**Newport Sea Base Rowing Committee Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 24, 2022 – 8:30 am (via Zoom)**

**Mission**

Rowing changes lives. At Newport Sea Base Rowing (NSBR) we are dedicated to fostering a community that is both welcoming and supportive. Under the banner of Rowing for All, we make rowing accessible without regard to individual ability, race, color, background or experience. We seek to raise the standard of rowing programs through internal excellence and to share our knowledge and expertise with others for the advancement of the sport at all levels.

**Committee Members**

Patricia Robbins - Chair **(absent)**

Robert Cunard – Vice Chair

Kristen Chadwell – Membership

Candace Long-Lerno - Events **(absent)**

Kc Campbell - Fundraising Chair

Lisa Fox - Equipment Chair

Ian Simpson - Director of Rowing

James Long-Lerno – Sea Base Director

Lacey Shelton – Rowing Director

**Proceedings**

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| **Agenda Item** | **Discussion Notes and Next Steps** |
| **OCBSA Update** | Summer going pretty well. Numbers getting bigger and bigger. We will end up matching our pre-COVID budget. Staff pay has been increased.  We have strong summer enrollment for the upcoming camps – which should feed our competitive program. |
| **Youth Rowing Report** | **Youth Nationals Results:** 27 participants (50% of junior team). A lot of parents attended. Performances were good. 6 boats competed. 3 boats finished first in their final race  Boys quad won. Boys straight 4 won the B final. Girls under 16 won the B final.  Following Youth Nationals our boys double won the Under 23 Double trial; the quad finished 3rd in the Under 19 national trial.  **Youth Nationals Logistics and Support:** We brought the cost in at under $1700 per participant. Other local teams charged $2500 - $3000. We made bookings early which saved us from airfare increases. We stayed away from hotels and saved through Air B & B’s. Parents really helped with transportation and feeding the kids.  We expect a strong returning group, especially as a result of the performances at Nationals. For the first time, we will have a middle school competitive group next year. Overall, we’d like to grow from last year’s 54 kids to 80 or so for next year. |
| **Future Races** | Our next race is a masters regatta in Long Beach. So far, registration has been slow. |
| **Coaching and Staffing Updates** | Scott Price has been hired and will start this Monday. He was at SDRC before. He’ll coach masters exclusively.  Janelle Genovese has agreed to coach masters on water days.  Joey Royak will coach juniors.  Peter will continue short term with the masters – and will take over some of Maddie’s high school responsibilities. Over time, this will limit his activities with the masters.  We are still looking for another full-time coach who would coach U16 girls and masters. |
| **Facilities and Equipment** | Lisa needs helpers for carpentry. She’ll try again. |
| **Fundraising** | Kc is focused on fundraising for Worlds. Kc suggests that a new parent should take on this role for next year.  Kc notes that’s she’s seeing a lot of NAC imagery and signage around town.  We have banners ordered and designed – and they should be here soon. |
| **Membership** | We have 21 signed up for a Learn to Row. We expect it to be full.  Currently we have 81 adult members. We seem to have a diminishing number of women.  We have no new updates on the Corporate LTR; this one may not occur. However, if OCBSA is willing to approve more of these, we should do more of these. They are good fundraisers and they could help grow membership.  James believes that we can likely go forward with Corporate LTR’s so long as we are clear about where the funds will go and what they will support. |
| **Annual Dinner Review** | We were pretty happy with the location (marina Park Community Center) and food (Newport Rib Company). James is encouraged that the parents in Florida would like to help more with events like these next year.  Masters attendance was quite poor. As a result, we sustained a small loss. We discussed whether the masters should be at this dinner or be at a separate event. James reminded us that this dinner is one of the few times when masters and juniors are at the same event and that an important element of the existence of the masters program is to support the youth program.  We discussed the idea of a mixed juniors/masters event other than the Annual Dinner. |
| **2022 – 2023 Rowing Committee** | **Committee Membership:** No new nominations yet. We need some more. Ian wants us to maintain a balance between masters and parents on the committee for next year.  **Meeting Schedule:** We’ll need to change the day of the week for next year to the third Thursday of each month. Robert and Kristen will work with Ian to develop the schedule. See following page for a first draft of possible 2022 – 2023 Committee Meetings. |

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**Proposed Rowing Committee Meeting Schedule 2022 – 223**

**Third Thursday of Each Month – 8:30 am**

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| **Date** | **Notes** |
| July 14, 2022 |  |
| August 18, 2022 |  |
| September 15, 2022 |  |
| October 20, 2022 |  |
| November 17, 2022 |  |
| December 15, 2022 |  |
| January 19, 2023 |  |
| February 16, 2023 |  |
| March 16, 2023 |  |
| April 20, 2023 |  |
| May 18, 2023 | No date yet for Regionals and Nationals |
| June 15, 2023 | Last day of school in Newport-Mesa is June 9 |