

GROSSE ILE ROWING CLUB  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2008

Attendees:

*Board Members:*

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

*Coaches:*

Scott Sitek  
Kristen Schmidt

*Guests:*

Regina Arini  
Bridget Butterfield  
Tracy Cummins  
Michel DeJulian Morcia  
Jeanne Kernan  
John Kernan  
Gail Lesnieski  
Mary Neuder  
Sue Obriot  
Allison Singelyn  
Mary Ann Sitek  
June Yezman

Introductions:

There were new parents of first-time rowers; therefore, meeting attendees introduced themselves. The president, P. Duffy, provided an overview of the Grosse Ile Rowing Club. The function of the club is to promote rowing on Grosse Ile. The G.I. Rowing Club raises the money to help pay the expenses for rowing. In addition, the club is responsible for coordinating travel, etc. for the regattas. A description of the major fundraisers was provided.

Minutes:

The minutes were approved as written with no discussion.

Old Business:

- At the February 12, 2008 meeting, there was discussion regarding the most recent Athletic Club Booster minutes stated that liability insurance (\$1 million) is required for events that take place on school property. A. Herfi contacted the Knights of Columbus, who will provide coverage for one year for approximately \$200. D. Sitek and P. Duffy contacted the Grosse Ile Recreation Department and they will provide the insurance coverage at no cost.

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- Coach Scott Sitek reported the two damaged boats were repaired by Hudson Boat Works. However, they have not been delivered, as Hudson has not had room on a trailer for the boats. S. Sitek will work with Hudson and the Wyandotte Boat Club regarding the costs for tolls, gas and other charges if the boats must be picked up in London.
- Island Sprints took place on March 1, 2008. There was \$790 in entry fees, from which maintenance fees will be paid to the school.

### Treasurer Report:

D. Sitek provided an overview of the financing of the Grosse Ile Rowing Club for the new members. There is an annual budget of \$46,000 which is covered through fundraising, parent contributions and a contribution from the school. These costs are, for the most part, covered through fundraising activities. The Grosse Ile Rowing Club has six fundraisers each year:

- Dinner Dance
- Can and Bottle Drive (spring and fall)
- Kayak, and add campaign

Our obligation is about \$50 per rower in add money.

The costs to parents for the rowing season includes:

- Registration                      \$ 75
- Spring training at Marietta      \$350
- St. Catharine's Regatta          \$150

A full financial report was also provided.

### Coaches Report

Coach Scott Sitek expressed that it is essential to have open communication between the athletes and the parents.

There will be a swim test at 3:00 on March 12, 2008 at Arthur's Middle School. Safety of the athletes is paramount and they must demonstrate that they can swim, tread water and put on and remove a life jacket while in the water. After the swim test, the students will go to the Middle School at 6:30 for registration, gear orders, etc.

There will be an erg race coming up in the near future and details will be available shortly.

Racing gear includes a tank top (provided by the Booster Club) and a long sleeve jersey for \$40. The \$40 can be covered by pledges for the erg race.

Coach Scott gave an overview of training camp that will take place from April 4 through April 12, 2008 in Marietta, Ohio. It is a structure environment and the athletes are supervised while at camp. S. Sitek asked for volunteers to drive the launches to training camp. The Lindamood Regatta is scheduled for April 5, 2008. Grosse Ile's participation is dependant on how much water time the rowers will have before leaving for camp.

Dinner Dance Update:

This is the club's largest fundraiser. The club is accepting donations for auction. Donation letters and invitations were available at the meeting.

A motion was made to cover the costs of Dinner Dance tickets for the person who did the graphics on the trailer. The motion was seconded and carried.

Recreation Commission Update:

P. Duffy and S. Sitek gave an overview of the activities of the Rowing Club and the Recreation Commission to the new parents. The ultimate goal is to have a rowing club on Grosse Ile and to be incorporated into the Recreation Commission's master plan. The Grosse Ile Rowing Club is a standing item on the Commission's meeting agendas.

Other Business:

- The Wyandotte Boat Club requires all the coaches to be certified and be in good standing with the boat club. S. Sitek requested the club cover the expense of membership fees for five coaches. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Coach Scott will hold an indoor rowing camp on March 29, 2008 from 1:00 – 4:00 at the WBC. Cost is \$25 per attendee.
- The rowing team will be accepting new teammates through the middle of next week.
- The boat trailer needs a storage box for tools, etc. A motion was made to acquire a tool box and install it. The motion was seconded and carried.

The next meeting is April 8, 2008 in the Middle School Media Center.