

WESTERN RESERVE ROWING FOUNDATION
MONTHLY MEETING
August 26, 2003
Carnegie-Fulton Library

1. Roll Call/Introductions

Peter Gozar/President
Mark Silverstein/VP/Exec. Dir.
Jeff Jensen/Treasurer
Brenda Soukup/Secretary
Cathy Petryshyn/WRRRA*
Jim Mack/WRRRA*
Jackie Skotzke/JCU*
Russ Eckles/WRRRA*

Jerry Hazelwood/Shaker*
Dave Werner/St. Ignatius*
Carol Wilson/WRRRA*
Matt Previtz/HOTC
Dan DiAngelo/CSU/BW*
Chris Sheridan/CWRU

In addition to those in attendance, Tim Marcovy, Harry Fisher and Liz Pollard sent proxies with Jim Mack.

2. Minute Approval

The Minutes of the July 29, 2003 WRRF meeting were approved with no changes.

3. Treasurer's Report – Jeff Jensen

- Revenue for July totaled \$5,554; expenses totaled \$4,104.31 leaving us in the black for July
- Ending July balance: \$29,741.43
- Revenues for year-to-date total \$48,423.05; expenses year-to-date total \$46,816
- Jeff estimates we will be over budget by year end mainly due to the increase in property taxes and in additional rent
- Preliminary financial statement for Row For The Cure totals \$17,622.14

4. HOTC – Matt Previts

- As of today we have 17 entries from 6 schools
- Our budget forecast is in the black so far
- All referees are set
- The course will be buoyed
- Please go on-line to volunteer to help out at the HOTC
- There will be one last clean-up of the boathouse before HOTC.
- Our dock will be closed on the day of the race. ALL boats have to launch at Nautica.

5. Equipment – Jim Mack

- **A Motion was made and passed unanimously that the WRRF hereby accepts as a donation, to be used by participants in all rowing programs under the WRRF, a wooden rec-racer donated by Dick Hutchinson. The WRRF treasurer is hereby instructed to write a letter to Mr. Hutchinson thanking him for the donation, which he has valued at \$1,500.00, and informing him that we have named the boat “Hutch.”**
- **A Motion was made and passed unanimously that shells in the Morgan Linen bays shall be grouped such that all shells of a member organization shall be placed in the same rack in adjacent vertical locations. When one rack is insufficient to hold all the shells of an organization, they shall place their remaining shells in the next closest rack. Because there is insufficient room for all the shells in the Morgan Linen bay, for the remainder of the 2003 rowing season, the three WRRF 8’s, the Propp, Mosley, and Hardy, shall be stored outside the bay on appropriate trailers.**
- **A Motion was made and passed that any member organization that wishes to use WRRF shells, including the rowing barge, shall apply to the person responsible for scheduling WRRF equipment for permission. The member organization shall provide that person with a request for the type of shell, the beginning and ending dates of the time period in which it is to be used, the time(s) of day, and the day(s) of the week or dates on which it is to be used. No member organization shall use a WRRF shell unless they have first used all of their working shells of the same type. The person scheduling WRRF equipment will examine all requests and schedule them so as to maximize use of the shells in a manner that is equally fair to all member organizations. Any member organization that uses WRRF shells without authorization may be refused future permission to use WRRF equipment. In the event this motion is in conflict with motions or provisions previously passed by the WRRF, this motion shall supercede those earlier actions.**

6. Christening Ceremony – Carol Wilson

- Carol reported that the families of the victims who were honored at the christening ceremony were overwhelmed by the support shown to them and the tribute to their loved ones. The event also brought some wonderful media coverage for WRRF.

7. Boathouse/Safety

- Peter reported that he is trying to remedy the electrical situation at the boathouse and looking into a number of solutions, one being to build swinging doors that wouldn’t operate electrically, and another being to tie into the electric box at the wood boathouse and go underground to the steel boathouse. He will report back.
- Dan DiAngelo stated that coaches need to keep their wakes down and stay on the correct side of the river.

- A schedule has been developed for use of the launches. We need to get them all working properly and we need to hire someone to repair the motors.
- **A Motion was made and passed to contract with someone to repair and maintain our engines on a regular basis.**

8. Parking

- Cathy Petryshyn wrote the following parking guides for WRRF property that were determined would be a work-in-progress. If these guidelines work successfully, they will become a part of the SOP.

The limited space and safety of both individuals and property are of key concern to WRRF and the guidelines are intended to help effectively manage these concerns. All WRRF member organizations are requested to communicate these guidelines to their rowers and all related visitors to the property. Cooperation on the part of all rowers and visitors is required for the guidelines to be successful.

- If you are just picking up a rower following afternoon practice, do not enter the parking lot. Priority on space in the parking lot is given to those individuals who will be out on the water rowing since the parking lot is more secure than street parking. Pick up should occur outside the gate. And rowers should be advised to stay together and to not walk outside the gate until the car arrives. This applies to the peak periods of May through mid-October when the SRL program is fully operational.
- Pull up to the front of the lot and form parallel parking lines to maximize utilization of the limited parking space available. Do not just park your car randomly since others may arrive after you and the lot may fill up. This may mean parking at other than an optimal spot, say for instance, a little further from the door of the wooden boathouse. Be mindful of the location of your vehicle in relation to others and be absolutely certain your car has not blocked in another vehicle.
- If parking on the street, do not park in front of the old Morgan Linen building frontage or the adjacent Barrington Building before 6:30 p.m. These spots are reserved for cars picking up rowers.
- The area between the trash container and the gate to the dock is to be kept clear at all times.
- Do not park on any of the concrete pads.

10. New Business

- Peter announced that interns from the Mandel Business School are going to assist us in filling out grant applications and help us administratively.
- John Neely told us that there has been no development plans for the Scranton Road peninsula at the moment although he believes that it has real potential. He also believes that WRRF will be the winner out of all this as its been proposed

- that a boathouse become a permanent amenity for the city of Cleveland. He also mentioned that the Forest City newsletter has a big article about us.
- Doug Carlson stated that in the bids for the Head of the Charles, Case Western has two boats and John Carroll has two boats. St. Ignatius has the ability to enter on their own.
 - **John Carroll – Jackie Skotzke**
 - Jackie announced that Chris DelaCruz is the head coach this year and they have two new coaches.
 - John Carroll would like to use the barge on 9/6/03 for crewfest.
 - Jackie informed us that the JC coaching staff has been picking up garbage along the river, planting shrubs and putting down mulch.
 - There was discussion about the Hammer Ergatta coming under WRRF control but it was decided to leave it in the schools' hands at this point.
 - Cathy Petryshyn stated that for the last SRL race next year we should close the dock to all other use due to the confusion and delays that were caused in having two events held on the same day.
 - Lois Cowan announced that the City of Cleveland will be sponsoring a bike ride on the waterfront the day after our HOTC.

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda L. Soukup
WRRF Secretary