

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

Date: 9/16/2025

Location: Virtual

Time of Meeting: 7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Board members in attendance: Rob Miller, Steve Simko, Heidi Diehl, Dan Eddy, Jill Lillis, Janice Carlow, John Cromie, Sophia Bokshan. Megan Cyr, Megumi Mitchell

Guests in attendance: Pam Miller

Meeting called to order at 7:32pm

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:

Rob moved to accept the minutes from the 5/20/25 meeting. Heidi seconded the motion. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

OFFICER'S REPORT(S):

Treasurer's Report - Rob provided the Board with a copy of his Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting. Rob briefly discussed revenues and expenditures, adding that the current balance is less than what the report reflects due to some additional expenditures, but added that we have not yet collected the fall fees.

Steve made a motion to accept the report, Sophia seconded the motion. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

Pam provided provided the Board with a copy of her report prior to the meeting. Of note, the dates in the report for youth fall competitive are incorrect. A copy of the written report is attached to these minutes.

Dan thanks CLCR or competing in the “Cranberry Regatta” on Cape Cod, which was hosted by the club Dan belongs to, Cape Cod Community Rowing.

Rob made a motion to accept the report, Heidi seconded the motion. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Patriots Park Master Plan Update: No updates other than the plan was approved by the Town

Spirit Wear Store Update: Steve advised that there are no updates as nothing has been done since the last meeting to offer additional colors.

Janice stated that she would like to see neon colors added. Heidi added that she likes the neon colors to assist with visibility when out on the water. Dad added that Sport-Tek has neon options. Steve stated that he will look into whether the vendor we are using for the store offers neon colors in the products that are in our store.

Steve also reminded the group that the purpose of the store was not to create items that one would row in, while they certainly could row in them if they wanted, but the purpose of the store was a simple spirit wear store with tee-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and the like. This was followed by a short discussion essentially stating that the store should provide the consumer with the products that they want. Steve advised that he will look into this.

Janice added that there were shirts available for purchase at the Cranberry Regatta and that we should think about doing that as well. Pam advised that in order to do that, we would need to purchase an inventory and that our store is open 24/7 with no inventory needed. There is no cost to CLCR.

Fundraising Update: There were no fundraising updates other than Pam stating that we have wreaths available from last year that can be sold. Pam also mentioned possibly getting involved with the Yard Goats or Rentschler Field next year.

Nomination to the Board: Deven Fitzpatrick was no longer interested in being on the Board.

Jill made a motion to nominate and accept Megumi Mitchel to the Board. Dan seconded the motion. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed.

Review Of Policies And Captain's/Captain's Plus Privileges: Pam would like to see those with Captains Privileges play a larger role in the program, stating that some with Captains Privileges are not "captain like."

Janice stated that she believes that a refresher course for those with Captains Privileges should be offered. Pam asked Janice to think of ways that Captains Privileges can be sustainable. Dan has some thoughts and will discuss with Janice.

Steve asked about a scenario, if someone only wants to row a single and not be part of a team boat, what is expected of them if they have Captains Privileges, which would allow them to row a single on their own? Pam stated that not everyone is as welcoming around the dock or takes pride as a community rowing program as she would like. She added that it is not a requirement that they be social; just to be party of our community program and treat the equipment correctly.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Scholarship Committee has received one new request to review. The committee has reviewed and approved.

OPEN DISCUSSION/OTHER TOPICS:

There was no open discussion

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be held on 10/21/25 at 7:00pm. This meeting will be held virtually.

Rob moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded the motion. No discussion, none opposed, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm



Re: CLCR Meeting Link

1 message

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Tue, Sep 16, 2025 at 5:20 PM

I have added Megumi onto the string as she is the 4 youth on our board.

Here is an operations report:

Coaching

- Sarasota success: came home with 2nd and 5th in the Nation. New boat dropped 3 minutes from 2024 Nationals during time trials! 1 2x is on waiting list for HOCR (#8)
- Senior program ran 3x as announced. It was fairly well attended and brought in new people – hoping they return!
 - I would say 15ish seniors came through this program.
 - I did not ask Coventry Human Services for any support funding for this although they have offered. If you recall, I missed the deadline to write a grant for it, but have another chance (deadline soon) for next year which I have on my to do list. I am going to adjust the grant a bit as now it really needs to be written for scholarships and paying coaches. We have the boats and support equipment. We had two seniors regularly take out a double kayak
- Adult drop-in evening program was fed by the seniors program and took on new people throughout the summer from June through 2nd weekend in August. A couple existing Masters attended from last year to get more coaching.
 - I am guessing 12+ unique participants. Price was \$20/session, but admittedly I did not police this. Some people paid the monthly fee of \$175. At least one person was a scholarship recipient and some came from the Senior's 101 program (just continued).
- Youth Summer program had great weather and consistent participation both early and later sessions Coach Doc & Brianna as primaries. This is the first year we had only 2 coaches, and in the beginning, I was the 3rd to get new rowers past the first few day intro.
 - There were close to 30 participants (a couple at least were scholarship)
- Summer regatta in Cape Cod (a few youth and adults went)
- 2x Coventry Camp Program
 - 8+ participants each of the 2 sessions. Only a couple were repeat for both sessions
 - Weather was great, all youth got out into boats and all were successful at rowing out and returning to the dock.
 - At least 1 of the participants is rowing with us this fall
- Youth Fall Competitive (July 5 – August 8)
 - 24 participants (I am working on getting them all signed up and onto USRowing)
 - Very young team, diverse vs. schools attended but many are Coventry (either CHS or CNHMS)
 - 3 Team regattas scheduled, 1 possible Varsity regatta scheduled
 - Home meet this Saturday if anyone wants to come watch (but you CANNOT park at the park except by the bandshell. GHR is available)
 - I just ordered a few more tanks (not the fancy ones anymore due to costs) for the new rowers. Griffin will get those to me hopefully before Saturday's first meet
 - I am collecting jackets from any youth who did not return
 - We have only 3 Champion uniforms tanks left and 1 uni (size lrg) that were not sold. I will work on getting those sold

- USRowing is over 80 members again (hard to clean out and keep below 75)
- Still asking USRowing about a refund for NE Regionals \$1500 that was cancelled. Usually they answer, but they have not yet this time. Courtney has been cc'd
- Boats
 - Boats are doing ok. They have been cleaned twice. They need wax! Repairs have been relatively minimal especially considering the age of the fleet.
 - Need shoes! Waiting for grant or fundraising
 - New boat is amazing!
- Considerations: Board involvement with community outreach – ideas TBD (new business?)
- Success supporting Town with Geese deterring (supplied fencing, boats and time)

Subject: Re: CLCR Meeting Link

Good afternoon - I have attached the Agenda and draft Minutes for the meeting tonight.

Please let me know whether you will be attending tonight's meeting or will not be attending tonight's by 6:30pm tonight so we can determine whether we have a quorum.

Sophia and Rob have already provided their RSVP

On Tue, Sep 16, 2025 at 8:44 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

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Join instructions

https://us02web.zoom.us/meetings/83789200385/invitations?signature=pXWZ_q0sOG6FMpnJQnrQ6S2D66qhM0FXlqls2bCZsQs

2 attachments

 **5-20-25 CLCR BOD Minutes - DRAFT.pdf**
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 **9-16-25 CLCR Agenda.pdf**
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