

GROSSE ILE ROWING CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2008

Attendees:

Board Members:

Gary Ames
Pat Duffy
Roger Gaudette
Al Herfi
Joann Kochis
Jim LaPointe
Scott Singelyn
Dennis Sitek
George Wenneman

Coaches:

Scott Sitek
Scott Schmidt

Guests:

Mary Ann Sitek
Kristine LaPointe
Mary Neuder
Allison Singelyn

Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written with no discussion.

Old Business:

The erg bike that was donated has been sold on ebay for \$409, and a net of \$380.

New Business:

Shelving for the trailer has been obtained and installed. The tires on the boat trailer need skirts to cover them while the trailer is in storage. A toolbox is needed for the boat trailer. Coach Scott spoke with Mr. Okler about getting old tennis nets to use as tie downs on the trailer.

Treasurer Report:

A full financial report was also provided. The next boat loan payment is due in March. The U.S. Rowing Association dues have been raised to \$1,300.

Other

The trailer used for hauling the launch boats to Marietta is no longer available. Other options will be explored.

Recreation Commission Update:

The meeting scheduled for December 20, 2007 was cancelled. D. Sitek will present his information at the next meeting. Three possible sites are being considered:

- Southeast corner of Bellville and West River
- Property south of the bridge
- Property behind the water treatment plant

R. Gaudette can contact a civil engineer that is willing to assist with the planning documents.

Other Business:

- The Boosters Club donated some cans and bottles to the Rowing Club.
- The D.D. has been secured for the Dinner Dance
- Arrangements need to be made with Kroger for the spring bottle and can drive.
- Passports may be needed for adults for the Canadian regattas.

Coaches Report

Practice resumed today. Recruiting will be on-going.

The Wyandotte Boat Club is hosting a level 2 coaches clinic in February. U.S. Rowing requires that all coaches should be level 2 certified. The cost is approximately \$75-\$150 (\$75 without certification and \$150 with certification). The money goes to U.S. Rowing. The committee supports the coaches attending the clinic. Coach Scott will obtain more information and share it with the board members.

The Motown Madness erg race is Saturday, February 2 at the Renaissance Center. The Detroit Boat Club ergs will be brought back to Grosse Ile to be used for Island Sprints. J. LaPointe agreed to pick up the ergs and store them at his house.

Coach Scott asked for a volunteer to host the team dinner before the erg race. Mary Ann Sitek volunteered to have it at her home.

Two boats (Sitek Family and the Cote) are in need of repair. The WBC said they would look into it. The boats should have professional repair work done. The problem with the Cote may be a manufacturer issue. Coach Scott contacted Hudson to get an estimate for

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the repair work. S. Sitek will send an e-mail to WBC with the repair information. The Hudson Company stated if the boats were delivered within the next two weeks, they will make arrangements to deliver them back to the boat club. S. Sitek will deliver the boats to Hudson this Saturday. The next WBC meeting is January 9, 2008. S. Sitek will send the repair request to the board.

Practice dates will remain the same until February. Morning practices will be added on Mondays beginning February 11.

Dinner Dance Update:

The next planning committee meeting has not yet been scheduled. There is still a need for auction items. Suggestions were made to contact the island yacht clubs for donations of docking and dinner passes. The invitations and announcements are still needed.

The next meeting is February 12, 2008.