



Sammamish Rowing Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 June 21, 2021

Board Members	Staff Members and Guests
Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Alice Detwiler	Mark Davis
Ann Creighton	Ethan Currie
Dale Quigg	Liza Dickson
Dee Walker	Simon Williams
Heidi Kelly	Yulia Poltorak
Jennifer Teschke	
Susan Cameron	
Board Members Absent	Guests present
Ann Taylor	Elizabeth Kelly
Bart Eppenauer	Nancy Thomas
Bill Spencer	Steve Bumstead
John Kelly	Sue Ann Spens
Jon Perrin	Tanya Bumstead
Jonnie Ressler	
Yvonne Cote	

- **Call to Order**
 - Meeting was called to order in the (hot) SRA conference room and via video conference at 7:04PM.
- **Approve Minutes from 5/17/2021 Meeting** (Susan Cameron)
 - Susan made a motion to approve, Jennifer seconded the motion.
- **Executive Director Report** (Mark Davis)
 - See Mark's report posted in the [2021 Executive Director Reports folder](#).

Reopening update

- Significant increase (over 30%) in Masters rowing across the three teams, from 95 in May to 125 in June (5AM has most with 53).
- Masters Novice programs have been added back to each team as a landing place from Learn to Row.
- Masters programs will continue in July, with slight modifications:
 - 5AM: M/W/F at 5AM (no change)
 - Mid-Morning shifting to 7-9am to allow more time for junior programming and take advantage of better water.
 - ECM will focus on land training in preparation for the fall season, and resume team practices in August.
 - Sculling will be offered in July, on Tues/Thurs from 6-8AM.

- Juniors' spring season ended on May 22nd, culminating with a small squad competing at Regionals. Congratulations to Violet Climer-Kennedy and Serena Foster for placing 6th in the girl's double!
- Juniors will run a 5-week summer camp for all abilities and experience levels.

Learn to Row | Row for a Day

- o Success in bringing in new rowers to SRA – Row for a Day programs sold out in June (with 36 people) and are sold out for the remainder of the summer.
- o Junior Learn to Row programs sold out in June, with 120 registrants!
- o Masters Learn to Row still has room in July and August.

Staff updates

- o Welcome Lizzie Mitchell, SRA's new Novice Girls/Masters coach. Lizzie is currently coaching Junior LTR and filling in for some Masters coaches duties.
- o We have also added a number of former SRA junior rowers who will help coach Junior programming and Masters' LTR. They are:
 - Sydney Colburn
 - Megan Culbert
 - Lucy Climer-Kennedy
 - Ellis Evans
 - Cameron Laukatitis
 - Sophia Osborn
 - Logan Ressler
 - Alex Sitzman
 - Lexa Wendl
- o Sad news –Nicky Hughes' (former Junior girl's coach and Masters/ECM rower) son Sean passed away tragically, and she has returned to Australia.

Equipment update

- o Two new Hudson pair/doubles - a lightweight currently named LWT and a heavyweight currently named BFD.
- o Our two new Hudson rec. eights will be arriving in early August.

Looking Ahead

- o July 4-11: No masters or juniors team practices. We will still be running a Masters LTR program.
- o July 12: Masters and Juniors programming starts.
- o The Head of the Charles has been confirmed for Oct 22-24. SRA's 2019 guaranteed entries will carry over to 2021.

• **Covid/Non-Vaccinated Rowers (Steve Bumstead)**

- o Steve and other guests joined the call to share their position on the current policy of not allowing non-vaccinated rowers in team boats and workouts, with the ask of the Executive Director and Board to reexamine the policy.
- o Guests included Steve, Elizabeth Kelly, Nancy Thomas, Sue Ann Spens, and Tanya Bumstead.
- o Steve shared data points on current cases/hospitalizations/deaths and risks for both the vaccinated and non-vaccinated.
- o Guests expressed that given that there's a remote chance of either party (vaccinated and non-vaccinated) contracting the virus, that it's time to move out of the fear zone.
- o At the time of the meeting, Steve had not heard back from US Rowing on their position. Guests on the call expressed the desire for SRA to take a stand and lead the rowing community in allowing vaccinated and non-vaccinated rowers to co-mingle on teams.
- o The Executive Director and Board listened to the request, with no further comment.

- **Finance Committee Report** (Jennifer Teschke, standing in for Ann Taylor)

- **Current status**

- See [2021 Finance Committee Folder](#) for Finance Committee Report, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activity, and Budget to Actual Statement of Activity.
 - Statement of Financial Position:
 - Operating cash decreased by \$30K primarily due to the payment of staff bonuses.
 - Fixed assets decreased by \$8K, as Simon sold three of the Maas Aeros.
 - Overall, we continue to have a strong cash position.
 - Statement of Activity:
 - Significant difference between this May and May 2020. Fee revenues went from about negative \$10K to a positive \$50K.
 - Budget to Actuals:
 - Junior fee revenue was under budget as much of the spring revenue came in last month.
 - Masters rowing and Row for a Day provided a nice bump, so you can see that YTD we are on budget for revenues.
 - Expenditures are tracking about \$28K over YTD primarily as a result of the staff bonuses.

- **Looking ahead**

- Next month, the Finance Committee will walk the board through the PPP loan and employment retention credits to enable a more complete understanding of the government stimulus that SRA has received.
 - Also, once there is more clarity on the undergrounding costs, the Finance Committee will work on evaluating our reserves.

- **Note on long-term care tax**

- Ann had a meeting with staff to answer any questions. If anyone interested in learning more, Jennifer offered to share the write-up she did for her job. Since there is a one-time window to opt out this year and the clock is ticking, it warrants a proactive decision.

- **House Committee proposal** (Susan Cameron)

- Objective: Committee will work with Boathouse Manager, Executive Director and other participants on decision-making and project management related to:
 - The initiative to incorporate the mission and spirit of SRA within our home (aka the boathouse)
 - Ongoing maintenance needs
 - Boathouse usage and policies
 - Sustainability and environmental stewardship
 - The Committee will be comprised of Board member chairperson and participant, Executive Director, Boathouse Manager, additional talent brought in on specific projects.
 - Motion to approve, made by Susan. Jennifer seconded the motion.
 - Susan volunteered to chair the committee and will be reaching out to recruit another participant.

- **Development Committee** (Heidi Kelly)

- Heidi shared the needs for additional funding, including building a new dock and providing scholarships, and therefore the need to have an effort focused on development and broader fundraising.
 - She is working to recruit board members to participate, so her ask is to please return her calls. 😊

- **Adjourn!**