

**Western Reserve Rowing Foundation  
General Meeting  
January 16, 2003**

**1. Roll Call/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The following people attended this emergency meeting:

Peter Gozar, President	Eric Schmidt/WRRA*
Mark Silverstein, Vice President	Janet Clark
Brenda Soukup, Secretary	Matt Previts/HOTC
Harry Fisher, Treasurer	Hillary Emer/CWRU*
Tim Marcovy/WRRA*	Evan Halprin/CWRU*
Jackie Skotzke (Virant)/JCU*	Carol Wilson/WRRA*
Cathy Petryshyn/WRRA*	Dan DiAngelo/CSU*
Tom Kimball/CSRA*	Kevin Sixbey/BW*
Jim Mack/WRRA*	Dave Werner/St. Ignatius*
Don Saer/BOD	Jennifer Pasqualine/WRRA*

**2. Minute Approval**

The minutes of the December 17, 2002 meeting were approved with no changes.

**3. New Business**

- Peter announced that the annual meeting will be held on January 25, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. and asked everyone to speak to their organizations and to the parents of their rowers and invite them to come and hear what we're accomplishing.
- Peter announced that there will be a caucus for delegates only beginning at 8:00 on January 25, 2003, at which time we will be voting for officers.
- A motion was made and passed authorizing Mark Silverstein to use the title of Executive Director in his representing himself to outside agencies and individuals.
- St. Vincent Charity Hospital will sponsor the HOTC and has dedicated \$5,000 a year for the next two years toward the event. They would like to hold the HOTC on September 20, 2003. St. Vincent's will also help us to get a donation from National City Bank.

**4. Landlord Issues**

- Forest City has asked us if we wanted to rent the soon-to-be-renovated Morgan Linen space which extends to the road and includes restrooms and offices at a cost of approximately \$3,500 more per month in rent.

- There was much discussion on how we could pay this extra rent. Some of the ideas were:
  - Start a corporate league as a WRRF function, which could possibly pay the whole increase;
  - Co-sponsor Riverfest with Great Lakes Brewing Co. and include Dragon Boat races;
  - Increase the number of SRL rowers; or
  - Raise the rent of the pleasure-boaters (if we controlled the entire waterfront).
- The following Motion was made and passed: Mark Silverstein is authorized to enter into negotiations with Forest City to secure an overall lease for the boathouse and the dock with the ability to renegotiate if the space is not renovated in a timely manner. Such resulting offer is to be brought back to the delegates for a vote.
- The following Motion was made and passed: WRRF officers are authorized to go forward in creating other income streams, including, but not limited to, grants for Adaptive Rowing; Corporate Rowing League; Dragon Boat races, etc.

## 5. Insurance

- Our insurance coverage through US Rowing has changed. The only way an individual has individual coverage is if that individual is a member of US Rowing – not just a member of a club or association that is a member of US Rowing. All member organizations **and** their individual members must be a member of US Rowing.
- WRRF is requiring each adult club member to be a member of US Rowing also. The SRL rowers will be called “participants” rather than “members” this year but next year **everyone** will have to become a member of US Rowing.
- The following Motion was made and passed: 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.
- The question that needs to be researched is if we could row in other cities if we were not members of US Rowing.

## 6. Budget

- The planning of next year’s budget will be based on assuming the new rent will begin in July (John Neely foresees the renovation to be completed by July, but could possibly take until September).

## 7. Structure

- Doug Carlson stated that we are working on shifting the nature of our current structure from the delegate structure to a board of directors structure.

- There would be a three-year rotation process on the board.
- The Board would elect officers.

**8. Old Business**

- The Motions which were tabled at the last meeting of requiring rosters from each club and the amendment to that motion regarding assessments were tabled until the Delegates Caucus on January 25, 2003.

**9. Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Soukup  
WRRF Secretary