



Westerville Rowing Club
Minutes December Board and Coaches Meeting
December 03, 2025, 6:30pm
Napa, Westerville, OH 43081

- **Invited Attendance**

- Present:

- Chair: Jeff Lattimer
- Vice Chair: Melissa Kappes
- Secretary: Allison Marshall
- Members-At-Large:
 - Victor Rosenberg
 - Nate Rhone
- Coaches:
 - Grace Bordner: Head Coach and Women's Lead Coach
 - Ben Harvey: Juniors Assistant and Master's Coach
- Committees:
 - Fundraising: Tara Paciorek

- Not Present:

- Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach
- Cory Henderson: Men's Lead Coach
- Treasurer: Bruce Binnig
- Cole Smith: Assistant
- Chris Blazo: U14 Assistant

1. Old Business

- a. Hiring Plan: Update on progress.
 - i. Discussed next steps, including posting position on row2k.com.
- b. Team Travel for Championship Regattas: Melissa looked into the feasibility of this.
 - i. Team travel by coach bus is too expensive.
 - ii. Discussed possibility of traveling with other teams/clubs in the region.
- c. Spring Scrimmage: Update on progress.
 - i. Discussed which team to invite.
 - ii. Discussed options for different ways to do scrimmages in the future.
- d. AED: Updates on moving it indoors and trainings.
 - i. Indoor box arriving today or tomorrow.
 - ii. AED is still at JCC.
- e. Bat Logic: Update on plan.

- i. No specific plan for installing them or which boats they will go into. We have two 8s and two 4s worth of parts, which is half of what we need.
- f. Bike Ergs: Update.
 - i. One has been put together so far.
- g. Fixing and Refurb of 4s: Update on JT repair; refurb of others.
 - i. Wintech quad, New Albany (8) going to Finish Line but haven't been picked up yet.
 - ii. 2015 (8) and Tintin (4) are with Vesopoli.
 - iii. OSU and JT still need work by Cole.
- h. Roles and Responsibilities: Update
 - i. Grace has it ready to send out.
- i. January LTR Dates: for Juniors and U14
 - i. Discussed having coaches run LTRs in the future.
 - ii. Discussed doing a novice jumpstart week before Fall season. It would be a week with just novices. It would be the week of Aug 10.

2. Coaches

- a. Coaching Admin Role
 - i. Victor wants to better understand his role, to meet regularly with coaches, to better understand what they want and need and how he can help.
 - ii. Discussed speaking with Coach Howard and Jeff Klima. Their work overlapped Victor's role but also included some parent engagement. Nate will take over those responsibilities.

3. Committees

- a. Fundraising (Tara)
 - i. Money for Meters
 - 1. Discussed the meter goal for Money for Meters. Will be 500,000 meters for everyone.
 - 2. Goal to raise is \$300 per kid.
 - 3. Discussed for a "cross the finish line" party at the end of the event.
 - ii. Casino Night -
 - 1. Discussed current state of planning. There are quite a lot of donations and \$2000 in sponsorships so far. Ticket sales from Black Friday went great - sold all allotted tickets.
 - 2. Discussed ways to get parents more involved in helping to find sponsors. Anyone can email fundraising if they have ideas for business to approach. We need to solicit at least 80-100 businesses to get the amount we need. Goal is to leverage families' personal business relationships for sponsorships.
 - iii. Fall Apparel sales raised \$500.
 - iv. Meza Fundraiser had 22 orders, around \$500 for us.
 - v. Discussed where the funds from Meza and the apparel fundraisers go. They're going into the select regattas. The goal is to have a pot of funds a year in advance that will be split between the selects that following year.

4. Seasonal Updates and Programming

- a. Registration
 - i. U14: 12
 - ii. Men: 23
 - iii. Women: 20
 - iv. Grace has a list of kids not registered and have been at practice. There are 18 juniors so far. She will send them reminders with the deadline of Friday. After that they won't be able to practice until registered.
- b. Winter season
 - i. Hooch has a virtual erg event in January.
 - 1. No interest in this event.
- c. Spring season
 - i. Discussed the need for changes to how select regattas are handled. Doing the fees separately did not work well in the fall.