

**Coventry Lake Community Rowing Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: 11/7/2023

Location: Virtual

Time of Meeting: 7:30pm

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Board members in attendance: Courtney Rossignol, Rob Miller, Steve Simko, Grace Heller, Nick Grassi, Jill Lillis, Dan Eddy, Sameer Kaushal, Heidi Diehl, Mackenzie Bond, Leah Michalski

Guests in attendance: Pam Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

**APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:**

Rob moved to accept the minutes from the 9/5/23 meeting. Dan seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**OFFICER'S REPORT(S):**

Treasurer's Report - Rob reviewed the Treasurer's Report which was sent to the Board during the meeting. The report was discussed. Steve moved to accept the minutes from the Treasurer's Report as presented. Heidi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:**

Pam provided a verbal Operations Report. The Fall season is now complete. All of the boats have been stored and the engines have been winterized. We participated in three regattas: Paper City, Riverfront and New England Championships. At Paper City we had our first ever entry in the adaptive category; a 2x.

The Apple Pie Fundraiser is up next. The Leaf Raking Fundraiser is TBD.

Grace and Sameer are the team captains

Grace added to Pam's report, verbally confirming that the season went well and we had some good results, though there were some rocky moments.

Sameer added that he is looking forward to the upcoming spring season.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

CLCR Gear Store is in process and not yet off the ground. We will look at it in the new year.

UConn Boathouse Update - The current plan calls for UConn's current boathouse to be torn down and a new one built on the same location. These discussions were only between the Town of Coventry and UConn. It was discovered that there was no public involvement in these discussions as they were held during executive sessions.

Pam had reached out to CLCR members asking them to attend the 11/2/23 Town Council (TC) meeting to voice their concerns. This occurred and their voices appeared to be well-received, although the TC could not provide much information as the previous discussions had been during executive sessions.

CLCR asked the TC to pause the project and review the process for other aquatic programs in town and come up with a master plan for Patriots Park.

Pam also sent a letter to UConn's President to ask her to slow the boathouse project down

Pam met with the Coventry Recreation Manager and Town Manager and has learned that the TC was slowing the project down and has appropriated up to \$50,000 to engage a consultant to develop a master plan for Patriots Park. The timeline is not yet known to CLCR.

Leslie Shor has also submitted a Freedom of Information request to UConn to obtain copies of the boathouse plans.

### **OTHER:**

Rob moved to cancel the 12/5/23 meeting. Jill seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rob also indicated that he would like to discuss reducing the number of Board meetings per year.

Jill indicated that she would create and send out a Google Form to CLCR membership to get an idea as to what they would like to see in facilities at Patriots Park. Pam asked whether we want

input from all members or just the Board. Rob indicated that he would just like input from the Board at this point. Grace believes that we need input from all members.

Rob moved to adjourn the meeting. Jill seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm

Next Meeting: 1/2/24 at 7:30pm. To be held virtually