



Westerville Rowing Club
August Board and Coaches Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2025, 6:30pm
Easton Community Room, Columbus, OH

- **Invited Attendance**

- Present:

- Chair- Jeff Latimer
- Vice Chair- Melissa Kappes
- Secretary- Allison Marshall
- Treasurer- Bruce Binnig (also Master's)
- Members-At-Large:
 - Victor Rosenberg
- Coaches:
 - Grace Bordner: Women's Head Coach
 - Cory Henderson: Interim Men's Head Coach
 - Ben Harvey: Assistant Coach
 - Cole Smith: Assistant Coach
 - Betsy Binnig: Masters Coach
- Tara Paciorek (Fundraising)
- Ann Walston (Fundraising)

- Not Present:

- Jeff Klima, Member-at-Large
- Nate Rhone, Member-at-Large
- Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach

Notes

1. Budget

- a. Updates

- i. Dillon - Final numbers pending, however currently +20K , up over last year.
 - ii. Part of the positive balance is because of the grant, as some of our expenses were covered by that (ex. new engine eg).

- b. Question about how to itemize the fundraising income from the fundraisers at Dillon & how to allocate these funds

- i. Fundraising at Dillon total is about \$715 together

2. Coaching

- a. Grace - Updates from coaches staff meeting today

- i. BatLogic – questions & plan for implementation needed
 - 1. Action Item: Grace and coaches to put together a plan for which boats and when we do it.
 - ii. Communication & Roles and responsibilities
 - 1. Communication between board-coaches-Howard.
 - 2. Action Item: Grace has R&R documented for coaching staff. Lattimer has some R&R for board
 - a. Will Discuss in September
 - iii. Nutrition
 - 1. Grace Howard and Cole have been working with a nutritionist on a plan to present nutrition info to Juniors. RE the info Howard sent out.
 - iv. Select regattas -
 - 1. Hooch and Dogwood - existing policy states novice and younger athletes are not ready to race at these events.
 - a. Action Item: Coaches will propose additional novice participation as appropriate and will come to next meeting with list of potential athletes.
 - b. Year to year it'll be different, depending on what the novice roster looks like.
 - v. Pathway U14 to Novice - Grace and staff looking at how to do it.
 - b. Assistant Coaching roster needs
 - i. Current individuals who may be able to step up
 - ii. Mens team needs additional assistant
- 3. Registration:
 - a. Roster Check:
 - i. Review unpaid/unregistered athletes?
 - ii. U14: 17
 - iii. Men's 20
 - iv. Women's 24
 - b. US Rowing Membership
 - i. USR has a new policy where it's integrating with regattacentral for USR-affiliated regattas. Have to put in the number when registering boats on RC.
- 4. Boathouse
 - a. Update
 - i. Committee met last weekend, small group with civil engineers as well as separate meeting with City of Columbus water
 - ii. Next steps –touring 4 properties with civil engineers to put together early proposal for each area.
- 5. Programming/Seasonal Updates
 - a. Dillon
 - i. Financials - see budget section
- 6. Fundraising's proposal

- a. Tara and Ann put together a proposal sent by email last week.
 - b. Money for Meeters: Winter Season
 - c. Casino Night
 - d. Fundraising is asking permission to move forward with Casino Night 2026.
 - i. Spreadsheet to be shared via weekly email
7. Logistics re: Charles:
- a. Grace will send out by 9/20/2025
 - b. Parental concerns expressed re: costs, travel, etc and discussion for how to work with families
 - i. Group Me for families traveling
 - ii. Hotel chairs are looking at it for hotel blocks.

**Nothing to address:

- 8. Communications
- 9. Equipment