



Sammamish Rowing Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Alice Detwiler	Mark Davis
Ann Creighton	Yulia Poltorak
Ann Taylor	Eliza Dickson
Bart Eppenauer	David DeWinter
Dee Walker	Ethan Currie
Dale Quigg	
Heidi Kelly	
Jennifer Teschke	
Jon Perrin	
Jonni Ressler	
Susan Cameron	
Yvonne Cote	
Board Members Absent	
None	

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes from July (Bart)

Executive Director's Report (Mark)

- Mark's Report can be found in the [2021 Executive Director Reports Folder](#)
- Fall Season in full swing
 - 81 boys and 81 girls in high school
 - 27 middle school

- US Rowing moving away from terms novice, varsity and JV, and instead moving to age class (U-19, U-17, U-15, etc.) SRA will run program in this way as well
- Middle school program somewhat smaller this year
- Masters Teams – really excellent numbers – 171 masters rowers across 5 am, Mid-morning and ECM! Large novice groups in each team.
- Overall 350+ people rowing this fall
- LTR and RFD
 - Hosting City of Redmond for RFD on September 26. Will be free. Looking to raise awareness of SRA for people that work for the city and what we do.
 - Alice suggested Morale event for Microsoft groups, as a way to generate revenue. Mark is very favorable to hosting corporate RFD events.
- Underground work by Ziply supposed to start tonight after a few delays
- Staffing
 - New staff:
 - Alison Barstow (mid school group)
 - Mikael Boudzko
 - Abigail Linnenkohl (WSU grad)
 - James Conlu (Masters)
 - Lana Hoffman (Masters)
 - Sarah Tribble going to take time off
- Boat naming ceremony for two SRA Olympians (Rob Munn and Hans Strazyna) held earlier this month! They were both in attendance.
- Racing again!
 - Tail of Lake first regatta
 - Charles – 8 boats from SRA

Finance Report (Ann)

- Our Finance team has updated accounting procedures and Ann has provided the attached document for all of us to read ahead of Monday's meeting. Please take some time to look it over and see if you have any questions or concerns.
- See [2021 Finance Committee Folder](#) for Finance Committee Report, Statement of Activity, Budget to Actual Statement of Activity, and Statement of Financial Position.
- Heard from IRS that PPP loan has been forgiven!
- Follow-up with Ann with any comments/suggestions on new accounting procedures.

Row Hero (Mark)

- David DeWinter provided overview of Row Hero (a product he developed)
- App available for iPhone and Android
- Records erg workouts from Concept2 and that data is sent to coaches right after the workout is done. No need for coaches and others to manually collect data. Incredible time savings for coaches and staff that allows actual coaching rather than data collection.
- SRA was primary beta tester. Now Row Hero is working with other Universities and clubs across the country.
- SRA will need to contract with Row Hero soon, which is off budget cycle.
 - Per athlete cost, for entire season (Sept 2021 – May 2022) - \$5200 + tax. SRA has early adopter discount of 10%.
- Board approved new contract with Row Hero for this season!

Development Update (Bill)

- Bill and Jonni have put significant time into creating a Development Plan
- Bill and Jonni provided a Development Committee presentation on Initial Activities for fundraising (See Presentation)
 - Daniel Brown (“Boys in the Boat” author) to speak for MS Giving Campaign
 - How to Erg event at Microsoft for Giving Campaign
 - Alumni testimonials
 - Board of Ambassadors

Governance (Dee)

- 2022 Candidate Slate, Board of Directors, Officers: Preliminary roster can be found in the [2021 Governance Folder](#).
- Review/Update bylaws

House (Susan)

- Simon, Mark, Jon, Lana and Susan have met several times over last couple of months
- House Committee involves “House Spirit,” facility Sustainability and project/grounds maintenance, library, use of conference room, trophy case, story of SRA, boat house entrance, identification of SRA in parking lot, and several other areas.
- Ask of Board – volunteers for developing SRA timeline and SRA stories. Let Susan know if you’d like to volunteer.

Adjourn!