

CONIBEAR BUSINESS MEETING

Location	Mt. Baker rowing club – upstairs conference room		
Date/Time	March 10, 2010 from 7-8:50		
In Attendance	Liz Ford Jennifer Kerns Ellie Horsnell Nancy George Karen Johnson Kristi Skanderup	Martha Goodlett Karen Hart Cynthia Hartwig Jennifer Helgeson Tara Morgan Eleanor McElvaine	Sara Lopez Presha Sparling Becky Brown Esther Toso

Agenda	Comments	Motions
<b>Acknowledgements/Announcements</b>		
<b>Approval of Minutes: Esther</b>	Reviewed minutes from the last meeting in July 2009	Approval of Minutes from last year – M/S/P
<b>Review Volunteer Signup Sheet: Becky</b> Clarify Job Descriptions Officers & Volunteers	Attached document of 'Who What' sheet. It explains different roles and is also a signup sheet for tasks to help keep our club running smoothly. Please let Becky know if you are able to help out someplace.	
<b>Treasurers Report: Liz</b> Approve Budget/Dues	Liz spent some time explaining both the 'Operating Budget' and the 'Special Purposes' fund. There was clarification made as to how the regattas and trailer fees are funded. Additionally since the Operating Budget shows a deficit it was decided to approve the budget as it stands and to pull the deficit (if there is one) from the reserves.	The Operating Budget was approved with the understanding that we will review when we're at mid season and make adjustments if needed. M/S/P  The Special Purposes Budget was approved with the recognition that as much as 6K may need to be raised to cover the anticipated expenses for the new boat." M/S/P
<b>Class Fees: Liz/Sara</b>	Discussion of class fees to explain the process of how the monthly class fees are determined. Although the anticipated fee would be \$115 per month (the same as paid by the Mt. Baker Adult rowers), Conibear is going to try and hold at \$110 per month and track it closely. Full payments and lots of active members will help keep us in the black. Additionally members are encouraged to pay before the first of the month rather than waiting until the months begins. More information on this will come from Sara and Liz.	
<b>Coaches Report: Sara/Eleanor</b> Review Regatta Priorities	See attached Regatta sheet and please use Big Tent to RSVP for any Regattas you are interested in participating in.	

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<p><b>Equipment Report:</b> Karen H.</p>	<p>See attachment of the findings made by the 'Equipment Committee'. An addition not included on the document are larger shoes for the doubles/pairs.</p>	
<p><b>Fundraising Strategy</b> <b>Discussion: Becky/Presha</b></p>	<p>Discussion to order boat now so we can have it for Opening Day. There was concern that we are still a bit short of total amount. Although final payment is not due until September. The desire is to order now since we are confident we would be able to raise the final funds.</p> <p>See motion in next column.</p> <p>(addition, since this meeting \$4,600 was pledged at practice on Friday 3/12/10 and the boat was ordered the following week)</p>	<p>Motion from Liz to hold off ordering the boat until we know we have the money (M/S/P)...motion to table that by Irena (M/S/F). After much discussion which will continue at Friday (3/12/10) morning practice. With initiation of the 'pledge' so we can ensure we have the funds to cover the final costs of 6K. In essence if Conibear is able to pledge to cover the possible difference of 1.5K - 6K then we would continue with the ordering process.</p>
<p><b>Membership</b> <b>Development/Alumni Relations</b> <b>Proposals:</b> Presha <b>Novice Class</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> <b>Celebration &amp; Reunion</b></p>	<p>Discussion about the pros and cons to having a novice class. See decision in next column.</p> <p>There will be a nice party toward the end of the year to celebrate both Conibears 25 year anniversary and the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party of coach Sara. There will be a committee developed to organize this celebration, please sign up if you haven't yet</p>	<p><u>Decision</u> to not hold a novice class but will keep the idea of holding a 2 week class for past rowers.</p>
<p><b>Racing Uniform Ordering:</b> Sally</p>	<p>Please inform Sally or Presha if you are in need of any 'existing' Conibear uniform items.</p>	
<p><b>Big Tent Evaluation:</b> Esther</p>	<p>We encourage you to sign up for 'daily' reminders on Big Tent at a minimum for 'regattas' so you are able to stay on top of information coaches are sending out.</p>	
<p><b>Boat Bay Naming:</b> Presha &amp; Martha</p>		<p>Approval of the naming of the middle bay "Conibear"</p>
<p><b>Additional Items</b></p>	<p><b>Memories file:</b> Throughout the year let's remember all the wonderful times so we can capture them at the yearly awards ceremony. If you have a memory you would like to have on file please send Esther an email and she will send out a reminder prior to the party.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> Cynthia volunteered to help with the website</p>	
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned 8:50</b></p>		