

March 4, 2014

## **Conibear Business Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Eleanor McElvaine, Sara Lopez, Caroline Perkins, Jeanne Ianucci, Nancy George, Mary Chalker, Marie Westermeier, Beth Upton, Catharine Reid, Polly Thompson, Katy Egolf, Gail Schueler, Ronda King, Gail Eshom, Rita Scheckler, Rebecca Clark, Tara Vagan.

Caroline called the meeting to order, minutes from the Dec. 6, 2013 meeting were distributed for review. Minutes were approved. Dates for future team meetings were announced, and they are June 3, Sept. 16, and Dec. 6.

### **Committee Positions**

Caroline distributed the list of Committee Positions and Chairs. Jeanne volunteered to fill the open position of Row to the Future Liaison. Regarding maintenance of our equipment, Eleanor recognized Gail Schueler's recent successful recycling of two old Mt. Baker boat covers. The covers have been refurbished and now protect the Synergy and Lopez.

### **Club fees, dues**

Catharine reviewed club fees and dues for the year. This year CRC will cover U.S. Rowing memberships for team members, at \$ 65 per rower. Members were reminded to sign their annual waivers.

### **Club Roster**

A copy of the current roster was distributed for edit by individual members. Personal contact information was updated. Members were also asked to share any information they may have about the status of inactive teammates. A copy of the current roster will be kept at the boathouse.

### **Keeping up Team Spirit and Community**

Caroline encouraged ideas for social events off the water. Perhaps each quarter there could be a club event. She also stressed the importance of keeping in touch with inactive members.

### **Fundraising**

There was discussion about whether to continue with an auction for this year. The committee is already in place, and there was general agreement that the auction should take place. Beth mentioned that it helps to raise money for a specific goal.

### **Coaches Report**

Eleanor suggested that our financial cushion could go towards assisting with expenses for the big regattas ( we have about \$ 2,700 in scholarship funds ). The top two items on Eleanor's equipment list are a new pair / double to replace Grace and an additional set of sweep oars.

Additional wish list items are a new set of sculling oars with adjustable handles, new shoes and footboards for Grace, and a Row Perfect machine.

There is a possibility we will need a third coach in May when we go out in large numbers in small boats.

The regatta calendar for this year was reviewed, and Eleanor mentioned the benefit of consistent attendance in the summer in preparation for the fall head race season.

Sara L. mentioned that dates for the two sculling camps have been set. Available spots in the camps will be shared with Mt. Baker rowers, and these opportunities provide a way to give back to the entire boathouse.

There was discussion about the recent death of a local rower during practice with the Ancient Mariners club. Our club will follow up with a condolence card, and information will be available at the boathouse about signs / symptoms of cardiac distress. CPR training was encouraged for those interested.

### **Rowing Gear**

Mary Chalker is currently working with JL Racing for our gear needs. She is specifically looking into a bicycling style jacket, bright yellow with a blue logo, that also has a water bottle pocket. Contact her if you're interested.

Meeting adjourned.