

Syracuse Chargers Rowing Club Board Meeting – May 25, 2011

Joe Bufano
Georgia Dancks
Lyn Hathaway

Kay Budmen
Erik Siewert
Sam Haines

Peg Harrigan
Pat Wilson
Nick Scholz

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

A quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting so minutes were not reviewed.

The Treasurer's Report was circulated but not acted upon. The Club does not yet have the bill from the park so a completely accurate figure for the recently held Invitational is not available. One school still has an entry fee due as well.

Programs The Invitational went very well with positive feedback from the Park as well as all the coaches. The configuration of all spectators on the other side may become the norm rather than the exception though where the finish line is plays a part in that. It was apparent that the coaches were stressed leading up to the event for a number of reasons – the flooding, lack of practice, the uncertainty of holding the event. Look for ways to eliminate some of that stress. It was suggested that a contingency plan be in place from the initial planning stages with a formal document detailing Plan A and Plan B. Joe asked that a speaker system be used next year and a medal ceremony with trophy presentation be planned. Results need to be posted on the far side. Another issue was the idea that a communal tent be used for all the local parents. A suggestion was made that plots could be labeled for the various groups. We need better communication in the future. There was discussion of a committee including non-coaches to help out with many of the off the water, non-racing tasks. A planning meeting could be held in the winter prior to the season. The Invitational was very well run and was a great success. Thanks to all who worked to make it a success. The coaches and Nick did a great job under very trying circumstances. Nick is gathering coaches for Learn to Row Day on June 4th. Sign up day for summer programs is June 6th at the boathouse. The website is now enabled to take registrations and payments. Waivers still must be handed in with original signatures. The goal for the Corporate program is at least 3 – 4 boats. Sam Haines will speak about the program at a large HR meeting.

Boathouse/Fundraising The next presentation will be both Baldwinsville and the City at our June meeting. The meeting may begin at 6:30 if the room is available. Lyn will notify all. Joe would like a thermometer posted on the website to track fundraising.

Website/Advertising Peg will put a listing of our programs in the Sunday sports section – there is a fee for this. Nick has delivered flyers to Liverpool schools. Peg will look into having the flyers distributed in the City schools. Lawn signs are being ordered to advertise the Club. It is very apparent that a PR person is needed. Kay will take on that role in the fall.

Old/New Business While the Intra-Club Regatta is not being held this year it will be put on the schedule for next year. A meeting will be set up for the Row for the Cure Committee to start planning the fall event. A Board Retreat focusing on Board logistics as well as teamwork will be set up. Club committees need to be formalized. Nick will give the Board a job description for his position by the end of the summer. Erik will create an evaluation for the High School Coaches to give the Club along the lines of how did things go. The Scholarship form will be posted on the website. The handbook needs to incorporate the Club's Safety Policy.

As there was no further business to be brought at this meeting, meeting adjourned. Please note the next meeting will be held on Monday June 27th at **6:30 PM** at the Liverpool Public Library.