

WHALING CITY ROWING

WCR	Board of Directors Meeting	Meeting Date: 9-22-09
Prepared By:	Cynthia Spence	
RE:	Meeting Minutes	

ATTENDEES
<p>Samantha Baptista Louie Doherty Pattie MacMillen Danielle Riggs Cyn Spence Bethany Sylvia</p>

ITEMS DISCUSSED	
Item	Discussion
1.	<p><u>Financials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Questions arose regarding loan from D. Gilbertson, Pattie to pursue. Email was circulated to board with history from David Gilbertson recounting history along with his proposal to settle the load for \$3,000. Board voted to approve this payment. b. Annual Appeal letter to go out in Dec. Draft to be circulated to the board by Nov7th. Pattie to email lists to Danielle who offered to compile them into one Master List. If anyone has any names to add please forward to Danielle.
2.	<p><u>Youth Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fall semester to start on Sept 10 and run through Oct 22nd. Time to start will be 6PM then will adjust accordingly as days get shorter. b. Check out posting events/program on SouthCoast.com and the SouthCoast Insider. Bethany did and will continue as events are scheduled. c. Spring program will start in April and culminate in the YWC.
3.	<p><u>Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. "Take em Boating" Opens Oct 1st, it is a rolling application, Danielle expects to have it submitted by the end of October.. b. Mass Cultural Council due Oct 15th. DONE c. Anna Cobb Fund part of Unitarian Universalist Funds for Needy/Disadvantaged – CFS to check out due date. d. Contact Mark Rasmussen re: science/enviro component e. James Arnold Trust Fund c/o/ Dave Prentiss (Dartmouth Dave), one page letter requesting \$\$, Pattie to send. f. Community Foundation – we missed this year’s deadline. CFS to ask Comm Boating how they qualify for \$\$. g. Discussed Brick – by Brick/Pattie’s email, board felt we were not ready yet to take this on but look at encouraging partnerships with B-b-B and others.

4.	<p><u>Adult/Youth Member Policy Guidelines</u></p> <p>Kevin to look into CORI process through US Rowing. DONE. If you have not yet done so, please review Kevin’s draft of the guidelines and get back to him with any comments/feedback asap.</p> <p>Ask paramedics/nurses/Red Cross re: CPR classes. DONE: Need to schedule.</p> <p>Danielle’s brother-in-law offered one free class, Danielle to check when he is available then will schedule based on when most boatsteerers can attend.</p> <p>It was decided to have this event in Feb/Mar to kick off the rowing season. Wednesday evening would be best time for instructor, CFS to check if Library or Senior Center is available on Feb. 24, 2010.</p>
5.	<p><u>Building The Board</u></p> <p>Discussed need to recruit more board members. They do not have to be rowers; just want to give back to the community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Need Board Mission to be able to communicate our needs b. Need Officers so we have “succession” CFS will resign as of Dec 31, 2009. c. Set forth goals and objective. d. Please share thoughts via email with entire board. e. Bethany suggested advertising on Craig’s List. f. Ask Kevin if there is or can be a blurb on the website. Bethany offered to develop blurb. g. October is deadline for new slate of officers, send out a call for nominations for board members/officers. However this should be an ongoing effort. h. Liz Labelle expressed interest in becoming next board president. Vote was taken and it was unanimous! Liz will be the President as of January 1, 2010. i. Pattie will remain as Treasurer, Danielle will be VP and Bethany will be Secretary.
6.	<p><u>Promoting Youth Membership</u></p> <p>Samantha will be Board Liaison for Youth Membership. This is another area that needs to be expanded.</p> <p>Sam did a great job putting WCR on Facebook, Kevin to have link on our website. Sam will make an announcement at the Nov Member Meeting and will have a sign up sheet for anyone interested.</p>

7.	<p><u>Boat Maintenance</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Steve Morrissette has a super strength epoxy that we will try on the foot brace. b. Need to make decision if we are going to cycle boats through Edy & Duff. If yes, we should do it now so we don't run into scheduling problems come Spring.
8.	<p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Working Waterfront Festival – September 26 four teams scheduled to participate. b. Leaf & Oar Row to be held on Sunday, Oct. 25th. c. Member meeting in November to be held at The Lloyd Center.
	<p><u>WEBSITE</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. “Wish List” – everyone please look at and let Kevin know re: any updates. b. Update event dates on website c. Review Airset changed format and access. Look at changing to Google Calendar over the winter.
10.	<p><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Status of moving box trailer from Gifford St ramp? CFS dropped off letter to HDC. CFS to call Rick Miller and request that he respond to Kevin. b. Brick-by-Brick, Kevin to coordinate an ad for their magazine – status?. c. Reviewed survey results, please come to next meeting with ideas to present to members in Nov as a result of survey answers. d. Additional Topics for Member Meeting to be held on Nov 8th at 5PM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety/PFDs required for boatsteerers • Ways to build membership – Danielle brought draft of brochure for “Team Building”, Kevin offered to have BettyAnn “snap it up”, need by end of Oct. • March – Bring a Friend to Row Month • Our own “Row Event” tie in with free press publications. • Some qty of money off membership fee for each full member brought in. • Sam’s facebook demo. (CFS to see if TLC has LCD projector). e. Board to provide main courses for member meeting CFS to send out list of who is bringing what so far and requests for those who have yet to contribute.
11.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>December 15, 2009 request was made that it be at 6PM. Location to be either Southworth or New Bedford Public Library, please watch your email.</p>