

Conibear Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2017

In attendance:

Sara Amies, Irena Baker, Becky Brown, Ginny Calvin, Susie Chalker, Mary Chalker, Marie Coffren-Barton, Maggie Cross, Katie Egolf, Liz Ford, Nancy George, Shelley Gleed, Ellie Horsnell, Karen Johnson, Joy Knopp, Jane McPhedran, Tara Morgan, Robyn Newell, Raleigh Nowers, Shannon Phillips, Catharine Reid, Gail Schueler, Carrie Scull, Merida Scully, Betsy Seaton, Rita Sheckler, Kristi Skanderup, Claudia Smith, Sarah Smith, Presha Sparling, Denise Takahashi, Polly Thompson, Tara Vagen, Leslie West, Nancy Yamamoto, Erin Youtz, Sara Lopez, Eleanor McElvaine, Janet Oliver (via phone)

Tara V. called the meeting to order.

December minutes approved. MSP.

Financial Report.

No changes since last meeting. Rent, dues, fees are all the same as last year. Eleanor would like two new sets of sweep oars; we have sufficient funds for that. Reminder that CRC pays US Rowing membership fees, so we should sign waivers online but not pay fees.

Coaches Report.

Replacement parts for two of our current sets of sweep oars are no longer available. We could replace with Concept2 ultralight oars (approximately \$3500/set) or skinnies (approximately \$4500/set). Turnaround time is about a month. Decision is to purchase two new sets of oars after we've had an opportunity to compare Baker's skinny vs ultralight and taken a vote about which version. MSP.

The Chica is showing signs of age and would most likely need to be our next-replaced boat. A quad from Pocock (American) would be about \$27,000; Filippi (Italian) \$24-25,000; Hudson (Canadian) \$23,500. We don't need to make a decision now but keep in mind as an upcoming fundraising target.

2017 Calendar

Coaches will provide an expanded regatta calendar that will show selection and training periods before regattas so that people can know the critical period to be around and participate fully. Discussion about improving the efficiency of sign-ups, maybe having age group reps remind people? Sara Lopez points out that the key for signing up is thinking about the regattas in conjunction with the time in training and leading up to regattas.

Regatta Committee reported that they'd met and defined their goals to advise coaches about events in upcoming regattas. For Opening Day decision was to prioritize an 8+ in 50, then 60, then 40 age groups and a quad in 50, then 40, then 60 age groups. The committee is also trying to identify more opportunities for racing in addition to the two big 8+ races. Possibilities mentioned included an April regatta, Covered Bridge, in Eugene, and a race in Victoria the same weekend as Head of the Charles.

2017 meeting dates will be Monday, May 22, at 7pm; Wednesday, September 13 at 7pm; and December Volksmarch.

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Fundraising

Discussion about moving auction dates. Mt Baker will host Ergomania in 2018, Conibear will assist with coordination and management. People involved with the event in the past will be continuing to work. Don't know numbers yet but seems like a good opportunity.

New Business

Sign up for committees. Boathouse store will soon be open for uniform purchases, including vests. Tara M (with Polly's input) redesigned [conibearrowing.org](http://conibearrowing.org) site. It's meant as an introduction for the general public, not for members. Continue trying to recruit coxswains!

Meeting adjourned.