

## MINUTES

Northwest Rowing Council  
Masters Sub-Committee  
January 28, 2017  
Rainier Community Center  
Seattle, WA

No official masters breakout session occurred but Lenny took a minute to speak to the coaches in the room since most represented masters clubs as well.

Masters is breaking at the seams since it is in all apparent reason the West Coast Championships. We have Canadian, Californian, Arizona and Idaho crews in addition to the crews from the NW.

Lenny proposed moving all heats into finals. An example is the Womens D 4+. If there are 24 entries, the youngest 6 entries (Average age of 40,41,41,42,42,43) are in heat 1 and the top 3 get medals. The next youngest (44,44,45,46,47,47) are in heat 2 and the top 3 get medals, ect...

It was asked if it would be possible to remove the handicaps. Lenny responded that this proposal basically does that by creating smaller age groups within the heats.

A straw pole was done and the coaches saw this as a benefit to the regatta. Lenny will send an official proposal and we will vote on it electronically.

The masters meeting switched into the general meeting discussion on USRowing that affects masters regionals.

Minutes respectfully submitted.  
Patrick Harbison