



# ANN ARBOR ROWING CLUB

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## AARC Board Meeting June 12, 2007

Purpose: The mission of the Ann Arbor Rowing Club is to provide and promote a safe, affordable, educationally rewarding rowing experience for residents of Ann Arbor and the surrounding area.

Present: Adam, David, Eric, Margaret, Michelle, Tricia, Kristin, Kate, Sarah, Bill Bergeson-Lockwood, Brian Bartek

Absent: Peggy

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The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

1) Welcome (Margaret)

a. Welcome Eric Dey to the Board

*Note: On May 30, 2007 a special board meeting was held to discuss Karen Berna's resignation from the board, effective June 1, 2007, and nominees for appointment presented by the Nominating Committee. Adam, David, Kate, Kristin, Margaret, Michelle, Peggy, Sarah and Tricia were present; Karen was absent. The Board accepted the Nominating Committee's endorsement of Eric Dey for appointment to the Board. Kristin motioned to nominate Eric Dey to the board; Peggy seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved to appoint Eric to the Board. On June 8, 2007 Eric accepted his nomination.*

2) Additions/Amendments to the Agenda

3) Review of Action Items (i.e., "Monkey List") (Sarah)—tabled (Sarah not yet present)

### Reports w/Discussions/Action

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6:33pm

4) Safety & Risk Management (David/Michelle)

a. Change in weather rule—Per emerging technology, David proposed revising section B2 of the Club Rules regarding weather. After discussion, section B2 of the Club Rules was revised by the Board to read:

*2. As a part of determining whether on-the-water practice should be cancelled, the coach, the Safety Officer, or the person responsible for the practice session must be in agreement regarding if practice shall proceed through obtaining a current weather forecast to determine whether severe weather is predicted. Practices will be postponed or curtailed if lightning is seen or thunder is heard within the previous 30 minutes, or previous 15 minutes and radar indication of storm moving away. In any case, coaches or Safety Officer may choose to cancel practice if they feel the environmental conditions are unsafe. This may include considerations for snow, rain, ice, fog, temperature, wind, equipment conditions or skill level and focus of the Club Rowers.*

Adam moved to approve the new weather rules; Margaret seconded the motion; the Board unanimously approved the revised Club rules with the updated weather component. Tricia will circulate an updated version of Club Rules to the Board and to Melissa for posting on the web.

b. Launch driver certification—Michelle presented the progress of the launch driving certification process that she, David, Billy and Kevin have worked on, including a description of the safety classes, ride alongs, and the launch driver certification report. The Board agreed to the principle of the process; David will take the existing documents to a neighbor rowing club with similar safety

- provisions for an outside opinion. Michelle will continue to work on the process and keep the Board updated. A safety class will be scheduled prior to MCI to get existing launch drivers up to date.
- c. Michelle completed a June inventory of safety equipment and plans to continue monthly inspections.

7:18pm

- 5) Regattas (Adam)—The Board agreed that due to higher than initially expected costs, purchasing/leasing a truck for Club use is no longer something we would like to pursue. Adam will work to schedule truck borrowing/loaning options through club members for this season's regattas. He will also explore appropriate and allowable compensation for truck owners. In addition, the Board decided to attend the Canadian Henley regatta this year over participating in US Masters Nationals due to time, distance, and expense considerations.

7:45pm

- 6) Finance (David)/Facilities & Equipment (Jerry)/OAAR (Margaret)

Treasury finance status as of May 31, 2007:

Major expenditures in this reporting period were for coaching (~\$3700), cox box repair (\$360) and launch motor repair (\$900) and other expenses.

Current account balances:

Checking:

<u>BALANCE 04-30-07</u>	<u>CHECKS/WITHDRAWALS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS/ADDITIONS</u>	<u>BALANCE 05-31-07</u>
22,124.27	5,703.91	13,005.08	29,425.44

Money Market:

<u>BALANCE 04-18-07</u>	<u>CHECKS/WITHDRAWALS</u>	<u>DEPOSITS/ADDITIONS</u>	<u>BALANCE 05-17-07</u>
31,248.99	.00	79.45	31,328.44

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Balance: 6/13/07: \$10,475.

Finance sub-committee meeting held on May 19, 2007, attended by David Crouse, Mike Taft, Jerry Hoffman, Sarah Marsh, and Margaret Hudson. After considering the club's financial situation and our needs, David recommended that we allocate \$10K toward dock refurbishment; committee agreed. Subsequent OAAR board meeting held June 6 indicated that affiliates did not have money in their budgets right now to contribute toward dock refurbishment but could budget something for next year. We need to finalize dock cost estimates and get board approval for expenditure. Margaret will seek a commitment from Pioneer, Huron and UofM to budget funds next year to reimburse AARC for dock expenditures in 2007. Current dock cost estimates range from \$15K - \$70K depending on design and mix of composite (plastic) vs. wood materials. Most likely design/materials combination ranges from \$15k-\$34k. 20 experienced volunteers should be able to build the dock in one weekend

- a. Dock replacement (David/Jerry/Margaret)—Estimates for a new dock are in progress, and currently range from \$15-70k, depending on material/design. Margaret and David will work with OAAR to reach an agreement on cost sharing once a feasible dock plan and estimate are found.

- b. Selling old wooden oars (Tricia)—Mark Hogan requested purchasing the wooden sculling oars that are currently stored in the boathouse; based on prior estimates, the Board agreed to sell the pair to Mark for \$125. The Board also agreed that, based on value estimates, the remaining six wooden Macon blade sweep oars stored in the boathouse will be put up for auction on eBay, with club-wide announcements surrounding the occasion so that members can bid. Bidding for oars will begin at \$300 each, based on estimations from Hugh Hudson, Tom Kraft, and Rowable Classics. In lieu of cash gift decided upon in August 2006 to support her Canadian Nationals training, one oar will be given to Cristin McCarty for her own use. No decision was made about earmarking the proceeds – as of now, they will go into the general fund. Tricia will coordinate the final payment and eBay sales.

## 7) Programs

- a. Adult Learning Programs (Kristin)—Two LTRs are beginning next week; an additional morning and evening LTR have been added to the schedule, but the morning LTR scheduled to begin next week only has two registrants so it will be postponed and begin in July with the additional evening session; final QC is set for this Saturday, but we're still short of volunteers—Lori will be running this final QC. Kristin will publicize and monitor the morning LTR sign-ups and adjust the start date accordingly.
- b. Public Relations/Marketing (Kristin)—The new yard signs are in and Kristin will distribute; other things are online and we're listed in the Observer.
- c. MCI (Tricia)—We're doing well with regards to sponsorship for the event, with >\$1,400 in sponsorship pledges thus far; the volunteer list has been posted up at the boathouse as well—there are literally over a hundred volunteer opportunities for this event. Three requests from outside Michigan have been received—Upper Arlington (Columbus, OH), Lincoln Park Boat Club (Chicago, IL), and the two women from Rowers Gone Bad (London, Ontario, Canada). The Board consented to allow these clubs to participate, with the condition that Tricia will monitor event entries and give priorities to Michigan clubs. The Board will evaluate outside participation for next year's event after this year's MCI.
- d. Youth rowing/YLTR update (Susan)—Current YLTR is filling up and both classes are set to run; youth rowing has 36 youth signed up, 18 in the competitive and 18 in the technical program. The first week of practice will be the selection practices for the competitive program.
- e. Membership update (MLH for Peggy)—We have 116 total members; 26 ITP, 30 open, 14 BSD, 15 club scullers, 21 PBOs
- f. Director of Sweep/Sweep update (Billy/Kate)—In June to date we have more rowers than budgeted except for BSDers. Coaching is going well, Bill is continuing to monitor and communicate with all coaches. At the end of each month programs and participants will be reviewed—BSDers will be reviewed for moving into Open, ITP will be reviewed for meeting their attendance criteria, and Open members who are interested in becoming part of ITP will be evaluated at that time.
- g. General Membership Meeting (June 29) – Event will be held on Friday June 29, in conjunction with the monthly BBQ. The board will present some information to members and solicit feedback and field questions from members. There was a discussion for the format of the event and we decided a brief presentation followed by answering questions, which can be submitted anonymously in a box at the event.
- h. Sculling, including LTS (Brian/Jerry/Mark/Sarah) –There has been a small yet fairly consistent group of scullers attending the coached sculling practice. LTS participation is going well—there is an LTS this weekend with 6 participants; the following three classes still have spaces available. Brian and Sarah are working on updating the list of approved scullers and the application of the

existing club sculling policy to all uses of small boats.

## **Reports/Information Items**

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### 8) Programs (*as needed*)

Merchandise (Karen G)—Karen placed the June group order for racing tops and hats with Regatta Sport and JL. Twenty rowers participated. In addition to the prepaid orders, she acquired an inventory in the amount of about \$75 for: one extra cotton hat (to meet Regatta Sport's minimum count of 4) plus one extra women's top and one extra CoolMax hat. I expect these three inventory items to sell before we place our next group order early August.

Social (Rachel)—No report submitted. Next BBQ on June 29, hosted by Open rowing and Sculling.

Communications (Sarah) – The AARC umich listserv is expected to be pulled down and moved to the @a2crew.com email list in July.

### 9) Neighbor Rowing Club Reports

Huron Representative Report (Tom)—Season complete.

Pioneer Representative Report (Rich)—Season complete.

## **Future**

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- 10) Review upcoming calendar and closing comments (Margaret)—Margaret will send an email regarding the date for the July meeting. Board elections are set to happen at the August general membership meeting; Margaret will work with the nominating committee on the election timeline.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.

*Note: On 6/22/07 the Minutes for the Board of Directors were passed.  
Votes in favor: Adam, David, Eric, Kate, Margaret, Michelle, Sarah, Tricia  
No vote cast: Kristin, Peggy*

## **Calendar**

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### Upcoming Board meetings

- July 10, 6:30pm, DTE Community Room, 425 Main St.
- August 14, 6:30pm, DTE Community Room, 425 Main St.
- September 11, 6:30pm, DTE Community Room, 425 Main St.

### Club events

- June 16 – Midwest Masters Sprints
- June 16 – QuickCatch 3
- June 18/19 – LTR 7/8/9 begin; YLTR 1 begins
- June 23 – DBC Regatta
- June 25 – Youth Rowing begins
- **June 29 – BBQ and General Membership meeting**
- July 7 – Grand Regatta
- July 9 – LTR 10 begins; YLTR 2 begins

More calendar items can be found online: [www.google.com/calendar](http://www.google.com/calendar) (search AARC)