

GROSSE ILE ROWING CLUB
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2008

Attendees:

Board Members:

Gary Ames
Pat Duffy
Joann Kochis
Jim LaPointe
Scott Singelyn
Dennis Sitek

Coaches:

Scott Sitek

Guests:

Mary Ann Sitek

Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written with no discussion.

Old Business:

The damaged boats are at the Hudson Boat Works being repaired. The Wyandotte Boat Club approved up to \$500 for repairs. Hudson will deliver the repaired boats in early March.

Coach Scott Sitek will check the motors on the launch boats to ensure they are ready for Marietta.

Treasurer Report:

A full financial report was also provided. The next boat loan payment is due in March.

New Business:

The Island Sprints erg race is scheduled for March 1, 2008. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, set up, etc. Set up of the ergs will be Friday February 29, 2008. Team dinner will be at the Middle School after set up. Jim La Pointe will provide the pasta.

The most recent Athletic Club Booster minutes stated that liability insurance (\$1 million) is required for events that take place on school property. Dennis Sitek checked with U.S. Rowing and they can provide coverage at a cost of \$200, however, one-month advance notice is required. D. Sitek will continue to work with the school on a resolution and to see if there is something available through the school system.

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Coaches Report

Coach Scott Sitek thanked the club for the opportunity to attend to Jim Joy Coaching Clinic. In addition, the club received thank you letters from the coaches who attended. The clinic provides networking and opportunities to learn.

Two coaches will attend the WBC Coaching Clinic. The cost is \$150 for coaches Don Fekete and Laurie Gatt and \$75 for coaches Scott Sitek and Kristen Schmidt. A request was made for funding to attend the clinic. A motion was made to cover the cost for the four coaches. The motion was seconded and approved.

Coach Sitek received correspondence from the Athletic Department secretary stating that one coach position was cut from the budget. This conflicts with the budget discussion that took place in the fall. S. Sitek will look into this further.

Recreation Commission Update:

P. Duffy and S. Sitek attend the last Recreation Commission meeting. The architects provided the vision for the upcoming changes. The plan included an off-season storage building and on-season storage would be open racks. P. Duffy and S. Sitek presented some alternative options. S. Sitek took Walt Kacher and Wally Pociask to the Wyandotte Boat Club to show what type of storage, etc. is needed. Kurt Koblijak expressed a desire to attend a Grosse Ile Rowing Club meeting.

Other Business:

Mary Ann Sitek is receiving bids from bus companies for travel to spring training and other regattas.

Coach Scott Sitek is recommending a winter clinic for middle school students to spark their interest in rowing. He suggested they use the tanks, ergs, watch a video and receive a t-shirt. Snacks and pizza will be provided. The date being considered is March 22, 2008 from 1:00 – 4:00.

Dinner Dance Update:

Planning and preparation meetings are on-going.

The next meeting is March 11, 2008 in the Middle School Media Center.