

January 15, 2024
Robinson Crew Booster Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes

Note: Please see the PowerPoint presentation as it contains most content discussed at the meeting.

- I. The virtual meeting was called to order by RCBC President Sherry Noud at 7:30 PM.

- II. 2024-2025 Corporate Sponsors were recognized (see slideshow.)
 - Sponsors will begin to contribute content to the Quick Catch soon.
 - Kate Mattice noted that this has been a very successful year for the team to get corporate sponsors (\$13,500 total, which exceeded the goal.)
 - Since her rower is graduating, Kate's position will be available next year for the 2025-26 season.

- III. Program Director Update: Coach Vargas: Mentioned Erg Sprints in early February.

- IV. Novice Swim Test: Specifics are set forth by VASRA.
 - Dates for the test are 1/26/25 and 2/15/25. See the slide and info on slack for the requirements. Please reach out to Sherry Noud to let her know which day your novice rower will be attending.
 - Volunteers are also needed.
 - All novice rowers must pass the swim test in order to be a part of on the water practice.

- V. The Regatta Schedule was shared.

- VI. Evie Hasch was thanked for her service as At Large. Neil and Oksana have taken over the Quick Catch and the At Large Position.

- VII. A carpool survey will come out in the next week or two.

- VIII. VASRA's split from US Rowing was discussed due to jurisdictional issues and redundancies in screening of coaches. Because of this, Brandon, our treasurer, has reached out to other policies for our insurance. We are still waiting to see if Stotesbury is still going to stick with US Rowing. While it is not necessary to renew your membership at this time, it may be necessary before Stotesbury.
- IX. There is a revised handbook on our website that includes standards of conduct. Families and rowers are required to review and sign the document and return it to Sherry Noud.
- X. Slack was discussed. Families should be on slack to get information.
- XI. The website was discussed (www.robinsoncrew.org) as a source of information.
- XII. The flow chart of Robinson Crew Conflict Resolution was shared (see slideshow.)
- XIII. Registration Fees and Payments was discussed. The next installment will be due on Feb 7, 2025 . The refund policy was also posted.
- XIV. Membership Obligation was discussed by Ellen Valentine , the VP of Administration.
- The families need to accumulate a minimum of 7 volunteer points and raise \$200 in Fundraising. Ellen posted the membership obligation tracker on slack. (For two rowers, the obligation is 10.5 points but still \$200 per rower.)
 - Examples of opportunities were posted on the slide. Sherry Noud also shared about VASRA regatta opportunities and work days.
 - The board will charge \$50 per point if a rower is short at the end of a season.
 - Ellen shared that the tracker is pinned on Slack.
- XV. Members shared their concerns about the new carpool policy and want to make sure that all the students can get to the water.

- XVI. The RCBC lead volunteer slide was shared as well as some highlighted opportunities.
- XVII. VP of Ways and Mean Paige Wroble gave an update.
- Restaurant night coordinators are needed.
 - Nothing Bundt Cakes sale is underway (1/10-1/29 and pick up on 2/8)
 - Bridal Show 1/19
 - Tag Day (mandatory) Jan 25 & Feb 8
 - Ergathon 2/17/25 8 am-noon at Robinson
 - Raise Right (ongoing) Families are encouraged to join. It's an easy way to earn toward your fundraising obligation.
- XVIII. Tag Day: Diane DiPietro the coordinator shared about Tag Day
- Permission slips are needed
 - See Slack for volunteer signups.
 - New hanging tags are being used this year.
- XIX. Ergathon: Coordinator shared Anh Nguyen shared an update on Ergathon.
- The event will replace the letter writing campaign.
 - The team will try to row 500,000 meters. 30 ergs will be set up for the rowers to jump on and off.
 - The event will be located outside door 1. (weather permitting.)
 - The team target is \$25,000 to raise money.
 - Rowers will create a fundraising page on Give Butter. Money raised will go towards their \$200 donation.
 - Anh will be available next week to help rowers create pages.
 - Volunteers are needed.
 - Everything will be shared in Slack.
- XX. Sherry Noud mentioned fundraising keeps the costs lower.
- XXI. Leigh Booher talked about uniforms for novice rowers and spiritwear.
- Novice rowers must order new uniforms by Mar 1, 2025
 - Spiritwear sales are ongoing.
- XXII. Coach Vargas mentioned that rowers must message their coach on Slack if they cannot come to practice.

- XXIII. Kate Mattice mentioned that the Sponsorship shirt will be available and will include the rowers' names.

- XXIV. The RCBC General Membership Meeting schedule was shared. Families will receive one point from attending all 4 meetings (Feb-May.)

- XXV. The meeting was adjourned by Sherry Noud at 8:53 PM.