

## Minutes of The Northwest Rowing Council

February 11th, 2019 online meeting

Dee McComb, President, called the meeting to order at 6:40pm and reported that there were 27 participants attending.

The minutes from the November 2018 Council meeting were approved unanimously.

Dee reviewed the Treasurer's report. The grant of \$1,500 to Clam Island to support the purchase of a launch engine was discussed. Dee reported that a Board meeting in October of 2018 had discussed and voted to approve the grant. Clam Island has purchased an engine for \$4,000 and that the check for the grant amount had been sent to them. The need for a US Rowing membership for 2019 was questioned and discussed. James Rawson offered to research the issue.

The amendment to the Bylaws to expand the Board to nine individuals was discussed and approved unanimously.

The confirmation of Letcher Ross and Margaret Christopher to the two additional seats was approved with one abstention.

The process for the election of officers was discussed. There was unease from some of the initial candidates nominated. It was suggested that the new Board convene at its earliest convenience to discuss a resolution. Dee agreed to stay involved to lead the Board through this process. A proposal to table the election of officers until a special meeting of the Council on or before March 31st was discussed and unanimously approved.

James Rawson gave a brief report reaffirming the dates for Youth (May 17th-19th) and Masters (June 21st-23rd) Regional Championships, with preparations going well.

Dee reported that the USRowing 2019 Rules changes are minor in nature, and that she would post a summary of them on the website.

Jann Byrd presented an update on the environmental condition of Vancouver Lake, stressing that it appears critical to address the milfoil infestation with chemical treatments and that plans are in place to do so.

Dee asked that anyone scheduling regattas send the dates to the Board for posting on the NW Region Regatta Calendar.

Caitlin McClain asked that any members interested in serving on the junior committee for the Windermere Cup contact her.

Jann reported from PVRA that as of February 1st 2019 it had paid off the amount due for the race course, and that it is releasing the Northwest Rowing Council of its commitment for a payment of \$4,000 in 2019.

Dee reported that the newly elected Board was planning to revise the Bylaws of the Northwest Rowing Council to bring them current. Richard Hull reported that the prospective board had met and discussed starting with revisiting the purpose of the Council starting with better understanding where its members see it adding most value.

Patty Hyatt informed the Board that if a Club wishes to use the regatta box at any regatta she is not refereeing, it needs to plan on picking it up or having it shipped. Andy Everett reported that he is looking into Pelican cases to aid in storage and shipping of the regatta box, especially radios.

A motion to have the Northwest Rowing Council subsidize clubs attending the 2019 Youth Nationals up to a total of \$3,000 was proposed, discussed, and approved unanimously.

With Youth Nationals being in Florida for the next three years, the concept of USRowing offering some form of support or subsidy to crews incurring the costs of traveling the furthest was discussed. James Rawson and Matt Lacey both offered to explore this with their USRowing connections.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.