

# ***Spartan Alumni Rowing Association***

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

April 9, 2011

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

- a. Doug Rathburn called to order the regular meeting of the Spartan Alumni Rowing Association (S.A.R.A.) at 12:45PM on April 10, 2010 in the new Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse, 1785 Merwin Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

### **II. Roll Call**

- a. The following persons were present: Tim Marcovy, Rebecca Carter, Lauren Boucher, Chris Bowley, Katie Menosky, Chris Shoemaker, Patty Wolford, Cheryl Thompson, Meg Grady, Nina Ma, Fraser Hewsom, Nate Uber, Doug Rathburn, Brian Chorney, Tom Hudak, and Bob Gannon.

### **III. Presidents Report**

- a. Paul Buchheit Donation
  - i. Paul gave \$100k donation to SARA, who turned the donation over to CWRU, who gave the gift to the Cleveland Rowing Foundation for the new boathouse.
  - ii. In return for CWRU putting their name on the gift to CRF, Case Crew got several exemptions to rules in the CWRU Sports Club Manual.
  - iii. Bay 1 in Rivergate boathouse will be named in honor of Paul/SARA/CWRU
- b. Fleet Update
  - i. Set of Concept2 oars donated at last year's alumni regatta.
  - ii. Peinert 26 – *Capt. Rando*
  - iii. Peinert X25 – *Sagamore*
  - iv. 2010 Heavyweight Hudson 1x – *Sisu*
    1. On loan to Aaron Marcovy as he trains at the US Rowing Oklahoma City Training Center
    2. Tim notes Aaron is extraordinarily appreciative of the loaned shell from SARA.
  - v. The 2009 Hudson Predator 1x – *Sustain* – has been upgraded to a 2010 Hudson Super Predator
    1. On loan to Miranda Cullins as she trains at the US Rowing Princeton Training Center.
    2. Miranda was in South Carolina a couple months back, and Doug was invited to watch a practice from the launch. Photos are on the SARA website.
- c. Other Fundraising/Equipment Notes
  - i. CWRU is looking at trading in Hot Sauce and buying new 4+. Likely a lightweight or midweight stern coxed shell.
  - ii. SARA would like to purchase one more 4+ for the team. Either lightweight or midweight.
  - iii. Need another \$20k to finish the campaign to set up endowment and purchase another 4+.
    1. Endowment through the university may be eligible for company matching gifts, as gifts are given to CWRU and earmarked for the Case Crew Coaching Endowment.

2. Conversation with university regarding endowment complete and to be approved by CWRU Board of Trustees
- d. Motion by Tim to approve Presidents Report. Second by Fraser. Unanimously approved.

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

- a. SARA assets are \$53,473.09 as of April 8, 2011.
- b. Total cash and bank accounts is \$7,317 as of April 8, 2011.
  - i. All equipment is paid off
  - ii. Cash balance in line with previous years
  - iii. Year to date donations is \$2,635. An additional \$533.09 has been raised through Amazon.com affiliation.
  - iv. Outflows \$3017.98 for insurance, boat maintenance
  - v. Only remaining liabilities are about \$500 for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2011 rack rent
- c. Need accountant due to amount of fundraising in 2010.
  - i. Tim has been working with accountant and taxes filing is on track for completion.
  - ii. Accountant costs ~\$200.
- d. Motion by Tim to approve Treasurer's Report. Second by Patty. Unanimously approved.

#### **V. Election of the Board of Directors**

- a. Proposed Board of Directors: Tom Hudak, Tim Marcovy, Chris Sheridan, Dan Bachmann, Brian Chorney, Fraser Hewson, Doug Rathburn, Meg Grady, and Lauren Boucher
- b. Motion by Tom, second by Patty to approve board
- c. No opposed, by acclamation Board passed unanimously
  - i. Welcome to our new board members – Meg & Lauren!!!

#### **VI. New business from the membership**

- a. General Feedback from membership
  - i. Love small boats and email updates
  - ii. Doug's giving \$20k towards new 4+ and coaching endowment. However much members give to coaching endowment, Doug will give towards the equipment (up to \$20k).
  - iii. Case Alumni Association notified about alumni events
  - iv. Look into creating an online interactive SARA director
    1. One purpose of SARA is networking for current team
    2. Network to be available to only SARA/Case Crew members and can be used to pair current students with rowing alumni in home town for summer.
    3. Fraser, Cheryl, and Nate will organize
  - v. Recommendation for coaches to put prospective students in touch with local crew alumni.
- b. Patty wants to raise funds to fly a student from Philadelphia to Cleveland for graduation, which is the day after Dad Vail.
- c. Cleveland Rowing Foundation events in need of SARA representation
  - i. May 17<sup>th</sup> - Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new boathouse. Each club has a ribbon to cut.
  - ii. July – There will be a banquet/dinner to raise money for Rivergate. \$150/table.
- d. SARA will try to submit another boat (or two) to the 2011 Head of the Charles Regatta. Brian Chorney to organize.

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

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

- a. Date to coincide, with proper notification, with the 2012 alumni regatta in Cleveland, Ohio

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Fraser moved to adjourn AGM, second by Brian. None opposed.
- b. Doug Rathburn adjourned the meeting at 1:21PM

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 1:23PM on April 9, 2011
- b. Board of Directors present: Tim Marcovy, Fraser Hewson, Doug Rathburn, Tom Hudak, Meg Grady, Lauren Boucher. Quorum present.
- c. Officers: Doug Rathburn (President), Dan Bachmann (Vice President), Fraser Hewson (Treasurer), and Brian Chorney (Secretary)
- d. Doug moved to re-nominate slate, Fraser seconded. Passes unanimously.
- e. New Business
  - i. Need to register new boat
  - ii. Tim motioned to approve accountant fee. Second by Doug. Passes unanimously.
- f. Doug moved to adjourn the meeting, Meg seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM

Minutes submitted by: Brian Chorney

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