

**INDIANAPOLIS ROWING CENTER**  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**October 8, 2008**

Present: Shawn Dresser, Jody Pope, Erik Johnson, Josh Holt, Bill Daughtery, Terry Horne, Bernadette Marten Teeley, Alan Lobley, Dave Dreyer, Dan Richardson, Lori Showley-Zeronik, Tritt, Megan Treida, Steve Wright

Quorum achieved

Minutes from September amended: Five members that were named in the governance/committee section of the minutes had incorrect dates—2009

**Junior Boosters' Report:**

Feedback from the families, rowers, and coaches regarding the ACE Rental Vans and the methods of transportation was positive. Only a few families had safety concerns and drove separately. One issue with using the vans is claiming a site for the Booster Tent the night before the Regatta. Want to make sure that we always have a site. Will need to make sure that there is a plan in place for this among the Boosters.

Food costs are increasing. Will continue to analyze the cost of food and how this is affecting the Booster Club budget.

There was one complaint about trash left behind at the Regatta site in Toledo. Need to make sure kids are picking up trash. Boosters are asking that everyone present at the Regatta contribute to this effort of picking up trash.

Change in departure site: Will now be leaving from International School rather than from Brebeuf. I.S.I. is closer to the interstate. Will be using I.S.I. as the departure site until further notice.

Had some communications issue through the "Junior News" on our website. Do not know at this time if this is being addressed. Will continue to pursue this. Have become aware that sometimes Juniors only register their own emails, not always the parents. Need to make sure that the parents are getting information that they need. Discussion of ways to make sure that parents are registered.

Shopping for the trips is going well—delineation of job/responsibilities is going well.

BD'S Mongolian Barbeque—any Monday, Wednesday date in November would be a good date for a possible fundraising event. Dates will be determined later.

## **Financial Update:**

Did not receive newly updated financials. Financials will be sent out once they are received.

Believe the balance is currently \$11,000 in the bank. Currently there is about \$12,000 in checks to be deposited in the immediate future.

## **E.D. Report:**

3 Juniors received acknowledgement from USROWING and 1 student-athlete received honorable mention. Academic performance among student-athletes of IRC continues to be high.

P&L now being gathered and distributed for each Regatta. This is part of a restructuring in the fee system and how we are also collecting money for the Regattas.

82 Juniors at this time. At the first Regatta, many of the boats finished a minute or less behind first place. Bernadette believes that this is a good indicator of future success this season.

Coaching Staff functioning well. Both Varsity Crews are improving—both teams are demonstrating increased P.R.'s.

Had a meeting regarding an “IRC style of rowing” to make sure there is uniformity. The goal is to have a recognizable, standardized form of rowing that can be branded as an “IRC” style of rowing. Coaches have been receptive to this.

Wabash College has been in contact with Bernadette and has been taking active steps to rebuild their team.

Not received payment from Butler University for any of the equipment purchased. Bernadette has made contact with the Athletic Director of Butler to introduce herself and to foster future communication. At this time, we have not received payment or waivers from Butler.

Still working with Fitness Concepts to determine the exact terms of their sponsorship.

Annual Report will be available for proofing within the next week or two and will then be passed to Event and Fundraising Committee for HOTE.

Thanks to Dan Richardson and Nick (Junior and Eagle Scout) for repairing the Boat Storage Racks.

## **Events:**

5 entries thus far for HOTE.

Question for Deadline Dates for Regatta Central. **Will be changed to October 28<sup>th</sup>.**  
Bernadette will call Regatta Central to change the date.

### **P.R. Committee:**

Bernadette, Megan, Ann, Debbie met to discuss P.R. and marketing for IRC. Danielle Litz also joined the initial meeting to lend some expertise on “branding” issues and how to make IRC more visible to the larger community.

Singles—

Tuxedo Brothers and information being distributed for this.

Megan will pursue for INSHAPE INDIANA meeting

Year-round signage

Bernadette was on Inside Indiana—she was interviewed by Gerry Dick

### **Equipment**

Steve met with a contractor regarding drainage concerns for the boathouse. We are awaiting his bid. Work will probably begin in early March—due to weather and grass concerns.

New tires have been put on the Boosters Trailer.

### **Nominating/Governance:**

No new updates. Welcoming of new members.

Awaiting Joan Servas’ biography.

A couple of leads to pursue, but would still like to have other names.

Copies passed out of Board of Directors Profile/Information forms, Committee Descriptions and Assignments, and a Copy of Board Members and Terms. Erik has asked that members review and please give back to him. He will then compile.

### **Fundraising Committee:**

Still need to get a list compiled of Alumni, Donors, etc.

Fundraising from the Spaghetti Dinner was successful.

The capital committee is being launched right at the beginning of difficult economic times—will need to be aggressive.

Will add a separate section at each meeting “Capital Campaign Task Force” dedicated to raising money for IRC.

NCAA will not host a collegiate event here due to not believing that our facilities/equipment/infrastructure is not “up to par” and would like to see our infrastructure improved before they will come back for the Championships. We need cabling fixed, buoys fixed, etc. Also need to address Coaches to try to win them back..have to “woo” them. First date that we can get back in 2015. However, Indianapolis is one of 7 cities that is currently being pushed for hosting as many NCAA events in one of these cities. Leads directly to that we need a CAPITAL CAMPAIGN! Need \$160,000 to fix the Tower.

Indiana Swimming is also utilizing the Tower. They might be able to partner with us in trying to get the Tower fixed.

**Membership/Masters Committee:**

Raised \$500 at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Still have the prints from Joan Servas that she donated. There were not enough people present at the event at any given time. Will hang on to these until there is an event that will have a large enough crowd.

Retreat: Believe we know have secured Facilitators.

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> or the 14<sup>th</sup> ( 1 in November and 1 in December)

2-3 times that we meet and 4 hours at a time.

Ann will send out evites

Erik’s office will be used.

Next meeting: Wed. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> United Way. 6: 15