

LRC Annual Meeting February 24, 2018

In attendance:

Christine Connors, Dan Williams, Fred Robinson, Mike Bidderman, Jim Crichton, Allison Colberg, Jess Groenendyk, Emily Elliott, Wendy Morgan, Andy Giglio, Kay Hughes, Shannon Baucom, Megan Hanewald, Matt Willams,

Meeting Called to order at 10:09

Summary from last year: Successful Hooch, Gorge Row, Head Race, National Learn to Row day, Team Snap app for coordination for new member coordination. New midweight Vespoli quad (blue), new boat to be named in honor of Christine Connors.

Current Board members: Henry Magnuson, Shannon Baucom, Christine Connors, Christy Charman, Seth Faler, Allison Colberg, Doug Beville, Megan Hanewald, Debbie Teal, Dave Moore, Ryan Worth (non-voting seat), Matt Williams.

Fleet Status: Most boats are currently on the trailer. *Dan Williams* is in for repair at Rowing Repair center. *Dan Williams* and Blue quad to be stored together, *Biderman* to go into singles bay. One double will have to move. Yellow vespoli double is back in town this past Wednesday. It has been at the Vespoli factory being repaired. Dan Williams has offered to repair the CJR boat with a missing bow – “won’t be pretty, and it shall remain a boat that never goes anywhere and nobody shall laugh”.

Financial report: see attachment

Net difference -\$1,394 from end of fiscal year this year to last. The club is in a strong financial position right now. 2016 major expense to dock fund, 2017 major expense new quad. Decrease in net revenue from the head race, but Hooch provided nice proceeds. We generally cover rent to CR from membership costs. This year we saw higher coaching costs, but covered the fees through class fees. Boat purchases affect the account balance, so during non boat purchase years, the balance typically increases.

Discussion has been to add a second new quad, but not full board support. *Biderman* is the only real heavyweight quad. If a 4x is replaced, it would be the *Biderman*. Request made for a more rowable 4+. Discussion for replacing the doubles – need to keep a good inventory and tally on what needs replacing. Singles also need attention.

Discussion about acquiring boats with training/ “adaptable” function for beginners/ adaptable members. Wintech makes a variety of products including boats with removable pontoons, wider boats. Andy Coniglio will be happy to be tester.

We will discuss boat needs at our next board meeting and possibly consider a trainer.

Learn to Row: Tentative LTR program this year, 2 week learn to row sessions, one a month, April through August on the schedule from April 2-13, April 30-May 11, June 4-16 (may want to reschedule due to Riverbend), July 16-27, and Aug. 13-24. Class times

M-F 6:15-8:15pm with no Saturday classes. Subject to a minimum number of participants. All scheduled to be sculling classes. Suggestion for sweep rowing class at the conclusion of the season.

Proposal for development classes – June-Aug, Sept – mid-nov. \$225 for a 3 month session or one month for \$100. Sculling 2 days/week T/Th 6:15-8:15 pm and Sweep Wed. and Saturday. Winter erg session from Dec. 1 – Feb. 23. Same times and same fees as the developmental classes. Question raised about why no dev. classes early morning- answer due to coach availability. *Ask David for early morning coaching options.*

Mike Biderman offered perspective of how far the club has come with quads, coaches, etc.

25th LRC Head Race financial report: \$7,500 net income average for the club in past years. For 2017, \$5,129 income. Additional costs from the HereNow timing system, but this is necessary. Higher cost of barriers, lost Radio & launch cost repairs \$1,991 extra.

Again, very professional race execution, thank you to the core team that put in hundreds of hours and of course all of the volunteers the day of.

LRC Head Race Retirement- Previous board meeting discussion: with Nashville HR, we are losing entries, and this year Nashville will be on our weekend. Many clubs are supporting a new venue and 2 races in town will draw teams to Nashville. Focus on Hooch if we retire our HR. Hooch is undergoing a transformation that will be its own entity separate from LRC/ARC – to create a 501c3, which will allow corporate sponsorship. This allows us to renegotiate our position, and ARC is looking for more manpower. The hope is that LRC labor would be increased to the Head of the Hooch without the Head Race. Discussions underway with Hooch committee (MC, HM, DB are part of it) for new structure with a board comprised of non ARC/LRC board members. Discussions include more revenue from ATL for merchandizing, revenue is hoped to exceed what we currently raise with the Head Race. Board has come to the conclusion that with the number of hours we spend and little revenue for LRC generated (under \$2,000), we can gain more and make up for lost revenue with renegotiated position with the Hooch. Another issue is leadership retirement within LRC – has offered other entities to take over the HR, and no one has offered to take it over.

Concern for LRC specific event was expressed. Topic of Gorge Row as potential for unique LRC. Discussion of a spring sprint type race – issues of non-USRowing sanctioned event (insurance, etc), but this was discussed.

Hooch numbers: the more we are involved, the more we are going to have a place at the table and the better off we are to keep it here. It is getting difficult to stage it on Ross's Landing. Theresa North has received a Director's Award for her amazing efforts. \$263,000 gross income. \$15,000 more than the last year. Expenses were more than expected though. Reimbursement for volunteers (other clubs volunteers totalled \$12,000 @ \$10/hr). More refs are coming from further away Their fees are \$16,000 and accommodations were \$29,000, also ARC hotels, sound people, etc. School patrol was limited with hours they could work, so we had to hire greater police patrol. Net \$47,000

vs. \$59,000 the previous year. This was with a \$6,000 donation from each club to a rowing cause. Board needs to make decision about where that goes. Net was \$23,000 for each club. Our opportunities for more revenue is with providing more volunteers because we would otherwise have expenses of having to hire people at \$10/hr. Other opportunities are with the brochure – lots of space taken by in-kind ads. We can get paid ads into the program and create more revenue. Suggestion offered for the donation recipient being UTC rowing, as they could use our help. Board will need to make that decision.

Miscellaneous Topics:

Comment about Facility Lease. Are there discussions about the lease with the State of TN? Discussion was originally that the lease reverts to UTC at the end of the lease. In 17 years? Do we need to start thinking about money for facilities for the future? Lease will be up in a number of years and this needs to be planned for.

Team Snap will continue.

Discussion about making sure committees are full. We need to check the by-laws. Safety and Training committee are required.

Board Members: 3 minimum members, 3 year term for officers, not board members. No stipulation as to terms for (non-board members)
Rotating off: Christy Charmon, Debbie?
Nominations: Kay Hughes, Karen Hundt, Jeannie Nolan.
Henry was Treasurer, Megan was Secretary, due to choose new officers
Election of officers will be done via e-mail as well as board member elections.

New Business:

Mike Connors and Jim Hibbs redid the lighting in the locker rooms – their efforts are appreciated.

Concept 2 weight machine in Women's locker room – need to address CJR about what to do with it, does not belong in there along with other CJR misc. items.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am.