

Syracuse Chargers Rowing Club Board Meeting – March 28, 2011

Joe Bufano	Dave Cusano	Kay Budmen	Coach Manzo
Peg Harrigan	Georgia Dancks	Pat Wilson	Coach Morris
Lyn Hathaway	Sam Haines	Cindy Wilson	Coach Syrup
Nick Sholz	Larry Laszlo	Jennifer Scalione	

A number of Club Members were in attendance as well

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Larry Laszlo along with Coaches Manzo, Morris, Syrup and Booster Club Rep, Kay Budmen presented a history of the Liverpool High School Rowing Program. The video included highlights of the team's many successes as well as testimonials from past and current rowers and coaches. The presentation was well received by the Board and Liverpool was congratulated for both its presentation and its history of rowing in the community. The minutes of both the February and Special March meeting were approved and placed on record.

The Treasurer presented the Finance Committee's report which included recommendations that \$40,000 be moved from the Club's general account into the Boathouse account and that the Facility Fees for the High Schools be raised next year to \$3000 from the current \$2500. The fee has never been raised since it was instituted. After discussion both items were approved. The High School Programs will be sent a letter by the President notifying them of this increase in the Facility Fee for 2012. Club Program Fees will stay the same with the anticipation that program participation can increase. Facility fees have been received from both F-M and Baldwinsville.

Programs The Club has presented tee shirts and welcoming letters at both the Baldwinsville and F-M Spring meetings. The Charger video was shown in an effort to introduce the Chargers to new parents/rowers. This effort has been well received. The same will take place at Liverpool and the City. A date needs to be set for an Intra-Club Regatta. It is likely this will be at the very end of the season – the coaches will discuss and report back to the Board. Nick is finalizing the Corporate brochure. The goal this season is 4 – 6 boats. Once the brochure is ready it will be circulated to the Board and the Masters so that they may help in recruiting for this program at their workplaces. Learn to Row Day is set for Saturday, June 4th at 9AM. Nick will recruit coaches. Pat Wilson circulated a tentative Scholarship Application. It is important that the HS Coaches know about this opportunity for their rowers. The summer flyer is about ready – there are a few changes from last year. A tentative list of summer coaches was discussed by Nick. The importance of mentoring the younger coaches was also mentioned. It was suggested that Mike D'Eredita be asked to coach the Sculling Camp.

Boathouse/Fundraising Joe Bufano would like to meet with Jim King to review his donation level recognition program and how it relates to the boathouse design. John and Georgia Dancks are working on the thermometer which will be installed at the boathouse as well as posted on the website to track fundraising progress.

Website/Advertising Nick has been working with Ryan, our webmaster, to improve our website. This is a vital part of attracting more participants. The capability to pay online will be available

by the beginning of May. Peg Harrigan has looked into using a billboard for advertising. The less expensive locations are not desirable so she will look into the cost of more desirable locations.

Old/New Business A rower preparing to compete as a paralympian will be rowing off our docks and is in need of assistance in getting his boat in and out of the water. The Masters will be asked to help when they can. High School Coaches are in tune with Safety requirements including the extra caution required during the Spring season with its cold water temperatures. A date will be set for a Board Retreat. The dates of May 23, June 27, July 25 and August 29 are set for future Board meetings at the Liverpool Public Library.

Congratulations to Joe Bufano and Jennifer Scalione on their election to the offices of President and Treasurer. Special thanks go Bob O'Leary, outgoing President, for his years of service to the Club. Bob is staying on the Board and continuing to work on the boathouse project.

As there was no further business to be brought at this meeting, meeting adjourned.