

Riverside Crew Board Meeting 3/11/25

Time: 7:01

Attendees: Kristy Balwinski, Sonia McAvoy, Suzy Wendt, Courtney Sieger, Kristi Griffiths, Anne Anderson

Reviewed last meeting's minutes. Suzy made motion to approve minutes, Sonia seconded. Minutes approved.

Spring Season

80 total athletes- 48 boys, 32 girls

Two families have not paid yet. Kristy is pursuing.

Payments in TeamLinkt are taking 20 plus days to post. Question was raised if we should not take payment on TeamLinkt next season, take checks and use PayPal instead. Idea was also floated to look at other apps.

We can now enable the chat function in TeamLinkt now that we have the team roster set.

Fundraising

Tag Day tally is \$2,700. Anne drove 5 kids and thinks the kids that were adults covered more territory. The turnout was great. More notice needed next year, hopefully not on dock-in day. My goal is to set Tag Day for the first Saturday in March. Next year, advertise sooner, utilize Dan and Trevor to get kids to promote it.

Silent Auction-a software has not been chosen. Kristy feels like we have our hands out too much to our families. The auction took away from the celebration of the team. Sonia wants fundraising to go out in the community to get donations. She raised the concern of not having enough time. Anne said that the first step is to look at the software. She mentioned Birdease as an option. The golf team used it successfully.

Letter Writing Campaign- Lacrosse players each emailed 20 people. Raised \$20,000 in two days. They do this campaign every other year. We team could do this at the end of the season, stating what they worked on and future goals. The emails could direct them to the donate page.

Other fundraising ideas- corporate sponsorships and Spirit Nights (Chick Fil A reached out to Kristy)

Kristy Hardy has committed to a \$5,000 donation to name our 4. Kristy H. wants to name it Fury. The board approved the name. Sonia has sent the contract to Kristy H. She is waiting for Kristy's logo to be sent over.

Hospitality:

Courtney has created a food donation Sign Up Genius for regattas. Sonia suggested putting Gatorade powder on the list.

Events:

Elyssa and Loretta have volunteered. We will have pizza at Algonkian the night before first regatta.

Two moms have volunteered to organize Senior Night.

Bryant's will be hosting their annual pasta party the night before Novice States.

Spirit Wear:

Nicole Flannigan has volunteered to lead Squad Locker orders.

Custom Ink did not meet minimum.

Uniforms:

Trous will arrive first since they are not customized. The tanks will arrive early April.

Volunteers will hand out at practice when everything comes in.

VASRA:

Regatta signups look good. A few spots are still open.

Kristi Griffiths- VASRA meeting was the previous Tuesday. River is on track, 50% of the buoys are placed. Insurance is in place, contracts are signed.

No heats and finals until the third regatta. Gives novices time to learn. Regattas will begin at 9:00.

Parents can't be at team tents.

South County has increased fee from satellite parking, \$10 per person, each way. Parking is being enforced.

VASRA needs more River Rats.

Regatta Safety will be coming out soon. This will replace Safe Sport (US Rowing).

MELs are due March 19th.

VASRA said that they could provide a regatta the Saturday of Stotesbury for those not participating.

Handbook is under review.

Parents will have to sign an athletes waiver for participants under 18. 18 and over will sign for themselves. Form is available on Regatta Central. The board attempted to find the document without success. Kristi will follow up with Dorothy for details. She will find out if they will accept electronic copies or does she need hard copies. If electronic, they can be emailed to Registrar and kept in a folder in SharePoint.

Treasurer:

This is a transition period. Will is getting everything ready for Suzy to take over. Suzy likes the system that Will developed. Will has stated that he is available for reach back.

There is \$37,000 in the account. Suzy and Kristy are waiting for an additional \$31,000 from TeamLinkt to be released.

Half of Maverick's fee has been paid. Half of the coaches' pay has been paid.

\$3,000 first boat lease installation has been paid.

\$3,000 for the seasonal rental 8 has been paid.

Forms went to accountant, Jo, today. We will need an extension on taxes.

The question was asked if we need a financial audit. Suzy said that she will defer to Jo.

The records date back to 2019.

Sonia needs to purchase signs. The estimate is \$50-\$60.

Stotesbury hotel rooms can be cancelled. Sonia has already cancelled.

Practice at Sandy Run for Spring Break- the fee is \$5 a day for each athlete. Kristy will follow up with Dan to find out how many are going. The bus is reserved.

Dan and Kristy have looked at the launch to athlete ratio to ensure safety during practice. We have less teams practicing at Algonkian, therefore less back up. Kristy suggested air horns in each launch as a way to signal other coaches.

We are having discussions regarding how big we want to grow the team. We need to be actively recruiting paid coaches.

New Items:

Kristi Griffiths is our new VASRA representative.

We voted via email on Maverick training cost of \$24,000 (\$100 per month per athlete) for the season.

Next month we need to start to go over our summer agreement with Maverick. Maverick donates money to use the boats for the summer session. We need to figure out the insurance coverage.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39