

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

Date: 1/2/2024

Location: Virtual

Time of Meeting: 7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Board members in attendance: Courtney Rossignol, Rob Miller, Steve Simko, Dan Eddy, Sameer Kaushal, Heidi Diehl, Mackenzie Bond

Guests in attendance: None

Meeting called to order at 7:36pm

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:

Rob moved to accept the minutes from the 11/7/23 meeting. Heidi seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OFFICER'S REPORT(S):

Treasurer's Report - Rob advised that there was no report for this meeting; however, he has been in touch with the accountant who needs our final numbers. This is in process.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Pam Miller was not in attendance tonight and provided the Board with her Operations Report via email ahead of the meeting. This report is attached to these minutes. Courtney read the report into the record.

We discussed the topic of winter erging sessions and/or renting ergs to our members for the winter. Steve asked what we have charged in the past. Rob recalled that if a \$50-\$75 donation was made, that the member could use an erg for the winter. Courtney had concerns with loaning out the ergs due to a history of finding minor damage to the machines when they were returned. Dan agreed, stating that they have run into this problem at his other rowing club.

Dan stated that in addition to the damage issue, that there is little financial gain to CLCR by loaning/renting them out. Having instructor-led sessions would be the better choice and

believes that we need to charge a fee for the session. Rob added that it has been hard to find instructors who can consistently lead classes so it makes it hard for us to charge our members when we cannot provide a consistent program.

Dan advised that he would be willing to put out a questionnaire to our membership to gauge interest in winter erging sessions and who might be interested in leading the classes. If there is enough interest to make it financially worthwhile, we can explore further.

Courtney had indicated that due to her schedule, she could help with the coaching; however, she could not be present for the entire session so the people taking the class would need to put the ergs away and close up. Steve voiced his concern with this, stating that there appears to be too much liability for us: 1) If someone gets injured and a coach is not present and 2) if there is damage to the school and a coach is not present. Steve also had a concern with who is leading the class. Do they need a special certification, especially if youth are involved? Courtney will discuss with Pam.

OLD BUSINESS:

UConn Boathouse update. Rob advised that we are waiting to hear from the town regarding the Patriots Park master plan. The timeline is not clear. Steve advised that the master plan was mentioned in the town's Winter 2024 newsletter; however, there were no details other than stating that the town is working on a master plan and that residents will be invited to share ideas.

OTHER:

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Next Meeting: 2/6/24 at 7:30pm. To be held virtually