

Spartan Alumni Rowing Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2009

I. Call to Order

- a. Doug Rathburn called to order the regular meeting of the Spartan Alumni Rowing Association (S.A.R.A.) at 12:21PM on April 18, 2009 in the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse, 1948 Carter Road, Cleveland, Ohio

II. Roll Call

- a. The following persons were present: Tim Marcovy, Fraser Hewson, Nate Uber, Jason Kampmeyer, Dan Bachmann, Chris Shoemaker, Alan Valenti, Chris Denzel, Agata Toborek, Erynn Rathburn, Doug Rathburn

III. Presidents Report

- a. The SARA web site continues to be updated: Visit <http://www.spartanalumnirowing.org/>
 - i. Please send any photos or old race results to the webmaster
- b. SARA received donations for new a Pocock four and pair/double along with a new Hudson single since 2008 AGM
- c. Next priority for Alumni Victorious campaign is to purchase a trailer
 - i. Dan Bachmann added that the current fleet is at a relatively high level and that maintain the fleet through trade ins will require less capital than buying shells outright without trade-in old really old boats traded in.
 - ii. The pairs and single were not part of the formal Alumni Victorious Campaign. The remaining equipment for the campaign include a trailer and another four. These two items will "complete" the entire fleet required by the team. Then it's just a matter of trading in and refreshing, not buying from scratch.
 - iii. Tim Marcovy re-iterated the need for Case Crew to have a trailer at their disposal. They are the only team at the boathouse without a trailer. The administrative burden imposed by the university would most likely prevent the team from owning the trailer themselves – making SARA ownership the only viable option.
- d. The Cleveland Rowing Foundation is beginning to get serious about finding a new site along the river for a permanent boathouse. The Commodore Club is for sale and there's a committee formed and gaining traction to work out a deal. SARA and alumni in general may be called upon to help ensure Case Crew's place on the river.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. SARA assets are just over \$42,000 at the end of 2008 mainly due to donations of the new four and pair. After including the new Hudson single donated in early 2009 SARA's assets will slightly exceed \$50,000!
- b. Total cash \$5,198
 - i. All equipment is paid off
 - ii. Balance down \$1,559 from last year

- iii. Donations in 2008 were \$27,245
- iv. \$1896 from cafepress, Amazon and Google adSense
- v. Outflows ~\$2000 for insurance, boat maintenance, coxswain clinic attendance and misc
- vi. 2009 expected rack rents are about \$1000
- c. Tim Marcovy added to the Treasurer's Report by stating that 2008 will be the first year that our financial results crossed the threshold that warrants filing a tax return. The return is due May 15, 2009 and Tim will complete and submit to the IRS.

V. Election of the Board of Directors

- a. Board of Directors: Tom Hudak, Tim Marcovy, Chris Sheridan, Dan Bachmann, Brian Chorney, Fraser Hewson, Doug Rathburn
- b. Motion by Uber, second by Bachmann to maintain current board
- c. No opposed, by acclamation Board passed unanimously

VI. New business from the membership

- a. Marcovy motioned to ratify and approve the actions of the officers and SARA Board of Directors since the last Annual General. Uber moved to pass motion, Hewson seconded and passed unanimously.

VII. Date of Annual Meeting in 2010

- a. Date to coincide, with proper notification, with the 2010 alumni regatta in Cleveland, Ohio

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Bachmann moved to adjourn AGM, second by Kampmeyer. None opposed.
- b. Doug Rathburn adjourned the meeting at 12:32PM

Immediately following the SARA Annual General Meeting (AGM), the newly elected Board of Directors met to elect Officers.

I. Election of SARA Officers

- a. SARA Board of Directors meeting called to order at 12:33PM on April 18, 2009
- b. Board of Directors present: Tim Marcovy, Dan Bachmann, Fraser Hewson, Doug Rathburn. Quorum present.
- c. Officers: Doug Rathburn (President), Dan Bachmann (Vice President), Fraser Hewson (Treasurer), and Brian Chorney (Secretary)
- d. Marcovy moved to re-nominate slate, Bachmann seconded. Passes unanimously.
- e. Marcovy moved to adjourn the meeting, Bachmann seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:35PM