

JEB Stuart Crew Boosters
March 9, 2016

Attending:

Present: Linda Manning (President)
Mike David (Head Coach)
Mari Mullane (VP and Register)
Andrew Riestler (Treasurer)
Catherine Dubas (Secretary)
Heidi Gioseffi

Vince Gioseffi (Captain)
Chip Shand
Marissa Shand (Captain)
Ruth Ann Barkin
Anna Novak

President's Report

- VASRA announced that they will host a small collegiate regatta May 8. This regatta may impact our ability to return boats to Sandy Run following the Mathews Regatta.
- For larger regattas this year, there will be a block schedule with smaller boats competing in the morning, a break, and larger boats in the afternoon. There will be two coxswain meetings and two weigh-ins, helping to break up the day for rowers.
- The new 8 was picked up in Philadelphia last weekend. Suggestions for naming the new boat will be compiled; students will vote on the name at the kick-off Potluck Pasta Dinner on March 25.
- There has been response from people willing to donate and loan money for the new 8 (purchased with crew funds which will be needed for coaches' salaries, transportation, etc.). Additionally, there has been an offer to purchase the Mayflower for \$1K. Linda will advise what happens with that offer.
- Transportation contract has been signed, and bus to Sandy Run will commence weekly schedule on March 14. Coach Mike and Linda will keep an eye on the weather to determine any days where practice stays at school. Linda will be point of contact for the bus company and will put out an e-mail to all families if practice reverts to the dance studio due to unsafe conditions at Sandy Run.
- Uniforms were ordered and are anticipated to be available in time for the Polar Bear Regatta.
- VASRA jobs that we are responsible for are almost all spoken for. Holly Reister will take care of contacting Lake Braddock to help us out if necessary.
- Discussion regarding making use of GoFundMe for raising capital as needed: Heidi will speak with Pete Marcotty about updating our web site donations link, and about GoFundMe.

Coach's Report

- Practices at Lake Barcroft, while tricky due to many rowers and few launches, has gone well. One incident with neighborhood dog was handled very well, and that rower is doing fine and attending all practices.
- Principal Gros will try to come out for practice either tomorrow or Friday, before boats are taken to Sandy Run.
- We now have the refurbished Croaker oars. In the process of receiving our new (refurbished) oars, issues with a number of other oars were discovered (split shafts, mostly), resulting in \$540 additional repair work required.
- Junior National ID Camp for girls will be Sunday, March 13, and for guys will be Sunday, March 20 from 9 am to 3 pm each day. A few rowers will be recommended to attend these events.
- Saturday, March 12, 9:00 am at Beach 4 all are to meet to move boats to Sandy Run. Parents can take a tour of the Sandy Run facility at noon on Saturday. See the web site for a link to directions.
- Mike Gates will be asked to bring his truck, in order to haul the cargo trailer to Sandy Run.

- Emma has reported rower availability for Spring Break and the Polar Bear Regatta; Vince will get the guys number to Coach Mike as soon as possible.
- Second regatta of the season will be heavily impacted by many rowers absent for the Music Department Spring Trip. The rest of the season we look to field some competitive boats.

Treasurer's Report

- Tax paperwork is up-to-date. Trailer licenses and titles are mostly accounted for. Andrew will next focus on the licenses and titles for the launches.
- WPC is nearly finished. Some details still to be finalized.
- The budget shows the team to be in good shape financially, provided funding for the 8 continues as hoped.
- Andrew will rent a P.O. Box at the USPS on Arlington Blvd. to facilitate timely receipt of mail. Anticipated cost is roughly \$150 annually.

Registration/Paperwork Needs

- We are one rower away from being able to file our master eligibility list with VASRA.
- An updated calendar was handed out.

March/April Activities

- Anna Novak will organize sign-ups for snacks for the students on regatta days.
- There will be a fundraiser at FDB (formerly Frozen Dairy Bar) at Annandale Road and Rt. 50 tomorrow, March 10, from 7-9 pm.
- The Potluck Pasta Dinner at the Moose Lodge, formally kicking off regatta season, will be Friday, March 25. Nancy Witkowski is organizing this event. Spirit wear should be available in time for this event. Hoping spirit wear options and pricing can be posted on the web site prior to potluck. (Heidi)
- Spring Festival (formerly called May Day) at Stuart will be April 21st. Heidi volunteered to pursue crew participation in this event.
- Earth Day will be Sunday, April 24th. Point of contact will be Catherine.

Fundraising Activities & Pre-Planning

- Eric Verardi has agreed to organize car washes. There should be two more, one in May and one in June, to round out the fiscal fundraising year.
- Vicky Carmody will organize restaurant fundraisers.
- 50th Anniversary celebration
 - Two alum have volunteered to help plan the celebration(s).
 - Matt Slocum's band has offered to play.
 - Anticipated date/days: early Fall 2016.
 - 50th discussions have made the need for an organized alumni group to be formed, in order that crew at Stuart might be better supported.

Good and Welfare – Coach Mike thanked Heidi for her invaluable photography and filming of all things crew, and for her amazing management of the web site. The web site is being visited by people from all over the United States. An exceptional job every day!

Next Meeting: *Wed., April 6, 2016 Room I-150, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine M. Dubas