**Newport Sea Base Rowing Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 17, 2021 – 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

Jack Nguyen – Program Director

**Proceedings**

| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion Notes and Next Steps** |
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| **Upcoming Events** | Parties for the weekend are all set. The evening event is at 54 tickets sold. There will be a small profit overall. Parking is **not** going to be available on site. Lacey and Madi will be sending out an email to those who have purchased tickets.  Candice is ready to get started on the Ergathon. Candice to meet with Lacey to clarify a shared vision for the event – which they’ll bring back to the committee soon. |
| **OCBSA Update** | James would like us to get back to using iCrew to manage the equipment. The Fix system will also start to be used for other Sea Base equipment.  All publicity – going forward – needs to be approved by the Board in advance. |
| **Staff Updates and Changes** | Lacey is now officially in James’s old position. James has moved to the other building.  Peter Vescovi will move to full-time status as a coach with Masters responsibility and other administrative duties.  Two more Sea Base program directors are coming on. Derek Taylor is going to return and direct sailing. |
| **Youth Rowing Report** | Girls were successful in Long Beach. Following the regatta, the under 17’s have been separated to their own group. We have picked up a couple of new girls.  Ella Preciado will row at Columbia. Maggie Rasic will row at UCLA. Another rower will be at LMU. Ian is expecting more good news about others as we get into the winter.  Female alums will have a row after Christmas.  Boys – A pretty good fall. The Christmas regatta was a really good snapshot for the program. This is a young group so this was a great learning experience for them. The boys will be doing a winter meters challenge. |
| **Prior Races** | The parent tailgate in LB went well.  Our food operation where we set up camp for the day was AMAZING! Kudos to the Robbins family. They set the standard for every other program. |
| **Future Race Plans** | Faultline Face-Off has been cancelled – the course is closed. We will be going to the Desert Sprints with juniors and Masters. We will drive there in vans. We will take our own trailer as well as making use of the OCC trailer.  Patricia is already working on potential hotel plans for Tempe.  We discussed plans for the Crew Classic. Peter is looking into creating a mens 8 with some Sea Base men and some guest rowers. |
| **Facilities and Equipment** | Not a lot to report right now. On 12/27 we will close both bays to re-do the non-skid surfaces near the roll-up doors. We are ready to go to CAD for the drawings. Marcio is busy – but will get to it soon.  We should be able to complete our plans and the work in time for next summer’s program offerings.  The rowing dock gangway is going to be replaced this spring. It will match OCC’s and will be an improvement over our existing system – featuring a more secure dock.  All the docks are about to be inspected by a diver.  We discussed getting branded EZ-Ups. Lisa offered to do the sourcing. We’d like to get two 10’ x 10’ shades. These are especially useful for the Arizona trip. |
| **Membership** | We are nearly full for the January Learn to Row. WE will conduct one more LTR this coming year.  (I lost Internet connectivity at this point.) |
| **Fundraising** | (Lost Internet) |
| **Roundtable** | (Lost Internet) |