

**Western Reserve Rowing Foundation  
General Meeting  
October 29, 2002  
Carnegie-Fulton Library**

**1. Roll Call/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The following people attended the October 29, 2002 WRRF meeting:

Peter Gozar, President	Mika Cybyk/SRL
Mark Silverstein, Vice President	Jim Ptacek/SRL
Brenda Soukup, Secretary	Evan Halprin/CWRU*
Harry Fisher, Treasurer	David Werner/St. Ignatius*
Tim Marcovy/WRRRA*	Tom Kimball/CSRA*
Jerry Hazelwood/Shaker Hts.	Harold Mazzarins/WRRRA* (by proxy)
Willie Chessar/WRRRA* (by proxy)	Cathy Petryshyn/WRRRA*
Dan DiAngelo/CSU/BW*	Kelly Blazek/WRRF
Jackie Skotzke (Virant)/JCU*	Kevin Sixbey/BW Club President
Doug Carlson/WRRRA	Matt Previts/HOTC
Paul Delbane/WRRRA	Kathy Whitford/WRRRA*

\*denotes voting delegate

**2. Minute Approval**

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

**3. Treasurer's Report – Harry Fisher**

- We've added \$6,750.00 to our income; our balance is approximately \$30,000.00.
- We are still due income from Shaker Hts. and John Carroll.
- We need an accountant to help with preparing an income and expense statement and a 2003 budget proposal [send an e-mail to WRRRA for help?].
- A motion was made and tabled to have a proposed budget for 2003 prepared for the Foundation for presentation at the November 26, 2002 meeting.
- A motion was made and approved to hold a December meeting which will be limited to the proposed budget only. This meeting could be held December 17, 2002.
- The IRS has imposed a tax penalty of \$2,400 because our previous tax preparer did not file an income tax return on time. We are currently working with IRS to get this penalty reduced.
- A motion was made and tabled to reimburse the Association \$2,400 for this tax penalty.

- A motion was made and approved to ask WRRRA if we can hold off reimbursing them until a later time.

#### **4. HOTC – Matt Previts**

- We are improving our sponsor and media outreach for next year.
- We will focus more and reach out sooner to bring in more out-of-towners.
- We will work on improving home-town coordination (*i.e.*, docks, taking boats to Nautica, etc.).
- We had a loss of \$4,180.00 (which includes, but we're still waiting for Pepsi's donation).

#### **5. Spring Hill Refund – Matt Previts**

- Spring Hill is not looking for a refund. The issue is closed.

#### **6. Bow Ball – Peter Gozar**

- WRRF will sponsor this year's Bow Ball which will be held in February, 2003.
- Peter would like the schools to get involved in planning this event.
- We need to decide if this will be an adult (over 21) event.
- Our goal is to raise \$10,000.00 for the adaptive rowing program.

#### **7. WRRF Delegates Meeting – Sally Parker Luncheon Review**

- Mark advised that Sally Parker will give the rowing community a preview of the report and presentation which will be going out to the Cleveland community at large.
- There was discussion on possibly presenting this at the annual meeting.
- Dan will work on getting an auditorium for the annual meeting.
- A summary of the report includes:
  - Vision
  - Critical Success Factors
  - Issues, Concerns, Challenges and Opportunities
  - What It Should Be and Have
  - Key Users and Stakeholders

#### **8. Boathouse Operations**

- There was discussion of the ruling that trailers had to be inspected or be removed from the parking lot, although no guidelines for inspections were given. Matt will get us details on the inspections.
- Peter will talk to John Neely about possibly moving some pleasure boats and getting more dock space.
- Forest City is now offering us the ground floor of the Barrington Building.

- Peter stated that we need to address our plans – are we going to move into Morgan Linen, the Barrington Building or other sites.
- Paul said that the ramp is failing; be careful on it and don't bounce.
- Shells that are left on trailers need to be tied down.
- Please tell Paul if you brake something; don't just put it back.

## 9. Westside Ecumenical Ministries

- There was a motion made and approved to support the Westside Ecumenical Ministries by donating food for their Christmas dinner canned food drive.

## 10. Architectural Design Charette (December 13 & 14, 2002)

- Three people in our organization responded to participating in the architectural Charette.
- Should we go to the AIA?
  - Delegates, please see if there is any interest in your organization for becoming a part of the boathouse design team.

## 11. Member Organizations

- **CSRA** – Glenville wants to join with CSRA; CSRA almost done (a few novices on the water on Saturday).
- **WRRF** – buying two new shells. The Propp and Mosely are for sale. WRRF will wait until after the proposed budget is done to decide if they will buy the shells.
- **John Carroll** – will sponsor the ergatta but have concerns about holding it at Tower City. It is normally held on their campus and used as a recruiting tool. It was moved and approved that WRRF will keep the organization of the regatta for 2003 as currently constituted (at John Carroll).
- **Case** – not on the water.
- **St. Ignatius** – done.
- **Cleveland State** – bought new equipment.
- **Shaker** – purchasing a 4.
- **BW** – Kevin Sixbey is working with Cleveland Collegian and CSU to get the organization off to a start.

## 12. New Business

- The motion to adopt red, white and blue as the Foundation colors was tabled.
- Burning Blade nominations are now being accepted. Call or e-mail Peter with your nomination.
- If you would like to put your hat in the ring as a WRRF officer for 2003, let Peter know.

- US Rowing is seeking support in a constitutional amendment proposed by the Dallas Rowing Club regarding staggered terms for the Board of Directors and extending elected terms from two to three years. A motion was made and approved to support the Dallas Rowing Club amendment.
- Cleveland State recognizes Baldwin Wallace as WRRF's newest member. A motion was made and passed to move Baldwin Wallace from the CSU books and make them their own separate and distinct program.
- The Annual Meeting will be held January 25, 2003.
- A proposed new organizational structure for WRRF will be presented at the annual meeting.

**13. Adjourn** – the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda L. Soukup  
Secretary