**Newport Sea Base Rowing Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 18, 2022 – 8:30 am (via Zoom)**

**Mission**

Rowing changes lives. At Newport Sea Base Rowing (NSBR) we are dedicated to fostering a community that is both welcoming and supportive. Under the banner of Rowing for All, we make rowing accessible without regard to individual ability, race, color, background or experience. We seek to raise the standard of rowing programs through internal excellence and to share our knowledge and expertise with others for the advancement of the sport at all levels.

**Committee Members**

Patricia Robbins - Chair

Robert Cunard – Vice Chair

Kristen Chadwell – Membership

Candace Long-Lerno - Events

Kc Campbell - Fundraising Chair

Lisa Fox - Equipment Chair

Ian Simpson - Director of Rowing

James Long-Lerno – Sea Base Director

Lacey Shelton – Rowing Director

**Proceedings**

| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion Notes and Next Steps** |
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| **OCBSA Update**  | We are finalizing accreditation with American and National Camping Assns. This will lead to a few changes as we meet their specific standards. Insurance has been acquired – but it won’t cover in the same way as previously. One result is that we will not be able to provide a Certificate of Coverage that will satisfy the requirements of Charter schools who want their student athletes to be able to earn school credit for their rowing with our program. We were in court yesterday responding to the ongoing lawsuit brought by the former leaders of the rowing program which has held a large amount of equipment in limbo. The bulk of the case was dismissed in our favor at that hearing. James estimates that we will be able to reclaim and start using the embargoed equipment within the next four months.  |
| **Youth Rowing Report** | We are getting inquiries from kids about joining. All the girls are sticking with the program. We are struggling with some injuries and some attendance issues. We are working to deal with this because of the impact on Crew Classic. We may have to scale back our Crew Classic entries – which could lead to a potential morale issue. The concern is that if we enter JV boats that haven’t practiced much, they could perform poorly – but we do want them to have a racing experience. Overall, morale has been stabilized among the kids – boys and girls.  |
| **Ergathon** | A great success! Candice and James did a phenomenal job. We exceeded our fundraising goal. The event raised $53,000. We had 77 members serve as fundraisers. All squads met their goals. The Masters matching campaign which preceded the Ergathon raised $20,000. Total raised since December is $73,000. These fundraising proceeds are all being put toward new equipment purchasesNext week we have three quads and one double arriving. We will pick up another double at the Crew Classic. More oars will be purchased.  |
| **Canceled Races** | Desert Sprints has been canceled. This really hurt prospects for team bonding. To replace that bonding, the kids are going to have an outing at K1 Speed.To help make up for the cancellation, we are hosting a scrimmage next weekend with Cathedral Catholic, Riverside Boat Club, and Lake Las Vegas.  |
| **Future Race Updates** | Crew Classic - we are considering scratching from one or more events due to injuries and poor attendance. We've not heard any suggestion that Youth Regionals will be canceled, and we remain optimistic the event will proceed as planned.  |
| **Facilities and Equipment**  | Clean-up day is this Sunday. We still haven’t completed cost estimates for the work we want to do for the storage areas. We need to bring in a metal fabricator. Lisa will meet up with James and Lacey to review and revise plans. PFD’s are used by some masters and during summer camps Their storage is problematic since we are leaving the cartridges in them. James and Lacey will develop a schedule to inspect and replace the cartridges and to deal with the storage. |
| **Fundraising** | Kc has submitted an application for a Google grant.  |
| **Upcoming Events**  | **National Learn-to-Row Day**: June 4, 2022. We are thinking we will serve 32 participants. 16 in the barge, 16 on ergs – and then swap places. **End-of-Year Banquet:** We are looking at May 14. The Marina Park Community Center is available. Right now, we’re envisioning lawn games, the banquet, and after-dinner drinks for those who are so inclined. The caterer of choice will be Newport Rib Company and we envision a ticket price of $50.  |
| **Roundtable** | The EZ-Up has not been ordered yet - we just need someone who knows what we want to place the order. Lacey can make the order so long as someone sends her the details. Lisa will get the details to Lacey who will place the order. We have set the SafeSport completion date as March 5th |