

Syracuse Chargers Board Meeting – February 28, 2011

Paul Sansoucy	Lyn Hathaway	Joe Bufano
Pat Wilson	Nick Scholz	Rich Konys
Cindy Wilson	David Cusano	Sam Haines
Jennifer Scalione	Georgia Dancks	Peg Harrigan

Minutes of the December 29, 2010 meeting were approved and ordered placed on file.

Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted. USRowing dues and insurance have been paid for a +300 member Club. High School Coaches are asked to send Jennifer and Lyn their rosters as soon as they are available. Thank you to Sam Haines who gifted the Club 78 shares of Proctor & Gamble stock at the end of 2010. The contracts and invoices have been mailed to the four schools and Baldwinsville has paid their fee. A Finance Committee of Jennifer Scalione, Pat Wilson, Nick Scholz, Sam Haines and David Cusano will meet on March 10th and make recommendations to the Club regarding fees for 2011. A report will be sent to all Board members after the meeting so that it can be discussed at the March Board meeting.

Programs – Nick is beginning to work on summer programs and coaches. Learn to Row Day will be held on Saturday, June 4th. Nick will secure coaches while the Masters will continue to volunteer to row in the boats. A sample of the letter to be given to all high school rowers along with a tee shirt was distributed. The letter will be amended to include the fact that the Club offers scholarships for its programs. The plan for a Corporate Program is moving forward. Nick is meeting with Bill Sanford to see how it was done in the past as well as to get Bill's input. The program would begin on May 31st and run Tuesdays and Thursdays for 6 weeks. There was discussion on how to deliver the informational letters to companies in a way that ensures they will be looked at. Inquiries have been made about a paralympian training off our dock. Nick is following up.

Fundraising – Liverpool was not available to present their "story" and so the whole schedule will be moved up one month and Liverpool will present next month. Georgia and John Dancks will construct a thermometer illustrating fundraising progress. The design will also go on the website. Joe will send out baseline donation levels which will be further discussed in the future. Both Jennifer and Nick are looking into using credit cards to make donations and pay for programs on our website. Peg and Joe will meet to discuss advertising of the Club. Peg has priced billboards and all feel that will be a step forward. The Club needs to develop a marketing budget and then work to market our programs in the community.

Old/New – There will be a tab on the website for the Board where minutes and other notices can be posted. The Board approved the nominations of Joe Bufano for President and Jennifer Scalione for Treasurer. The election/annual meeting will be held at the March 28th meeting. Lyn will mail notices of the meeting to all those entitled to vote. Pat Wilson will report later in the year on a process for the Scott Sanford Scholarship. Larry will present a Safety Plan at a future meeting. A date needs to set for a Boat Christening. There are several boats that will be involved. Dave Cusano initiated discussion of a boat purchase proposal for F-M High School. Due to time constraints this discussion will have to be continued online or at a future meeting. Joe spoke briefly of the plan by a benefactor of a facility adjacent to the Inner Harbor – would not be a boathouse.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 28th at 7 PM at the Liverpool Library.