

# ***Spartan Alumni Rowing Association***

## ***Annual General Meeting Minutes***

April 10, 2010

### **I. Call to Order**

- a. Doug Rathburn called to order the regular meeting of the Spartan Alumni Rowing Association (S.A.R.A.) at 1:35PM on April 10, 2010 in the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse, 1948 Carter Road, Cleveland, Ohio

### **II. Roll Call**

- a. The following persons were present: Tim Marcovy, Lauren Boucher, Rachel Liu, Agata Toborek, Nina Ma, Trisha Krofcheck, Mike Krofchek, Chris Shoemaker, Chris Denzel, Patty Wolford, Jessica Schneider, Erynn Rathburn, Doug Rathburn with Dan Bachmann and Brian Chorney via teleconference

### **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
  - ii. General appreciation from the membership re timely updates and information provided
- b. Donation Update:
  - i. The new shell trailer (part of the Alumni Victorious Campaign) was purchased and delivered in August 2009. The trailer has already proved useful and a decent cost savings for the team. It was purchased via donations to SARA. The trailer was lightly used by Lesley University in Boston with the deal brokered by SARA Secretary Brian Chorney.
  - ii. 8 Concept 2 oars were donated at today's alumni regatta with 7 being sponsored by the membership
  - iii. Doug & Erynn Rathburn have made a donation of a 1997 Peinert 26 single to SARA in April 2010. The shell will be delivered to SARA and the team at the WV Governor's Cup.
  - iv. OarSpotter.com and RegattaCentral continue to provide small donations on the order of about \$300-500 per year
  - v. Amazon.com provided \$1,902 in 2009 with a total of \$4,000 since the program began
- c. Alumni raced under the SARA banner at the Head of the Cuyahoga and Head of the Charles with the Charles crew taking 27<sup>th</sup> out of 34 crews (top club team finisher).
- d. The boathouse project is coming along nicely. Major capital fundraising for the new four is on hold until more information regarding the boathouse is firmed up. The general consensus is that CRF can take a loan out for the balance of the purchase, but are trying to raise more funds to make the note smaller.

### **IV. Treasurer's Report**

- a. SARA assets are just over \$41,555 at the end of 2009. The asset increase in 2009 was due primarily to the donation of the Hudson 1x and shell trailer.
- b. Total cash and bank accounts is \$5,268 as of April 3, 2010
  - i. All equipment is paid off
  - ii. Cash balance in line with previous years

- iii. Donations in 2009 were \$17,147
  - iv. Outflows ~\$2000 for insurance, boat maintenance
  - v. 2010 expected rack rents are about \$1100
- c. Marcovy and Hewson will review the filing status and whether a filing is required for 2009. The return is due May 15, 2010 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 Liu, second by Wolford to maintain current board
- c. No opposed, by acclamation Board passed unanimously

**VI. New business from the membership**

- a. Denzel motioned to ratify and approve the actions of the officers and SARA Board of Directors since the last Annual General. Shoemaker moved to pass motion, Schneider seconded and passed unanimously.
- b. Rathburn motioned to allow SARA support of the University Rowing Association championship regatta. The race has become an annual event for Case Crew and using member donations to provide medals and other logistical support for the regatta is a worthwhile cause. Support for the 2010 race amounted to \$2,691. Shoemaker seconded the motion and passes unanimously.
- c. Rathburn motioned to allow SARA support for National Team aspirants that are current Case Crew members, SARA members or have some strong ties to Case. Aspiring or current national team members with ties to Case and the team represent the best of us and deserve our support. Specific fund raising initiatives may be launched to provide equipment and costs related to national team travel, housing, fees, etc. Currently, Miranda Cullins is training at the Princeton Training Center and via prior Board vote it was agreed to allow her to borrow the *sustain* Hudson single while she is training with the national team. This motion expands the possibility of support past borrowing equipment to possible financial assistance.
  - i. Bachmann asked Rathburn to follow up with USRowing to determine how and if financial support could negatively affect amateur status of an athlete.
  - ii. Pending feedback from USRowing, Mike Krofcheck seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by the membership.
    - 1. April 20, 2010 Update: Rathburn had a conversation with Matt Imes, High Performance Director, with USRowing. Matt stated that there is no "amateur" status anymore and that support for athletes does not affect their eligibility. He said that USRowing as an organization does not allow donations to specific athletes but does support gifts to boats or crews. What SARA does in terms of support is not a concern.

**VII. Date of Annual Meeting in 2011**

- a. Date to coincide, with proper notification, with the 2011 alumni regatta in Cleveland, Ohio

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Schneider moved to adjourn AGM, second by Wolford. None opposed.
- b. Doug Rathburn adjourned the meeting at 1:54PM

Many of the newly elected Board members were not present at the AGM so communication was done via email to elect Officers.

**I. Election of SARA Officers**

- a. SARA Board of Directors were emailed the list of officer candidates by Doug Rathburn on April 18, 2010 and asked to vote “for” or “against” by electronic reply
- b. Board of Directors voting: Brian Chorney, Tom Hudak, Dan Bachmann, Fraser Hewson, Tim Marcovy, Doug Rathburn. Quorum reached and all voted “for” the officer slate.
- c. Officers: Doug Rathburn (President), Dan Bachmann (Vice President), Fraser Hewson (Treasurer), and Brian Chorney (Secretary)

Minutes submitted by: Doug Rathburn

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