

Conibear Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2017

In attendance:

Jeannie Bucko-Bodle, Sara Lopez, Eleanor McElvaine, Karen Johnson, Ellie Horsnell, Tara Vagen, Janet Oliver, Polly Thompson, Gail Schueler, Presha Sparling, Kristi Skanderup, Holly Boone, Jane Powers, Denise Klein, Tara Morgan

Tara V. called the meeting to order.

February minutes approved with corrections.

Financial Report.

2017 auction projection is higher than 2016 income.

An executive decision was made for the club to contribute more to HOOCR expenses. It comes to \$275 each for 2016. Could we project costs for 2017 in advance instead of waiting several months after the regatta? Motion to charge \$300 by November 1. Can adjust later if needed. Motion approved.

Outreach fund is money set aside for a good cause.

Coaches Report.

Great races at Opening Day.

Oar trial: oars lighter, almost as strong. People like the skinny handle, but that can be added separately to the cheaper, standard-shaft oar without increasing cost. Eleanor proposes ultralight oars (standard shaft) with skinny handles. Karen Johnson proposes further testing. Tara V wants timeline to know we'll have them for the races when we want them.

iCrew: Sara and Eleanor propose moving to iCrew for everything except regular practice lineups. It offers more functionality than BigTent except for announcements, emails. Do we want to keep BigTent for that or migrate to Facebook and iCrew? Facebook group has current and former members. Kevin Goyena continues to make changes and improvements to iCrew and is very responsive to our requests. There is no team communication option, so iCrew wouldn't be appropriate for social communications. Kristi proposes we keep BigTent for now, see what happens. We'll begin slowly transitioning to iCrew.

Clarification for coach email: best to use [conibearcoach@gmail.com](mailto:conibearcoach@gmail.com), not email Eleanor and Sara separately.

Fundraising

Auction has had variable success. Tara M proposes something new, perhaps a raffle or golden ticket idea. Keep tradition of having members make contributions that reflect their non-rowing skills and interests. Good to have a goal for fundraising, helps motivate giving. For now, maybe a spring / summer check-writing / garden party at Lakewood Marina? Tara M will follow up. Next goal? Replace Chica.

New Business

Regatta send-offs are inconsistent. Should we establish a send-off committee? Send-offs began only for traveling races, expanded from there. New policy, rotating roster, one person responsible for each send-off, no money spent, 3-minute limit.

Meeting adjourned.