

Minutes to Capital Crew Boosters Meeting

January 15, 2007

CSUS Aquatic Center, 7:00 PM

Club President, Debi Brakebill, called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Board members in attendance were Debi Brakebill, Charlie Painter, Leslie Borasi, Liz Connors, Peggy Arrivas, and Lorraine Allen. The Aquatic Center staff/coach members present were Brian Dulgar, Dave Hayashi, Vanessa Tavalero, and Melissa Fenner. Three parents also attended the board meeting.

Debi opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Dave spoke first about the women's varsity team and the fact that since most girls are first year varsity they are not use to competing on the varsity level and do not work out during the break between Fall and Spring seasons. The first week he had the girls on land, and this week they will be on the water. There are a total of forty girls on the varsity team.

Dave also stated that there are changes to the schedule and he will send the updated version to Debi to publish on the Capital Crew website.

Dave suggested that the boosters consider Cliff Meidl, an Olympic kayaker and inspirational speaker, as the speaker for the banquet this year. He gave the website of meidlinpire.com for the board to look into.

Spring registration is due on January 23rd, 2007. Dues that are collected by the Aquatic Center are \$350. All new rowers will also need to pay the Boosters \$165. Brian Dulgar stated that the fees will remain the same this year; however, next year there will be an increase of fees next fall.

Melissa stated that there are six new girls on the novice team, and she has a total of thirty-eight rowers. She had the girls do land workouts the first week back and will put the girls on the water this week. She wants the girls on the water as much as possible this week.

Vanessa has the men's novice on the water, running, and lifting weights with John, who is a volunteer weight trainer working with the varsity and novice teams. She also stated that five new men joined the team, and she now has 26 athletes on the team.

Liz stated that Health Night is on Wednesday, January 24th, 2007. She has three guest speakers that will discuss health issues that pertain to the athletes and their families. The three guest speakers are Chiropractor Doug Murray and Physical Therapists Jon Sherwood and Tom Mc Coin. She will provide food for all rowers who attend the event. Brian asked if the Aquatic Center could video tape the speakers; Liz will check with speakers. Liz extended an offer to Bob Whitford to MC the event.

The first Banquet committee meeting will be on Monday, January 22nd, 2007.

Liz asked that everyone pencil in February 24th as the date for the 2nd Annual Parent's Day. The hours will be from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. She will contact Cindy Dulgar to make sure that the upstairs room will be available for the day.

Liz thanked Leslie for all of her work with the press. Three separate newspapers printed the article that Leslie put together honoring Andrew Woerner and Evan Carlos. Andrew was awarded the bronze level on the US Rowing Association honor roll and Evan received an honorable mention.

Leslie stated that she still is receiving checks for the Erg-A-Thon. There are a few donations that came in without the athlete's names, so Leslie will get the name of the donators to the coaches, so they can ask the athletes if they know the donators.

All athletes reaching the goals will receive a gift certificate. The top collector was Erik Brakebill who received over \$1,000.00 in donations. Eight athletes received donations over \$600. Seventeen athletes received donations over \$400. The total donations for the 2006 Erg-A-Thon are \$32,125.00.

Debi stated that she is working on the thank you postcards and should receive a copy of the card layout today. The cards will be ready on schedule.

There were a number of donations coming in from the Alumni, and Dave asked for a list of names for the Alumni that donated this year.

Leslie will continue to assist Al Arrivas and the Media and Public Relations Committee members. She shared that Brian Blomster in the Sacramento Bee's sports department responded positively about receiving more information and possibly including Capital Crew athletes in the new high school prep sports section. She plans to send out announcements to the Bee, neighborhood papers and to the high schools regarding novice registration. Articles were carried in the Bee, El Dorado Hills and Folsom papers about the two Capital Crew athletes recognized by the US Rowing Association.

Leslie explained that the media generally prefers to receive information via email and is putting together a Capital Crew fact sheet in a format familiar to reporters that can accompany news releases, race results and be included on the website.

Leslie stated that the manager at Applebee's in Folsom is willing to display photos or articles of Capital Crew.

Brian stated that the Aquatic Center has done Corporate Team Building with the REI employees. Through the relationships with corporations the AC has received a grant for the youth program.

Brian stated that he would like to be involved with future fundraising for the Erg-A-Thon. He would like to see future gift certificates purchased from vendors that currently work with the AC. Everyone agreed that we should look into this matter next year.

Leslie stated that the incentive for gifts for all athletes may cut off at the end of January.

Lorraine asked that the minutes from the November meeting be approved. All members approved minutes.

Peggy passed out the current Treasurer's report. The payments for Newport and the Head of the Charles have not been made. Brian stated that he will look into the matter and contact the boosters when he knows what the figure will be.

Peggy reported now that the By-Laws have been amended, the fiscal year end is July 31st each year, and tax returns are due (without any extensions) on January 15th. She has already filed tax returns for the period of January 2006 to July 2006 to comply with the new fiscal year in the By-Laws.

Peggy also presented the monthly financial report. The report includes projections that show an adjustment to the Banquet, dues, and donations for the lower number of rowers this year. The lower revenues mean that the Board will need to address the reductions in the amount of money available to spend in the budget for the parking lot lighting and new equipment.

Dave has asked that the boosters purchase two double boats for the athletes. The doubles will cost \$12,000.00.

The Dave Hayashi '89 boat was damaged over the break. The AC expects that Bob Whitford will be able to fix it.

Brian stated that the Loft will be worked on soon because the purchase order is in the contractor's hands. The boats will all need to be moved out during the renovation. He also stated that he would consider pulling back on the lights and allow the funds for the equipment.

Dave is also considering purchasing cox boxes and oars this year. Dave will email the board after he has an opportunity to speak to with Bob Whitmore.

Peggy stated that we will need to stick to the budget for the scholarships this year.

Debi stated that she needs a check to reimburse the host for the Head of the Charles. Brian stated that he will look into it tomorrow and get back to Debi.

Charlie stated that he is pleased with the Alumni that contributed to the Erg-A-Thon. He also wanted to let the board know that he has a great group of parents that are taking photos of the athletes.

Charlie is currently working on the membership and insurance from the US Rowing Association. He stated that the membership is good from December 31st through December 31st of the following year. All forms need to be sent in by March 13th, 2007 for this year. There is an increase in the insurance

due to injuries in the previous year. He explained that there are five tiers of coverage that depend on how many active members in the club.

Charlie needs the roster updated with all the athletes US Rowing Association Membership numbers in order to qualify for a discount of the fees. He asked that the welcome packet given to parent's state that it is mandatory that all rowers register through the US Rowing Association, so there will be no surprises this time of the year. All athletes must be enrolled by May 20th, 2007. Charlie assured that board that the Insurance budget of \$1,400.00 will cover the costs.

Dave stated that there are Ergs for sale. The amount is \$750 and the AC staff will take a deposit for them now. Each erg is only one year old. Liz suggested that the boosters raffle off one erg.

Brian stated that the Astroturf is doing great. He currently is working on broken weight equipment and plans to add weight balls to the equipment.

Brian stated that due to the Staff Infection outbreak last year he has ordered extra bottles of disinfectant. He is encouraging all athletes to use the hand sanitizer that he has placed around in the erg bay.

Brian also wanted to let the boosters know that he will make a decision on the new rowing coordinator within the next four weeks.

Debi thanked Brian for attending the booster meeting.

Debi stated that the boosters need to vote on the Capital Crew Booster's Mission Statement. The Mission Statement was worked on during a closed meeting, yet the board has not voted on the acquiring the new mission statement or keeping the old mission statement.

Charlie stated that the existing mission statement came from a handbook in 1992.

Debi has asked that all board members review the mission and be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting in February.

Debi asked if the board still wanted to proceed with purchasing some white boards and walkie talkies for the tent to display during race day. Lorraine

volunteered to further look into the cost of the white boards and walkie talkies.

Liz asked Brian if the boosters could get a tent set up closer to the Officials tent on race day. Brian stated that he was looking into putting a tent up near the finish line that will be accessed by both the Aquatic Center and Capital Crew. The tent will be white and Capital Crew may display their banner on the tent. If the tent is obtained then the walkie talkies will no longer be needed; however, the board will still consider displaying a white board at the tent.

Charlie in follow-up to an email he sent out stated that Capital Crew still has not registered for the San Diego Crew Classic. He came upon this information when he was working on the invitations for the Meet and Greet on May 18th, 2007. Dave stated that he will look into the registration for the San Diego Crew Classic.

The next board meeting will be on February 19th, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Debi called the meeting to a close at 9:02 pm.