

Minutes to Capital Crew Boosters Meeting

April 17, 2006

CSUS Aquatic Center, 7:00 PM

Vice President Activities, Liz Connors, called meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Board members in attendance were Liz Connors, Clayton Carlos, Peggy Arrivas, Charlie Painter, Leslie Borasi, Lorraine Allen, and Lori Rediger. The Aquatic Center staff/coach members present was Sam Sweitzer, Dave Hayashi, Johnny Speath, Dameon Engblom, and Vanessa Tavelero. There were no parents in attendance.

The first line of business was to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 20th, 2006. All members approved the minutes. Debi Brakebill will post the meeting minutes on the web site this week.

Johnny stated that the men did well in San Diego. The men's varsity qualified for Grand Finals and the men's junior varsity placed third in Petites.

The new Hudson was also brought back on the trailer from San Diego. The men will vote on the name of the Hudson this week.

Vanessa stated that her biggest challenge now with the women's novice is attendance since the athletes were on Spring break last week.

Liz brought up the issue of a staph infection amongst the athletes. Sam stated that the coaches have spoken with the athletes about the staph infection, and the boats and oars have been cleaned to prevent further outbreaks. The athletes with the staph infection have been treated by a physician.

Dave said that the women's varsity had a difficult time in San Diego, yet it was a learning experience for them since many of the girls are only in their first year on the varsity team. Last Thursday, he held an eight hour workout for the women's varsity. He believes that the team will be ready for the upcoming Regatta.

Dameon stated that the men's novice teams are doing great. Some of the men attended both morning and afternoon practices during their spring break. Dameon said that both the A boats are undefeated and are expected to do well in the championships.

Sam stated because he is concerned about the water flow and danger of launching the boats from the front docks, he has advised the coaches to launch off the back dock until further notice. He said that the coaches have been cooperative.

Sam advised that he needed payment for the Hudson. Peggy wrote him a check for the Hudson.

Sam said that he received twenty email replies for his request for help for Clean-Up Day. He was pleased with the response.

The latest concern is the back lot parking for the Southwest Regional Junior Rowing Association Championships hosted by CSUS Aquatic Center. NCAA suggested closing the back lot, yet he is not sure how to handle the boat storage. Sam will further discuss this concern with the junior stewards.

Everyone is encouraged to use the overflow lot, which there will be a shuttle service for. The front lot will be for athletes and volunteers. Also, golf carts are available for shuttling equipment, and the new bus can be used since it has plenty of room for storage. The CHP will help with traffic and the State Parks will still charge for parking in their lot. Volunteers will be needed to staff the event. A food committee is going to be set up by Darci Bauer.

Peggy handed out a revised budget and reminded members of the new projection column.

Capital Crew received a refund check for the IRS for all penalties paid. The penalties were waived based on the letter Peggy wrote to request a reduction in fees.

Bank of America account running and collecting interest.

Clayton asked if there is a need for funds for the Aquatic Center at this time. Sam stated that there is no need at this time because of the reconfiguration on the boat house this summer.

Charlie states that he has four to five volunteer photographers who are taking photos at the races. He is putting together a power point presentation of over 180 photos that he will show at the banquet in May.

He is also working on the Alumni page for the website. The website address will change to an “.org” instead of a “.cc” since Capital Crew is an organization. There will be a link from the “.cc” to the “.org” once the site is moved.

Charlie Painter explained that the Capital Crew Boosters Club is hosting the 4th Annual Southwest Junior Rowing Association Championship dinner. We have invited the 25 + junior rowing clubs through out the Southwest Junior Rowing Association to send one or two parent representatives and their spouses for dinner and to participate in the program. The purpose of this event is to exchange information and ideas regarding the challenges of junior rowing. Program topics include: fund raising, recruiting, media relations, health, safety, communications and organizational structure. This year we have invited Stewards of the SWJRA, US Rowing, Sacramento State Aquatic Center, and the San Diego Crew Classic to send representatives. Any question regarding this event should be directed to Charlie Painter.

Charlie advised that he received an email from Sarah Akena and the Alumni database now has a source to be updated. Alumni open to anyone former rower of Capital Crew. Sam stated that he had the name of a young lady who had a bone cancer that he would like to add to the alumni list.

Clayton stated that there are no fund raising issues at this time.

Leslie stated that Daphne will hold the BBQ on the day of the Southwest Championship.

Leslie was pleased with the turn out of volunteers to assist with the flag and times for races.

Sam suggested that Capital Crew Boosters purchase two of their own coffee urns. Lori told him that CCB has two urns that are used for both coffee and water, and she will bring them to the regatta. Daphne has agreed to pick up some coffee for the regatta.

Charlie wanted to know how the trailer was working out. Johnny reported that the trailer is convenient because he doesn't have to send his athletes to retrieve the equipment off site. The clip board inventory is also working out well.

Liz stated that she spoke to Debi and will post the minutes for the last meeting soon. Also, the awards expenses for the coaches are the only one issue left for the banquet.

The annual Capital Crew photo needs to be taken soon in order for the pictures to be available for the banquet. Sam said that he will contact the photographer and schedule a photo day. Photographs will be handed out at the banquet and any photos not picked up at the banquet, will be available for pick-up at the CSUS Aquatic Center office. A flier will be made by Cindy Sullivan.

Liz states that all invitations have gone out and the Ballroom has been reserved at CSUS. She wanted to know if she should invite specific past-presidents and coaches. Liz will make the decision on who will receive invites for the banquet.

Clayton stated that the banquet is for the current athletes, coaches, and staff. Everyone agreed that the invites should only go out to those currently involved with Capital Crew. CSUS Aquatic Center Directors will receive an invite and Capital Crew will pay for their meals as a courtesy.

Clayton suggested that invitations for past participants be sent out for the Southwest Regional and BBQ, so they will have an opportunity to watch the rowers on race day.

Liz stated that she is working with one candidate for speaker for the banquet and she is considering another if this speaker doesn't work out.

Liz stated that there is a five year rower, Greg (the men's varsity coxswain), who will receive a gift certificate. It was decided that he will receive an American Express gift card.

Liz brought up the issue of the CC Boosters Board election for the next season. Charlie advised that it is in the by-laws that the election takes place at the upcoming regatta. He will send a flier to Debi with the candidates to

be published on the web site, so parents can vote at the regatta this weekend. Charlie stated that the election is open, so anyone can run for a post that has a nominee.

Leslie would like to fill the position of VP Fundraising since Clayton will not be returning next season. This will leave her position of VP Parent Coordinator open and the Nominating Committee will submit a name for the VP Parent Coordinator. Charlie stated that he will email Debi with a flier for the election to be published on the website. Leslie agreed to be the contact person for the election.

Johnny submitted a hardship letter from a varsity rower, and the committee voted and approved the payment on his outstanding balance. The committee also approved the payment on another athlete's outstanding balance, as long as the athlete submits a hardship letter. The funds will be taken from the Katie Luke's Fundraiser account. Sam stated that any athlete owing a balance will be required to pay the balance before attending another practice.

Charlie requested that the committee pay for trees for the awards stage. The committee agreed to pay for the trees.

Liz Connors called the meeting to an end at 8:40 PM.