

**Coventry Lake Community Rowing Inc.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**9/14/2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

Participants: Laura Powers, Leslie Shor, Pam Miller, Connor Sharp, Ainsley Miller, Rob Miller, Courtney Rossingol, Steve Simko, Maddy Austin, Sam. Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.

Minutes from July discussed, and passed unanimously as amended.  
Minutes from 5/12/21 Mtg discussed and passed unanimously.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Treasurer's report. Rob discussed his report sent to the officers, showing total revenues of \$12,225.67. Expenditures are mostly from insurance, \$10,535.72, leaving us with a net positive balance for the period, and total funds in the bank of \$16,719.47.

Some discussion about identifying non-payers. Suggestions about how to do this, but it comes down to who will do this, not so much how it will be done. At the end of the day somebody just needs to compare the google calendar or the log book and reconcile it with the roster of paid members.

Leslie moves to accept, Maddy seconds, passes unanimously.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Pam sent out a report via email, amended below:

1. *We have a new used engine purchased for \$800 (it was listed for \$1000 and negotiated down as it needed a tune up). It is getting a \$300 tune up for \$150 (Marysa's dad is doing it for us and I purchased the filters, spark plugs, etc for him). The boat shop in Columbia values the engine resale around \$1300*
  - a. *I will put the Johnston motor for sale. If it doesn't sell quickly, I will hold it over the winter and post in spring*
2. *Adult rowing is continuing, we have several new members that are hooked and happily going 1-2x per week. We have about 15+ adults actively rowing right now)*
  - a. *I am working on weaning them from needing a coach as they all have passed captains privileges and our adult and private coaching staff is down to me for the most part and we still have private learn2's still occurring.*
3. *We did our first Corporate training event this summer and it was a success*
  - a. *We did not charge as we used a company as a test case and the format worked great (despite us not having docks!!!)*
4. *CHS rowing has officially started and we have a roster of about 18 (still TBD as there may be more joining since first week).*
  - a. *Volunteer Coaches are Courtney and myself M, W, TH 5-7:30 and regattas*
  - b. *Paid coaches are Leah, Carson, Maddy (UCONN)\*, They are scheduled so that 2 show up each practice*
  - c. *Currently we are doing 2 regattas and maybe a third at end of October*
  - d. *Fees for fall rowing are \$150 per student/ \$250 for multiple kids. This is to help offset coaching fees and regatta fees (regatta fees will be between \$500 & \$1000 pending how many boats we race TBD) This is typical for a fall season.*

5. *Docks are still pending although it looks like UCONN Club sports will sign their contract soon and this will be resolved. Hopefully more concrete information on this by our actual meeting date. Cross fingers*
6. *Relationships with the town are increasingly favorable.*
  - a. *I have volunteered to help remove buoys at the town beaches with the parks and recreation director in the new boat (and engine) next week*
  - b. *Laura and I have separately met with the new Parks & Rec director and she is favorable to crew 😊*
  - c. *Discussions regarding winter storage are continuing. We are trying to secure a 53' trailer for this winter and are exploring all possibilities*
  - d. *Public Works has pulled the permit for the electric trench and is coordinating this project with Ackert Electric to bring electricity to our shed*
  - e. *New fees=*
    1. *Yearly Fees for electricity are being negotiated by Laura (cap currently is \$500 for budget discussion for 2022)*
    2. *Yearly Fees for parking are \$400 – but all our members and lessons will get passes getting rid of this problem next year*
7. *Fundraising*
  - a. *Farmer's Market – we did not follow through with this event for some reason, although I am unsure it was a good year for it anyway – perhaps the lead on this can work on it for next year*
  - b. *I have acquired over 5 bags of apples as they are plentiful this year off local trees so pies will be started early this year*
  - c. *Leaf raking is still planned*
  - d. *Gift Giving Tuesday*
  - e. *Amazon Smile*
8. *Equipment*
  - a. *New shoes have been added to fours, old shoes have been moved to 8, disgusting shoes have been thrown away*
  - b. *Launch dock area has been cleaned up and we have a little marina which is FANTASTIC (UCONN Men helped with this)*
  - c. *Boats survived the season relatively well, we few dings and scratches only*
  - d. *Sailing will be borrowing one of our launches while their boat is in the shop, they will supply gas in exchange*
  - e. *Shed has been cleaned up, just waiting on electricity to move things to final places*
  - f. *Oars have been repaired so we will not have to replace handles at \$40/per oar 😊*
  - g. *Green oars for sweep have been cleaned, many sculling oars have new grips*
  - h. *Our area has been cleaned up: raked, wood chips laid down, weed whacked. Town is going to drop a wood chip load for us near dumpster so we can add to our area- very helpful in keeping boats clean and weeds at bay)*
  - i. *Wasps have been an issue, the docks and boats not being actively used due to COVID, etc. has created a plethora of attractive nesting sites. I have been actively trying to locate and destroy – seemingly getting there*
  - j. *Will be painting oars this season hopefully with kids and adult help, this includes sweep oars.*
  - k. *Hope to paint the red trailer that we have been using soon – is in desperate need*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. *Bylaws. Rob points out that bylaws were revised 2 or 3 times, but these changes have never been implemented into the current electronic version of the bylaws. (Laura accurately summed up the situation: “Ay-ay-ay”.)*

Action plan: Rob will send out the current version of the bylaws and the archive of minutes, Laura will look through and flag changes to the bylaws, and Steve will update the bylaws and also give them a read for clarity/other issues.

2. Sustainability. Discussion about how to create a self-sustaining organization.
  - a. Pay coaches with stipend, so it's easier to budget
  - b. Corporate "teambuilding" programs.
  - c. Winter erging: discussion about different venues, including possibly the "lodge" side of the senior center. Some discussion about the condition of the ergs, generally they are in decent shape.
3. Further discussion about facilities.

Next Mtg: Tuesday 10/12/2021

Rob moved to adjourn. Ainsley seconded. Meeting is adjourned. 7:59PM