



Sammamish Rowing Association  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
 November 15, 2021, 7:00 pm

Board Members Present	Staff Members Present
Alice Detwiler	Mark Davis
Ann Creighton	Yulia Poltorak
Ann Taylor	Simon Williams
Bart Eppenauer	
Bill Spencer	
Dee Walker	
Dale Quigg	
Heidi Kelly	
Jennifer Teschke	
Jonni Ressler	
Susan Cameron	
Yvonne Cote	
Board Members Absent	Guests
Jon Perrin	Sharon Cunnington
	NJ Johnston
	Lora Plaskon

- Call to order via Zoom Video Conference (see Zoom meeting details below)
- [Approval of Minutes from October Meeting](#) (Bart)
- [Executive Director's Report](#) (Mark)
  - Fall racing season concluded at HOTL
    - Junior girls' varsity finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, boys' varsity 8 finished 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Several masters boats
    - Mid-morning women 4 got gold (way to go Yvonne and Ann T)
  - HOOCR
    - 10 Masters boats
    - 5 qualified for next year with guaranteed entry!
  - By the Numbers
    - Juniors still training for spring season
    - Start of Winter 1 today for Masters
      - 78 Masters for W1 team rowing
      - 2019 comparison – 81 (pre-pandemic)
    - 2021 Numbers v. 2020
      - 160 v. 50
      - Masters – 78 v. 37
      - Small boat – 30 v. 11
  - All Masters Team Captains Meeting
    - First time all captains have come together
    - Build cohesion across teams and break down barriers to bring together all Masters teams
    - Holiday row in planning – December 4
      - Combining Masters teams and much chilly rowing, festivity and cheer
  - Facilities
    - Parking lot lights have been installed – major improvement!
    - Unfortunately vandalism/theft and break-in of cars continues. 4 cars broken into within minutes in middle of morning.
      - Police reports filed, but not much can be done.
      - Lesson – don't leave anything of value in cars!
  - Fundraising event
    - Daniel Brown virtual event
      - 300+ in attendance
      - \$11k raised to date
      - Recorded for future use

- Huge thanks to Jonni and Bill and Heidi for arranging this event
      - Just received \$22k for use toward matching gifts!
    - No staff updates
    - Equipment updates
      - New oars delivered
    - Undergrouding ongoing
    - New dock
      - Have \$1m toward new dock from KingCo and State
      - Will be 2-3 year process
      - Probably will need to raise \$100k from SRA
- **Development Report** (Bill/Jonni)
  - Overview of Dan Brown event on 10/28/2021
  - Focus on involving parent community
  - Building awareness and connections with other clubs
  - Winning hearts and minds now
  - How to get a more active funnel
  - Focus on addressing lack of awareness on rowing in general
  - December 4, 12:30 pm – Open House
    - Open to parents primarily and family/friends of junior rowers along with those that donated
    - People that purchased books will have special tours
    - Stations that explain equipment and terminology and life lessons
    - Need junior rower and master rowers at each station
    - Will look to have another Open House in the Spring focused on Masters rowers and friends/family, etc.
- **Adjourn to Executive Session for Finance and Governance Items**
  - 2022 Budget (Ann Taylor) – see Financial Reports Folder
    - SRA in better position financially than starting the year
- **Return to Full Board Session**
  - Approval of 2022 Budget
- **Adjourn!**

*Issued on November 14, 2021, by Bart Eppenauer, Secretary of the Board*