



ANN ARBOR ROWING CLUB

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AARC Board Meeting July 10, 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: David Crouse, Eric Dey, Adam Hendricks, Kate Herrington, Tricia Miranda, Michelle Nemshak, Kristin Schrader, Susan Elner

Absent: Peggy Herron, Margaret Hudson, Sarah Marsh

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- 1) Welcome—Michelle called the meeting to order at 6:35pm
 - 2) Additions/Amendments to the Agenda?
 - a. DBC regatta refunds (Adam)
 - 3) Review of Action Items (i.e., “Monkey List”)—No update was provided.

Discussions/Action Items

- 4) Sweep Director’s Update (Kate for Bill)—There are 70 youth rowers with five coaches on the water with them each day; Bill is working on Henley line-ups and how practices will be worked out.
- 5) Launch driver certification update (David/Michelle)—The safety class isn’t going to happen before MCI. Michelle will orient all launch drivers before the event, and is working with Tricia to make this happen. Michelle will try to schedule the safety class before Henley.
- 6) Feedback from General Membership meeting (Peggy)—No update was provided. Feedback to present board members was positive from the AARC club regatta; other feedback included a “guy’s night” rowing which is in process of being implemented.
- 7) Dock update (David)—The first dock section floated last night—seven more need to be constructed on Saturday. The design is working as planned. More volunteers are needed in the afternoon for the heavy lifting.

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- 8) Selling old oars (Tricia)—After a brief discussion the board agreed that the remaining five oars will continue to be listed on eBay with the word “rowing” explicitly in the title and a reserve remaining at \$300, and starting price beginning lower.
- 9) DBC refunds (Adam)—DBC is going to refund AARC for the regatta fees minus RegattaCentral’s fees; Michelle moved to refund 100% of DBC regatta fees to members and for AARC to fully cover coaching costs incurred from the club regatta that happened in its place; 2nd by Eric. Board unanimously approved.
- 10) Change in this season’s regatta payments (Adam)—After a brief discussion, the board agreed to have regatta participants invoiced via Paypal the Monday after each regatta and have them due one week after the regatta, with a surcharge of \$5 per every two days that pass without payment. If the one week deadline is not met, members are not allowed to row or participate in regattas until their payment is received.

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- 11) MCI (Tricia)—As of now MCI is all set to run; Tricia created a document that has all the details of the race. Four referees are expected for the day, as are four coaches to staff the event (in addition to the youth and adult coach of the day). Youth volunteering still needs to get organized, likely needing parent assistance. Heat and lane draw sheets will be created and distributed to participating clubs after the Monday night deadline. The Board agreed to cancel the lane-drawing party because of new software capabilities that can assign lanes for us. The Board also agreed that in case of weather delay, priority races will be sponsored cup events (finals only), then in order of races with greatest number of entries (order to be determined after all entries are received). The course will be set up Wednesday or Thursday; volunteers will help prep set-up on Friday night, then arrive at 5:30am on Saturday morning; referees will review the course at 6:30am; coaches and coxswains meeting is at 7:20am; first event is at 8:15am. In addition, to create more rowing opportunities for our many

youth to race, youth 8+s were added to the MCI schedule; due to this decision, the Board needs to help assure that all members are present and helping to volunteer later into the day than originally scheduled.

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Reports/Information Items

12) "Other Function" Reports (*as needed*)

Membership (Peggy)—no report submitted

Finance (David)—After the dock purchase we'll have ~\$11,000 left in the checking account, in addition to \$31,000 in savings, and \$10,500 in the money market account. Adam estimates that there is \$2,000 in the Paypal account.

Facility & Equipment (Jerry) –No report submitted, but it was brought to a board member's attention that Jerry needs more support and clearer notification when repairs need to be made. Michelle offered to work on a repair form system that would make it easier to keep track of repairs and allow other members to assist Jerry.

13) Program Managers (*as needed*)

Sculling, including LTS (Brian/Jerry/Mark) –no report submitted

Merchandise (Karen G) –no report submitted

Public Relations/Marketing (Kristin) –Magnet signs for vehicles are in progress

Adult Learning Programs (Kristin) –LTR 10 started last night and Tricia will be the instructor. There has also been interest expressed for a "refresher" rowing experience for rowers who haven't rowed in a while, so that they can have a less intimidating first row out. The format will be like a quick catch, and be free. Kristin will work to set this up.

Sweep Rowing (Kate)—Kate will talk to Billy regarding ITP members meeting their required number of rows.

Youth (Susan)—70 youth are registered; youth will no longer be attending Nationals and be attending MCI.

Social (Rachel)-- no report submitted

Communications (Sarah) –no report submitted

14) Neighbor Rowing Club Reports

OAAR (Margaret) –no report submitted

Huron Representative Report (Tom) –no report submitted

Pioneer Representative Report (Rich) –no report submitted

15) Review upcoming calendar and closing comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Note: On 8/29/07 the Minutes for the Board of Directors were passed.

Votes in favor: David, Eric, Tricia, Peggy, Adam, Michelle

Abstains: Sarah, Margaret

No vote cast: Kristin

Calendar

Upcoming Board meetings

- August 14, 6:30pm, DTE Community Room, 425 Main St.
- September 11, 6:30pm, DTE Community Room, 425 Main St.
- October 9, 6:30pm, location TBD

Club events

- July 14, Boathouse clean-up/dock building
- July 21, MCI
- July 27, Club BBQ
- Aug 7-12, Royal Canadian Henley

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