



Westerville Rowing Club  
**Board and Coaches Meeting Minutes**

October 23, 2024, 6:30pm

Autmow, 108 E College Ave, Westerville, OH 43081

**1. Invited Attendance**

a. Present:

- a.i. Chair- Jeff Latimer
- a.ii. Vice Chair- Melissa Kappes
- a.iii. Secretary- Allison Marshall
- a.iv. Treasurer- Bruce Binnig (also Master's)
- a.v. Members-At-Large:
  - a.v.1. Jeff Klima
  - a.v.2. Victor Rosenberg
- a.vi. Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach
- a.vii. Coaches:
  - a.vii.1. Grace Bordner: Women's Head Coach
  - a.vii.2. TJ Scarpa: Men's Head Coach
  - a.vii.3. Betsy Binnig: Master's Coach

b. Not present:

- a.vii.4. Ben Harvey, Women's Assistant Coach
- a.vii.5. Cory Henderson, Men's Assistant Coach

**2. Coaching Updates**

- a. Coaches
- b. Coaching coverage: review assistant coverage and plan for the remainder of Fall and into Winter
- c. Other conversation:
  - A staff member must be the last to leave practice.
  - Coxswains should all have kits with certain things like zip ties.
  - College Recruiting - Howard to work with lead coaches to set dates for recruiting parents meetings.
  - Oct31 last day to sign up for free level 1 coaching.

**3. Registration:**

- a. Roster Check
- b. US Rowing Membership
- c. Winter registration -Will be out in 1-2 weeks

**4. Equipment**

- a. Refurb spreadsheet is in the works.
- b. Discussion of fundraising ideas for buying new equipment.

- c. Discussion of a plan to ensure site cleanup, with rotating through segments being responsible for cleanup.
  - d. Discussion of what to do with the old oars that we don't use.
  - e. Update: Process for reporting and evaluating equipment issues
  - f. Winterization plan
5. Communications:
- a. Website calendar update: Update with dates for upcoming events.
  - b. CrewLab renewal coming up. Discussion about whether to renew.
6. Seasonal Updates
- a. Current Registration
  - b. Upcoming Regattas:
    - b.i. Glow Row
    - b.ii. Haxton - Trunk or Treat -
    - b.iii. Hooch updates-
    - b.iv. Discover Rowing, including masters.
  - c. Winter Season:
    - c.i. Dates: Monday Dec 2 – Feb 22
    - c.ii. Parent meeting:
    - c.iii. Proposed times
    - c.iv. Coxswain conference: Virtual Conference
    - c.v. Casino night: Sponsorship proposal
    - c.vi. Athlete Volunteer activities:
  - d. Spring Schedule
    - d.i. Dates: Feb 24 – May 18th ish
      - d.i.1. First week or two will be dewinterizing.
    - d.ii. Regattas
  - e. Summer Schedule
    - e.i. Discussion of dates and summer programming.
    - e.ii. Learn to rows
    - e.iii. Regattas
  - f. Fall 2025
    - f.i. Regattas