

July 28, 2016

Conibear Business Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

In attendance: Sara Amies, Irena Baker, Kathryn Egolf, Janet Oliver, Catharine Reid, Gail Schueler, Rita Sheckler, Claudia Smith, Polly Thompson, Erin Youtz, Sara Lopez, Eleanor McElvaine

1. April minutes approved. MSP.

2. Financial report. All fine. Janet Oliver reports that the bank can accept transfers online, which might alleviate embarrassment about unpaid dues or fees. She can send email reminders and people can make payments electronically through their bank's bill-pay system. Credit cards aren't a good option for payments because the card companies charge fees. People could also set up recurring payments to avoid forgetting. Janet will make an information sheet available with payment details.

3. Regatta schedule. US and Canadian Nationals don't publicize locations until the end of the year, so it's hard to plan in advance. Elk Lake and Head of the Gorge (both head races) are future regatta possibilities, but the weather is unpredictable. Cascadia had milfoil problems, so it's not ideal, either. BC Championships is a regional regatta later in the summer, but people wanted to change participation to Cascadia because it doesn't interfere with vacations. Sara Nevin suggested trading hosting duties — they come here one year, then we alternate. Would be same coast. SW Regionals, summer sprint races, might be another option.

Irena mentioned international regattas. FISA World Rowing Masters Regatta is every year in September. 2017 will be in Bled, Slovenia. The Masters World Games are every four years, next time in April 2017 in Auckland, NZ. There's also non-competitive tour rowing, with options in Norway or Genoa Bay, Italy.

San Diego schedule was discussed, including the option of doing handicap races instead of age category. Katie is going to distribute a survey to get members' opinions on whether to keep San Diego at every other year or change to every year. Changing won't affect entries, lane assignments, etc. Rita mentioned that the SD regatta impacts future regattas like regionals and Cascadia as a result of people being tired or having traveled recently.

HOCR was discussed. Only the 50s eight is currently guaranteed entry, so the decision was made to enter the lottery for various options and see what happens. There's no penalty for winning a spot through the lottery and declining to enter.

4. Coaches report. Eleanor anticipates a C-shell trade-in for the Corazon next year (spring?). The paint is bubbling because bad epoxy was used, but they can't make the exact boat, so we'll leave Corazon until next year and get a replacement at no extra cost. Puts \$4000 marked for repainting back into the budget. Next oldest boats to be replaced are a quad, then 4, then Synergy. Sweep oars need to be replaced in the next year or so.

5. Other business. MB program seems to be very healthy. CRC has traditionally given an annual gift of cash for scholarships, etc., but perhaps this year we should consider a boat, a single? Are there other things not funded that we'd like to support instead?

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.