

CLEVELAND ROWING FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MAY 26, 2005

Present: Charles Adams, Kelly Blazek, Mary Jo Cotner, Russ Eckles, Jeff Jensen, Phil O'Bryon, Bob Valerian, Karen Vargo, Dave Werner

CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm.

BUSINESS REPORTS

A. Financial- Cleveland Rowing Foundation financial statement and financial summary were reviewed and much discussion ensued.

B. Operations

1. Boathouse- Stickney is in the process of drawing up a 12 year lease for the boathouse.

2. Conrail Building and property lease- Mark Silverstein contacted Connor Coakley of the City of Cleveland and was informed that no further steps have been taken to amend the contract. A request was made by CRF for a date to review the amended contract. Bob Valerian and Doug Carlson are still reviewing the contract language and hope to have this completed by the next meeting.

3. Paul Hewitt Associates Yacht Marina- There are 3 boats remaining in the marina and all 3 should be moved by June 1, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

1. Financial Report- As of May 2005 the actual operating expenses were \$61794 and the deficit was \$9977. The bulk of the deficit was due to unpaid scholastic assessment revenues. A letter will be sent to the schools who have not paid and Dave Werner will provide a follow-up phone call to these institutions and coaches. Mark Silverstein will do an assessment on the rack space and issue appropriate charges.

2. A move was made by Dave Werner to pay for Jeff Jensen's membership fee for all of his work as CRF controller. This was seconded by Mark Silverstein and the vote passed unanimously.

B. Operations

1. Safety- no new issues.

C. Programs

1. Crew U- a program to learn more about ergging, rigging, etc was held on May 22, 2005. There were about 70 participants. It was suggested that this be repeated later in the season.

2. June 4, 2005- 3 hour Learn to Row program for the city of Middleburg Heights

3. June 11, 2005- 3 hour Learn to Row program for the Hispanic Youth Center
4. July 24, 2005- Row for the Cure. Volunteers are needed.
5. Sept 17, 2005- Head of the Cuyahoga. Volunteers are needed. The launch area may be moved to the boat house and the finish line moved slightly upstream.

#### D. Development

1. Leadership Cleveland- has designed a gate entrance that will cost between \$5000- \$10,000.
2. Bridge Builders- 2 teams from Price Waterhouse and a computer company will participate in 6 sessions of rowing. Additional teams are welcome.
3. Civic Innovation Grant- the balance of this grant is earmarked to pay for the website and the Hauser audit.

E. Communications- the Elyria Chronicle will do a story on rower, Tim Bramhall & Maggie Savoy.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A. Insurance- awaiting quote from Harding & Jacob Insurance Agency.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A. Strategic Vision- suggestion made to revisit the mission statement on an ongoing basis. Dave Werner also suggested develop more committees to increase member participation.

ADJOURNMENT- the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Karen S. Vargo