

Syracuse Chargers Board Meeting – December 27, 2010

Kay Budmen
Peg Harrigan
Alberto Binachetti

Dave Cusano
Georgia Dancks
Lyn Hathaway

Jennifer Scalione
Pat Wilson

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Minutes of the November 29, 2010 meeting were approved as corrected (Jennifer Scalione not Jennifer Sanford – boat name) and ordered placed on file.

The Treasurer could not prepare official reports due to the fact that the Club's laptop is not functioning. David Cusano is taking the laptop and looking into the problem. If the computer cannot be fixed Jennifer was authorized to purchase a new one including an external data storage device. The Club's finances remain similar to last month.

Fundraising Committee – Kay Budmen explained again the focus over the next few months on knowing “who we are” including presentations at meetings by the different parts of the Chargers. There was some discussion that all the high school groups should present their “stories” at the February meeting as once the high school rowing seasons begin it will be difficult for them to come to a meeting. Joe is hosting a dinner for the high school coaches at his home to further cement their support of the fundraising effort for the boathouse. Kay requested up to \$200 for this dinner and it was approved.

There were no other Committee reports as the main focus of the meeting was to be the moratorium on boat purchases and the purchase proposal currently on the table (Baldwinsville and the Masters joint purchase of an eight).

The first issue discussed was whether or not to lift the moratorium on purchasing boats. There were many slants on this topic. No one wanted to impede fundraising for the boathouse but because of the uncertainty of the boathouse timeline most felt some purchasing should be allowed. David Cusano suggested instead of the group purchasing contributing 80% of the cost they would contribute 85% with the additional 5% going towards the boathouse. The final proposal stated that the moratorium on boat purchases be lifted for the year 2011 and each group could purchase (1) boat. At the end of 2011 the moratorium would be reinstated as we get closer to the reality of the boathouse. The vote was 7 for, 2 against (by proxy) and 1 abstention.

The Baldwinsville/Masters proposal to purchase an 8 was thoroughly discussed including usage of the boat as this is the first time since the 2008 Boat Purchase document was adopted that such a request was made. The purchase proposal was passed by a vote of 7 for and 1 abstention.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM. The next meeting will be the planning meeting on Saturday, January 29th from 9 – 1 at the Soule Road Elementary School Library. Details will be sent out at a later date.