



ANN ARBOR ROWING CLUB

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AARC Board Meeting Sept 12, 2006

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.

Attendance: Sarah Marsh, David Crouse, Tricia Miranda, Margaret Hudson, Delores Patterson, Peggy Herron, Kristin Schrader, Lora Freeman, Kate Herrington, Tom Kraft, Jerry Hoffman, Melissa Clark, Karen Gates

Absent: Karen Berna

1. Welcome and Approval of July and August's meeting minutes (Sarah)
 - Amended July minutes to strike "several" from description of youth boats going to Henley;
 - Tricia moved to approve July and August minutes with amendment; Kristin seconded; unanimously approved
2. Additions/Amendments to the Agenda—There were no additions/amendments to the agenda

Reports

3. "Other Function" Reports (*only as needed*)

Finance (Karen/Janet)—Not present to give report.

Personnel/HR (Ron)—We have fewer coaches for the fall, but shifts are fully staffed at the moment; Ron's in process of looking at potential coaches for next season.

Safety & Risk Management (Lora)—Nothing new to report.

Membership (Margaret)—181 total adult members; 23 ITP, 26 Open, 18 BSD.

Facility & Equipment (Tom)

- Tom has resigned as Facility & Equipment manager;
- the two fours are rigged and ready to be rowed—the current new mid-weight boats were decided on because they fit the mean of the weight of the Club; it was also at the request of the coaching staff to have two matching mid-weight fours; there is a lightweight eight; when needed, we can borrow a lightweight boat from Huron for races (such as what was done for Henley);
- we need to review the equipment sharing agreement with Pioneer regarding appropriate use of ergs—Tom will discuss the issue with Rich

4. Program Managers (*only as needed*)

Sculling (Sarah)—There is confusion about current extra sculling practices; Saturday coached sculling practices will continue through the end of September, currently Tuesday practices are no longer happening, and the program has not yet made budgetary requirements; the schedule for small watercraft being pulled off the water for the end of the season is still TBD (Sarah will talk with Tom about this); will consider a \$25 club sculling fee to scull through October (or when boats are pulled).

Regatta (Tricia)—This weekend, September 16 is Head of the Thames, approximately 30 rowers, representing BSD, Open and ITP rowers are going to London, Ontario. Sign-ups will be posted at the boathouse this week for September 30th at the Grand; the HOCR selection process looks to be wrapping up this week. We urgently need to recruit and train trailer drivers. David and Tricia will approach a few people about this.

Youth (Margaret)—Nothing to report.

Public Relations/Marketing (Peggy)—Eric Dey contacted Peggy to offer services to survey membership; consider asking questions about BSD retention, etc.; will work with regatta captains to get event summaries out to PR sources; Peggy will contact YMCA regarding possibility of partnering with them for winter erg program.

Adult Learning Programs (Sarah for Casey)—Programs are done at this time, nothing new to report.

Social (Delores)—Considering doing a feedback sheet for the annual meeting regarding attendance; next event 9/22 BBQ hosted by BSD; a note will be in weekly email next 2 weeks; the end of season party is the final event of the season on November 12 (time and place TBD), need someone to organize it

Sweep Rowing (Kate)—We chose to open up a.m. open group to be allowed to row four days a week (Tue-Fri), leave Monday a.m. practice as ITP practice; more mixing will need to happen across all groups (morning and evening) as fall continues and the number of rowers decreases.

5. Neighbor Rowing Club Reports

OARR report (Ron)—No report.

Huron Representative Report (Tom)--Pioneer, Huron and Saline are having a regatta on Argo on September 30th; HRA has approved letting AARC use the HRA truck to pull AARC trailer for the cost of mileage; Tricia will work with Tom to identify regatta dates where AARC will need to borrow the HRA truck

Pioneer Representative Report (Rich)—No one present to give report.

6. Task Forces

Environmental Commission Committee—Mike Taft has accepted the role to serve as AARC's representative on the committee. He will work with an AARC committee.

Discussions

7. Boat loaning policy

- We have a potential buyer for \$1500 for the Hebda and the Hudson, and we're approving the sale for in November (to allow Pioneer and Huron use through fall season) upon receipt of full payment.
- Kristin S. will work on assigning costs to boat loaning and will draft a boat loaning policy.

8. Election of Executive Committee

-The duties of the members of the Executive Committee were reviewed;

- President: Kate moved to elect Margaret to President; Tricia seconded; unanimously approved.
- Vice President: Peggy moved to elect Sarah as Vice President; Kristin seconded; unanimously approved.
- Secretary: Margaret moved to elect Tricia to Secretary; Sarah seconded; unanimously approved.
- Treasurer: Sarah moved to elect David to Treasurer; Peggy seconded; unanimously approved.

Distribution of Task Areas—

Clarification of leadership terms – it is awkward to change roles mid-season, so we discussed making these leadership terms technically November through November. We will have to think more about the timing of elections, and perhaps we would still hold them in August. We'll explore the possibility of having newly elected members' terms actually begin in November.

There was a discussion from current leaders regarding roles and responsibilities; below is a list of leadership roles and members who are taking that responsibility:

- President—Margaret Hudson
- Vice President—Sarah Marsh
- Secretary—Tricia Miranda
- Treasurer —David Crouse
 - Second treasurer (non-board)--TBD
- Safety/Risk Management—David Crouse
- Sweep Manager—Kate Herrington
 - BSD Manager-TBD
 - Open Manager--TBD
 - ITP Manager--TBD

- Coxing--TBD
- Adult Learning Programs Manager –TBD
- Youth Programs Manager—TBD
- HR/Personnel/Coaching Recruitment—TBD—Ron will work in this role until a replacement is found
- Membership—Peggy Herron
 - Website/communications—Melissa Clark
- Sculling Manager—TBD
 - PBOs (Andrew)
- Equipment and Facilities—Jerry Hoffman
 - City Liaison—Tom Kraft
- PR/Marketing/Outreach/Newsletter—Kristin Schrader
- Social/Events—Rachel Cox (pending acceptance), Sarah will follow up with this. NOTE: 9/13, Rachel accepted.
- Regatta—TBD
- MCI—Tricia Miranda
- Merchandise—Karen Gates
- Winter Training Manager—Mike Taft
- Long term planning—Executive committee

9. Appointment of two board members – discussion focused on skills/attributes still needed on the board:

- Kate nominated Michelle Nemshak to be appointed to the Board; seconded by Margaret; unanimously approved.
- David nominated Sally Hilger to be appointed to the Board; seconded by Margaret; unanimously approved.
- Sarah will contact Michelle and Sally regarding acceptance of nominations and report back to Board; if a nomination is declined the Board will revisit the appointment process. NOTE: 9/15 Michelle and Sally both accepted their appointments

Calendar

Upcoming meetings

- Sept 19, time and location TBD - orientation to board for newly elected members, anyone is welcome
- Oct 10, 6:30 pm, location TBD, “new” board members attend, DTE Community Room, 425 Main St.
- Nov 7, 6:30 pm, location TBD, “new” board members attend
- Dec 5, 6:30 pm, location TBD

BBQs

- September 22

Regattas

- Sept 16: Head of the Thames
- Sept 30: Grand River Challenge, Grand Rapids
- October 7: Head of the Ohio, Pittsburgh, PA
- October 21-22: Head of the Charles, Boston, MA
- October 28: Speakmon Regatta, Columbus, OH
- November 5*: American Heritage River Fall Classic Regatta, Wyandotte, MI