

**The Northwest Rowing Council**  
**Meeting Notes - February 11, 2018**

1. Call to Order - Opening Remarks
2. Introductions - Board Members - Dee McComb (President); Lenny O'Donnell (Masters); Matt Lacey (at-large); Tiffany Knapp (Treasurer); Rick Brown; Padraic McGovern (Juniors)
3. Treasurer's Report - see attached
4. Regatta box - it's available if clubs need it for regattas

**2. USRowing Reports**

- a. James Rawson - Events Manager
  - i. Regional Championships
    - May 18-20 - NW Junior Regional Championships - Vancouver Lake
    - June 22-24 - NW Masters Regional Championships - Vancouver Lake
    - Aug 16-19 - Masters Nationals at Lake Merritt in Oakland, CA
    - Dec 6-9 - USRowing Convention & Regatta
  - ii. Encouraging use of EMC Venues - 50% of the rebate \$ would come back to NWRC - could be increase of \$4,500 to NWRC budget each year
  - iii. NOTE: NWRC cannot endorse, but can provide information as given by USRowing regarding accommodations
- b. Referee Committee - Rules Changes
  - i. 2018 Rule Book should be out this week - also available on website

**3. Special Reports**

- a. Matt Lacey - USRowing Governance Coordination
  - i. When we (NWRC) discuss changes to our regional championships (rules, format, etc.) We're making a recommendation to USRowing that we enact them. They're not rule changes and are not binding.
  - ii. Matt has been talking to Susan (USRowing) about how to make these rules/recommendations binding. Looking into a Charter w/ USRowing and other mechanisms so that they will be binding, but not that way yet.
  - iii. James - USRowing has already started working on implementing committees in all the other regions using the NWRC model.
- b. Lightweight Rowing - Task Force
  - i. Bruce Bell - Junior boys lightweight rowing has charged over 21 people on committee to discuss lightweight junior rowing to look into weights and whether we
  - ii. Some people are interested in only having age
  - iii. Proposal made to USRowing board in June to be finalized at annual meeting in Dec for 2019
  - iv. For this year, boys lightweight stays at 150 lbs.

**4. Active Business**

- a. NW Region Regatta Calendar - it's on the NWRC website ([rownw.com](http://rownw.com)); if you have regattas send updates to: [rownwcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:rownwcouncil@gmail.com); if you have coaching positions,

can also send announcements - please let RowNW know if position filled; proposed to take the advertisements down after 30-days (Row2k does this) - NWRC might do that.

- b. WEBSITE management – looking for volunteers to help in the future for posting and design
- c. PVRA Report (grant program) -
  - i. Report - race course cost is \$68,000; PVRA has invested \$38,000; loan of \$30,000 - all in 2016. Donations currently total = \$~29,000 - have been making return payments back to
  - ii. Nick Haley - everything is going according to plan - possible may not need final grant in 2019 due to other fundraising; will ask for 2018 grant
  - iii. What's the lifespan of course? Nick - Easily 10-15 years; more worried about lifetime of lake (issue with lake - fluctuations with water level; lake is filling in; weed growth around the lake; looking into dredge & new channel)
- d. Other business brought by members
  - i. Nick - FYI - 18 mo left on lease at Portland Boathouse (Station L, etc.
  - ii. Portlandrivercenter.org - got a piece of land, but politics (will know in next month); has to be more than a boathouse if going to build - Portland River Center - \$12M budget (that or nothing according to city); looking for people that have expertise in fundraising, etc. to help - recognize it's a big lift

## 5. Discussion

- a. Masters -
  - i. Bill Picard's proposal - how to improve opportunities for sculling in NW
    - 1. Proposal provides info on value of sculling
    - 2. Proposal - add an event for the 8x+ at Jr regionals.
    - 3. Could NWRC buy a set of sculling oars? Could NWRC provide way to obtain riggers?
    - 4. If add 8x+ to Youth Regionals, what happens to middle schoolers novice year of rowing? Need to get the age classification figured out before; other wise novice year is consumed;
    - 5. USRowing is looking into age group - looking at best interest of athletes
    - 6. No vote - just starting the discussion
  - ii. Change format back to heats/finals format – *passed vote by those present*
- b. Juniors (Youth)
  - i. Add JV Events - Boys/Girls Itwt 2x, boys/girls 2- -- will be recommended to USRowing to enact
  - ii. Adjust schedule to allow for more novice racing opportunities – *passed by those present*
  - iii. No proposal for 2018 Youth Nationals subsidy therefore - no subsidy for 2018.

## 6. New Business

- a. James - Encourage coaches, parents, etc. to become referees
- b. Proposal format - new format - let us know if any comments on process
- c. Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee - will be formed – information to go out

## 7. Adjournment

