

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

Date: 2/4/2025

Location: Virtual

Time of Meeting: 7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Board members in attendance: Rob Miller, Steve Simko, Heidi Diehl, Dan Eddy, Jill Lillis, Sophia Bokshan & Mackenzie Bond

Guests in attendance: None

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:

Dan moved to accept the minutes from the 1/7/25 meeting. Heidi seconded the motion. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORT(S):

Treasurer's Report - Rob advised that there was no Treasurer's Report for this meeting, but added that the Coventry Board of Education provided us with the \$2,500 annual stipend.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Pam provided the Board with a copy of her Operation Report prior to the meeting. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fundraising Update: There were no fundraising updates

Patriots Park Master Plan Update: Rob advised that the Town Council met on 2/3/25, along with the Town's consultant vendor who provided a draft of their plan to the Town Council. Per Rob, members of the Town Council had a lot of questions. His general observation was that the Town Council had some concerns with the draft, including the removal of the basketball court. The Town Council Chairperson suggested that the Parks and Rec Dept and Town Council meet to discuss further.

Ahead of our meeting, Pam had provided the Board with a copy of the draft schematic plan provided by the Town's consultant.

At the Town Council meeting there was not much discussed in terms of rowing, aside from the plans which show a three-bay boathouse. Note, in Pam's report that she has some concerns about the space allocated to rowing in this draft plan.

There will be a public meeting, which is currently scheduled for 2/13/25. CLCR would like to have as many members at the meeting as possible as this is likely the last chance to provide feedback to the town about the plan.

Rob shared that his understanding is that the owner of the property which had been announced to have been sold to UConn for UConn to use for their new boathouse, has backed out of the deal. That said, he has also heard that there are negotiations for the purchase of another piece of land. The status of either of these topics is not known and how they impact the master plan.

Spirit Wear Store Update: Picking up from the 1/7/25 meeting, Steve, shared his thoughts on reducing the number of graphics offered in the store from five to two as well as Sophia's thoughts on at least one of the graphics including the word "Community" since many of the members are not just from Coventry. All were in agreement with reducing the number of offerings as well as revising one of the approved graphics to read "Coventry Lake Community Rowing" and retain the oar as is. Steve will check with Pam to see if she can revise that graphic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan discussed his thoughts on the Annual Meeting which is currently scheduled for 3/18/25. Dan has drafted a notice to send to the membership, which will include a list of current Board Members who wish to return as well as putting a call out to members who are interested in joining the Board.

Steve indicated that he would like to return for a 1 year term as of now
Heidi indicated that she would like to return for a 1 year term as of now
Rob indicated that he would like to return for a 2 year term as of now
Jill indicated that she would like to return for a 2 year term as of now

Dan indicated he would like to return for a 2 year term as of now
Sophia indicated that she would like to return
Mackenzie indicated that she is a senior and cannot return

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rob reports that the Scholarship Committee has not received any new requests to review.

OPEN DISCUSSION/OTHER TOPICS:

There was no open discussion

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be held on 3/18/25 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held in person at Millbrook Place. This will be our Annual Membership Meeting

Jill moved to adjourn the meeting. Heidi seconded the motion. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm