

**WRRF Delegates' Meeting  
January 25, 2003**

**1. Roll Call/Introductions**

The following people attended the Delegates' Meeting of January 25, 2003:

Cathy Petryshyn/WRRRA Delegate	Tim Marcovy/WRRRA Delegate
Dave Werner/St. Ignatius Delegate	Mark Handloff/CWRU Delegate
Jackie Skotzke (Virant)/JCU Delegate	Jim Mack/WRRRA Delegate
Jennifer Pasqualone/WRRRA Delegate	Doug Carlson/WRRRA Treasurer
Carol Wilson/WRRRA Delegate	Harry Fisher/WRRF Treasurer
Kevin Sixbey/Baldwin-Wallace Delegate	Don Saer/bOD
Eric Schimidt/WRRRA Delegate	Tom Kimball
Peter Gozar/WRRF President	Ray Theiss/CSRA Delegate
Gary DeRocco/SCRA Delegate	Jerry Hazelwood/Shaker Hts.
Brenda Soukup/WRRF Secretary	Matt Previts/St. Ignatius/HOTC
Dan DiAngelo/CSU Delegate	
Evan Halprin/CWRU	

**2. Officers**

The 2003 officers of WRRF will be:

Peter Gozar – President  
Mark Silverstein – Vice President & Executive Director  
Brenda Soukup – Secretary  
Jeff Jensen – Treasurer

**3. Insurance**

- A motion was passed to re-consider the motion passed at the January 16, 2003 meeting which stated: WRRF will instruct its member organizations that they shall instruct their individual members that in order for the Foundation to maintain its insurance coverage, they are required to join US Rowing as individual members and the officers of the Foundation are instructed to use all available methods to find alternative insurance for next year.
- A new motion was substituted for the above and passed to read: WRRF will recommend to every member organization that they encourage individual members to look very seriously at their personal liability insurance coverage to make sure they are adequately covered since they are not covered under WRRF. Any individual member exploring coverage of individual insurance should consider looking to US Rowing for insurance. However, WRRF officers will continue to diligently look for alternative insurance coverage.

#### **4. Rosters**

- A motion to reconsider the previously tabled motion regarding whether each club should submit a roster of their rowers was passed and discussion ensued, including the following ideas:
  - Assessment should be based on the number of rowers who row but there should be fairness that everyone pays the same thing but leniency for new clubs.
  - We could set an assessment policy that looks back to the previous calendar year and accesses per rower according to the total number of rowers in the previous year.
  - The schools and the clubs receive money at different times. We could let each club decide when they want to pay.
  - The privacy issue needs to be addressed and rosters should be kept within WRRF only.
- A motion was passed that Eric Schmidt, Jim Mack, Dave Werner and Dan DiAngelo would craft a motion on the roster issue and present it at the next meeting.

#### **5. Structure**

- Doug Carlson explained that the officers goal for 2003 was to establish a more traditional format for a non-profit organization which would include a Board of Directors, Officers and Committees in order to move us to the next level to get funding and grants.
- Please study the proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation for future discussion.

#### **6. New Business**

- Peter announced that we will be audited by an outside source.
- Tim announced that the safety certificates are going to expire and we will be offering a test for coaches in February, date to be announced.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The Delegates' caucus was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda L. Soukup  
WRRF Secretary

**WRRF Annual Meeting  
January 25, 2003  
St. Ignatius High School**

**1. Roll Call/Introduction**

The annual meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. The following people were in attendance:

Peter Gozar/President	Meredith Grow/CWRU
Mark Silverstein/Vice President	Brandy Hedger/CWRU
Brenda Soukup/Secretary	Erin Brandt/CWRU
Jeff Jensen/Treasurer	Lindsey Schilling/CWRU
Carol Wilson	Jon Jensen
Dan DiAngelo	Tanaja Pillai/CWRU
Sackie Skotzke (Virant)/JCU	Kevin Dahlhausen/Shaker
Harry Fisher	Tony Sheur
Gary DaRocco/SCRA	James Field
Will McCracken	Kate Kenny
Deirdre McDonnell/WRRRA	Anna Chanakas
Hillary Emer/CWRU	Lis Kroepel
Katherin Allen/CWRU	Willie Chessar
Shannon Armstrong/CWRU	Doug Hill
Tom Kimball/CSRA	Don Srail
Eric Schmidt/WRRRA	Brian Asquith
J. Brady Fuehrer/WRRRA	Carol Nardini
Ian Henderson/CWRU	Kelly Denk
Andras Sobisk/SCRA	Kary McGad
Mika Cybyk	Gloria Walas
Brian Chaney/CWRU	Laurey Theiss
Sharon Romilly	Rose Allen
John Neely/Forest City	Andrew Baque/ASI Architects
Karen McCarthy/Parent	Stephen Marks/CUDC
Neil Messner	Audi Schmidt/CSU
Fraser Henson	Jerry Hazelwood/Shaker HS

Peter Gozar welcomed everyone to the WRRF Annual Meeting and gave an overview of some of the highlights of 2002, such as:

The boathouse initiative  
Visually Impaired Rowing Program  
Adaptive Rowing Program  
Towpath Trail Initiative  
Stakeholders Luncheon  
Row for the Cure

Head of the Cuyahoga  
Built new dock  
Scrooge's Night Out  
Architectural Charette

**2. Visually Impaired Program – Rose Allen**

Rose thanked the organization for the opportunity that she had to be a part of a sport/recreation activity and to interact with people, not on the basis of a visually impaired person, but just as a person.

**3. Towpath Trail – Patty Stevens**

Patty's firm is the designer of the Towpath Trail and Patty spoke about how compatible our vision is with that of the designers of the Towpath Trail, which is bringing people together and in harmony with nature.

**4. Stakeholders Luncheon – Sally Parker**

Sally discussed the intent of the luncheon, a summary of the discussions and findings and the path forward.

**5. Green Building Coalition – Melonie Kitner**

Melonie's firm sponsored the Architectural Charette that we held in December. Melonie explained the characteristics of a "green" building; energy efficiency, indoor environmental quality, minimal impact on outside environment, among other things.

**6. Landlord Perspective – John Neely**

John stated that we have center stage in this city by being on the water. He said that Forest City supports the rowers and the values that we represent and they would like to work with us to reach our goals.

**7. New WRRF Structure – Doug Carlson**

Doug stated that in order to get funding and credibility we would need to change our current structure to one of a Board of Directors with a strong committee structure. We plan on doing this in the beginning of 2003.

**8. Architectural Design Charette**

Each team that participated in the Architectural Charette gave a brief overview of their ideas, designs and drawings.

## 9. Awards – Peter Gozar

Peter gave a special recognition and a certificate to the following people:

Harry Fisher, for serving as the WRRF Treasurer for the past year.  
Cathy Petryshyn as past president and for all her hard work over the years.  
Dan DiAngelo, for helping to bring in other programs and his coaching.  
Brian Asquith, for his work on our Web site and Foundation participation.  
Doug Carlson, for his help to restructure the Foundation to go out to the public.  
Tim Marcovy, for his many years of service and dedication.  
Kelly Blazek, for representing us to US Rowing and for promoting us and Cleveland.

The Burning Blade award this year goes not to a single individual, but rather to the organizers of our two largest events for their tireless effort and dedication. For all their hard work, we thank:

**Row for the Cure:** Karen Provensano; Kate Kenny; Mika Cybyk  
**Head of the Cuyahoga:** Matt Previts; Eric Schmidt

## 10. Future – Mark Silverstein

Mark thanked all our predecessors as we pick up where they left off. He stated that we are high on the Cleveland “radar” screen and would like to continue to make Cleveland aware of who we are. Some of our plans for the coming year include:

- We need to take control of the whole Morgen Linen space and expand our facilities;
- We would like to start a corporate rowing league this year;
- We will be combining with Great Lakes Brewing to sponsor the Burning River Festival and will be racing Dragon boats (June 28/29)
- We are applying for grants for equipment for Adaptive Rowing;
- We’re exploring the issue of having Paul Wesberry from New Zealand help us with the collegiate and high school coaches;
- We want to begin an Inner City Rowing program and youth camps.

What can we do? We can go to our companies and ask for donations and help. We all need to be salesmen. We need to start talking to people about the recreation concept. Let’s continue the momentum, there is still so much to do.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Soukup, WRRF Secretary