



Indianapolis Rowing Center Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 11, 2026

Board Member	Office	Attended?
Amanda Coddens	President	Y
Dave Carter	Vice President	Y
Lisa Stickley	Vice President	Y
Denise Bain	Secretary	Y
J. Palumbo	Treasurer	Y
Susana Duarte De Suarez	Director	Y(via phone)
Ryan Hurd	Director	Y
Matt Imes	Director	Y
James Betley	Director	Y
Megan Barr	Director	Y(via phone)
Leslie Thompson	Booster President	Y
Suzanne Stone	Masters Representative	Y
Chris Marr	Director of Operations	Y
Madison Sanchez	Director of Adult Programs	Y
Julio Sanchez	Director of Youth Programs	N

Guests at meeting: Craig Ulmer - Junior Parent (via google meet), Zach Wilding – Junior Parent (via google meet).

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

1. **Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** - Lisa motioned to approve minutes from last meeting. J seconded. All approved. April meeting minutes have been approved.

2. **Parent Presentation (Craig Ulmer - 10 minutes)**

Craig presented Information for the petition committee to consider in the event there are petitions to go to nationals if not making the club criteria of top 3 boats. Craig made the argument that US Rowing's graded-final system ensures competitive racing by matching crews with similar speed and, there is developmental value of competing even if top placement is not expected.



3. Ops Report Questions/Discussions (Chris)

- a. Report highlights
 - i. Regatta month has been going well so far with positive feedback, a healthy volunteer base and good revenue
 - ii. Increased revenue this year from: increased entry fees, launch and venue rentals for practices, Ticket and parking sales, consignment sales of shirts (no upfront cost or risk of surplus inventory), Beer gardens.
- b. Discussion
 - i. Purchase of PA system
 - 1. The board approved the purchase of the PA system for the start dock through email on May 7, 2026
 - 2. Chris will investigate adding the PA system to the club's Leonard Insurance policy.
 - ii. Volunteer for BIG Ten Regatta.

4. Program Updates

- a. Masters (Madison)
 - i. Report highlights
 - 1. Summer Camp – 50 unique athletes registered and paid averaging 11 athletes per week.
 - 2. Staffing numbers are looking good for both First strokes and summer Camp.
- b. Juniors (Denise/Julio) – No report available, Out with a sick child

5. Finance Report (J/Lisa)

- a. May is difficult month for cash flow. Lots of cash is needed to pay out for junior regatta expenses and hosted regattas before we are reimbursed.
 - i. Situation helped by:
 - 1. Getting bills out quickly for junior events, and if not paid by deadline, juniors can't participate in Midwest.
 - 2. Receiving ½ upfront for BIG Ten
 - ii. Going forward we can/will:
 - 1. move money in anticipation of the temporary shortfall



2. move to the model of charging junior regatta expenses ahead of the event (hotel, catering, race fees). Master's are already doing this and it is working well.
- b. J requested a cash flow analysis to predict where we are going to land at the end of the year. (Lisa/J)
- c. Our new accountant is doing the club tax return this year and they will be complete soon/before the deadline. Remove old tax accountant access to financial documents.
- d. Final accounting of Junior Sprints is almost complete. There are just a few outstanding items (shirts and rentals).
- e. Ticket sales for BIG Ten has been set up in Bloomerang and are starting to come in.
- f. Launch rentals are set up in Bloomerang and it is a quick and easy process. Visiting crews really appreciate the service and rentals are making additional revenue for IRC.

6. Fundraising Update

- a. Scholarship campaign has received \$12,000 in Bloomerang + additional checks. The campaign will continue until the \$20K goal is reached.
- b. In the short term it will be take some work to determine if funds are for scholarship vs. tickets/launch in Bloomerang.
- c. Liz Krieder-Reed is writing Thank letters to all donors.
- d. Donations in i-crew have been temporarily paused to limit administrative burden.
- e. Dave encouraged board members to make contributions.
- f. Liz and Dave will meet with the Central Indiana Community Foundation as a next step to exploring an endowment/secure grants.

7. Governance Committee (Dave)

- a. With Denise leaving we need to have a new secretary.
- b. Suzanne Stone has volunteered. She would retain her role as a master's representative and continue to be a non-voting member
- c. Denise motioned to approve Suzanne as Secretary, Amanda seconded, All approved. Suzanne Stone is approved as the new Secretary.

8. Old Business



- a. RFP Update – The City wasn't ready to meet. The RFP was missing 2/3 of what had been discussed. An IRC response to the RFP is drafted and being reviewed. The city is still interested in getting the RFP approved quickly, hopefully June.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm