated for equipment as forecast. Put Budget on the agenda for next meeting when Joanne is here. LK will make a proposal and board can vote on it. Josh proposed we devote a significant amount of time to that discussion.
 - Each committee should come up with a request/proposal for how much they need and sent to LK by end of January (capital expenditures) projection should include dates. By Monday the 2nd.
 - Question of whether we have been putting money into the boathouse fund is to be researched – is there a mandate and what has been done. Jana will ask Jim and put on the agenda for next month.

Committee Updates

- CJC –
Suzanne will put together a list of comments and commentary to send to

Jeff/meetwith Jeff with the idea of moving toward an agreement between the two club.s

Suzanne will send out the list to the board for input to then be sent to Jeff by Friday

Suzanne and Jeff will meet as soon as possible

- Marketing: Lisa is not able to make it
Lisa and Andrea are meeting tomorrow to discuss and get Andrea caught up. Marketing report and decisions are therefore tabled for next month.
- Website – will meet about that tomorrow and will be turned over to Andrea. Andrea has action items for tonight, Lisa has been searching for a web designer and 2 have fallen through. Andrea asked if we may have to pay someone. Board recommended that once Andrea and Lisa meet, they can get an estimate on cost and what is needed. Andrea will have a list of the changes tomorrow. Josh requested that it be sent to the board for approval to take into account what want and estimate for all aspects of the changes proposed.
- It was agreed that if a committee chair wishes to add to website that the point person will go to Andrea and she will send out changes to the board.
- Mark – website stuff – idea of getting rid of Yahoo group. Can just use website for email. Recommend a BCR board Yahoo group I second. Passed
- Mark will set it up. It will need to have a very distinct email address.

Yahoo groups will be left status quo until Andrea and Mark will meet and let us know

- Booth at Tri-Series – suggested by Nicole. Suggestion that if we want to help and participate that we might get some subsidizing. Need more information from Nicole to Andrea and Lisa by tomorrow.
- Reservoir: Eric – going well; Nicole summarized meeting on 1/07/09. Options regarding fees are many. Still a lot to be discussed. Contact Nicole if you want the full scoop.

The Res committee will meet to make a suggestion to the Board and the board will approve Rowers are the largest single organized group at the Res – are a large powerful force at the res. Eric – will have a meeting of committee and come back with recommendation regarding the 3 options

Nicole will check regarding the parameters of being on the water during negotiation of the contract. First drafts may be available end of Feb.

Feb. 25th last year was the first day on the water

Need to look at drop-in traffic/errand traffic needs for outside of program times and events

Rez group is meeting to send out our recommendation and questions to the board members before next board meeting.

- MOTION should Club subsidize meetings/work parties – each committee maybe establish a budget (entertainment budget).

BCR funding alcohol and liability: Suzanne will research and report to board

Table motion until next month

A decision was reached that Holiday parties planning is under membership committee.

- Open Member Discussion: A MOTION was passed to have an open comment period in the first 15 minutes of the Board meeting following the closed meeting. This will be limited to 3 minutes for each speaker strictly enforced. Longer comments/issues can be submitted to Nicole for placement on the agenda. If you wish to be on the agenda please submit to Nicole Wednesday before the Monday meeting.

Programs

- Brain Dump well attended (20-24 people)
 - Ideas for schedule, seasonal (3 seasons), feedback about sculling program, cost, novice program, etc.
 - Terri will compile notes
 - Flow into next program meeting –who, what, when, how to start
 - Schedule probably done by mid-Feb-regatta schedules and affects on programs, reservoir schedule (things that affect us)
 - Anyone with ideas on races, send comments to Terri
- Erg session update from Fran and next session
 - Examine length, cost, curriculum
 - Lots of enthusiasm and improvement
 - Loss of attendance for sickness, vacations, etc
 - Plan to do another erg session; announcement coming soon
- Tempe Desert Sprints race coming soon
 - LK is contact for all info; sent email
- BCR racing has its own Gmail and regatta central site
 - Communication and single site
 - LK will use for Tempe
 - Will hopefully start a log of racing info based on site use
- Coach contracts
 - Email to US Rowing asking for standardized contracts examples with content information
 - Some pushback on 1 item on the contract – liability issue

- Who is doing coach hiring? Rough schedule by mid-Feb
 - See survey
 - Send survey to Sarah Canfield for her input
 - Did Greg R respond?
- Suzanne and Josh will be responsible for hiring

Fundraising

- \$4,781 left to go for M2 fundraising
- Boat name still open for purchase
- Sponsors have been emailed (Joe's Espresso – if you go mention BCR, First Community Bank, 4580 Restaurant)
- Another web page for sponsors – what it means, thanks to sponsors and all donors
- Any contacts in places, start asking anyone at any local business
- Thursday there's happy hour at 4580 for \$500 (silver level donation)
 - Open to all
- National Learn to Row Day-won't do unless it'll raise money
 - Not have at reservoir; have at farmer's market or other event, show them rowing
 - Sign up for 2nd day for people to be on the water
 - Drum up additional sponsorship
- Art Show - Corissa investigating spaces for an evening art show
 - Will call for artwork once we have space, date and time

Membership

- Looking to keep track of membership hours and ensure people are putting in their volunteer hours
 - Do we advertise enough that people need to volunteer and that it is a requirement of membership?
 - Some could be lack of communication
- Fee discussion will happen once we know more about the res contract and financial information; \$350 currently due before you row on the water
- Dave K. will send a call to join membership and pay early with info on how to pay (regatta central) in cooperation with Corissa
- Terri - who should have access to Regatta Central membership list outside of board?
 - Lisa, LK, Jacque

Equipment

- Barn is great
- Buy sling Josh will buy 2 sets at \$90 each
- Rick is taking care of NK boxes; will have 5 working boxes by March

- No shoes for the Peinerts; won't be any
- Cover for M2 doesn't fit; Josh will call Dave Trond
- Creamsicle is now BCR's; nobody it's a recreational racer lower end; midweight could handle heavyweights up to 185 pounds; \$400 for feet, riggers possibly
- Josh will go ahead with purchase of \$400; if more is needed, he'll notify/discuss BOD
- This additional boat will not have oars; hold off for now until we know more about financials
- No luck finding more sweep oars yet; \$1500 is what's estimated for a set of 8 used (approved last month)
- Alden: sell it? Could probably get \$1000. Josh will sell it. BOD ok with it
- Oar painting soon; josh will send out email soon to rally troops for that
- We could get a demo Wintech or swift
- If we sell Buff and BA, we could get maybe \$2000, we had \$4500 last fall that we could buy towards a new 4... BOD could expect to spend \$2500-6000 total for a used four with oars.
- Jana – no more on credit till we pay M2 off
- Let's look for now, but also wait for financial/budget all that gets figured out over next couple
- \$900 left over
- Terri suggests profit from sculling go towards creamsicle (jullien)
- Ok for erg parts; 70 ok
- \$300 for monitors?

Equipment update - Josh

1. Thrilled to have the barn. Great investment to protect the fleet. Boats still at the res – BA, Buff, Jamie Marie, CQ, Jullien
2. Slings – need 1 set; Vespoli on sale for \$90. Can we get more than 1 set? Hoping to make slings for small boats, but not necessarily by March.
 - BOD says yes to 2 sets of slings
3. Cox boxes – Rick taking care of. Sent to NK. Cost depends on repair need. Cannot be fixed, then need new.
4. Cox boxes – will have 5 working systems plus wrenches by March
5. 1x – Dave Dodrill's name is now on the red Peinert. Need to have dedication ceremony in spring. Post photos on the website?

6. Peinerts – requests last year for actual shoes in both Peinerts. Cost is \$235 each. Do we want to spend \$ on this?
 - BOD says no
7. Cover for M2 does not fit. Contacted Vespoli/Dave Trond. No word yet.
8. Jullien parts – Mark V. finding parts through Wintech. Probably \$400 to have that boat on the water
 - BOD says take \$ out of leftover sculling program money from last year
 - BOD – make sure its water tight
9. Jullien – need 1 set of oars for this boat. Mark V looking for used set
 - BOD says wait on oars
10. Sweep oar set – Mark V looking for used set. No luck yet, but still hopeful.
11. Ergs – need to confirm needed parts with Fran. Will order this week. \$50 max
 - BOD – check who owns the ergs that need new monitors (they only count up and cannot be set
 - BOD – do not purchase new monitors until further discussion next meeting
12. Want to sell Alden for \$1000. Not used at all last year. Does not fit our needs. Should spend money on entry level 1x, like Maas.
 - BOD okay with selling
13. Oar painting to begin soon, along with other boat repairs and parts order.
14. Sell BA and Buff to buy newer 4+? If we can get 0% and no payment for 6 months
 - BOD wants more financial info before proceeding with sale
15. Can we use CJC 8's for LTR if we maintain and take care of any repairs?
 - Will check with Jeff from CJC
16. Sell 2 8+s (Tahoe and Cymber Quinn) plus BA and Buff to buy newer 4+ s?
 - BOD-wait until we know CJC equipment share agreement
 - Terri nervous about selling 8s

Purchase request

- \$900 left over from last year sculling program
 - Use on Jullien parts; keep rest until we know more about res contract and other expenses

- Currently have 10 seats, excluding M2 4x, and sculling made \$4000 for the year. Estimate same profit for '09.
- BOD-estimate based on program continuing status quo; due to recent developments, that may not occur so we may not see same profit level
- If we can secure 0% interest, no payments for 6 months or an inexpensive 2x, can the club pledge \$2000 plus left over money and whatever we get from Alden sale to buy new or used 2x plus oars? Would give us 2 more seats for club use, and we need it.
- BOD-no more debt until M2 paid for, res contract finalized, and clearer financial picture from Joanne and LK

Other

Next meeting is February 9, Monday