

Western Reserve Rowing Association

Board of Directors Meeting

April 9, 2025

Opening: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of WRRRA was called to order by the President, Sharon Romilly, at 6:01pm at the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse.

Attendance:

WRRRA B.O.D. in person: Sharon Romilly, Martha Rini, Elizabeth Sobota, Leah Livermore, Monica Wagner, Chris Cole, Tim Marcovy, Mary Wright, Robin Murphy

WRRRA B.O.D. via Google Meets: Maria Coyne

Other in person: Heidi Lamb, Nikki Jaworski

Approval of Minutes: Tim made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2025 B.O.D. meeting as submitted. Mary seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Governance Report, Martha Rini: No Report

Equipment Report, Chris Cole:

1. The General Sweeps and Sculling Shell Boat Reservation Policy was reviewed.
2. Members will not be able to make a second-choice reservation.
3. Boat reservations will be forfeited after 15 minutes for failure to show up.
4. Crews will be eligible to compete in an age handicapped race to secure the use of a specific boat for a regatta.
5. Martha made a motion to adopt the General Sweeps and Sculling Shell Boat Reservation Policy (see April 9, 2025 Attachment A-General Sweeps and Sculling Boat Reservation Policy) as submitted with the changes made during the B.O.D. meeting. In addition, we will adopt the Regatta Provision as submitted by Tim Marcovy. Monica seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. The attachment is available upon request from the WRRRA Secretary (secretary@westernreserverowing.com).

Coaching Report, Tim Marcovy:

1. All but 10 of an estimated 43 SRL coaching slots have been filled.
2. Several H-P participants have passed their CQL tests and are undergoing mentoring.
3. There will be one or two coaches for the SRL+ program.
4. LTR coaching slots have been staffed.
5. The 2025 Masters and Reserve Masters fitness standards and experience levels have been finalized and posted.
6. The May date for the final CRF mandatory safety briefing has not been finalized.
7. High Performance coached program fees are based on a 29-week season.
8. The High-Performance crew will be asked not to solicit SRL sponsors. They will be given a list of SRL sponsors to use for reference.

Program Director Report, Heidi Lamb:

1. The 2025 DMV trailer reservations have been received.
2. Heidi reviewed the current 2025 program registration statistics.

Sculling Report, Monica Wagner:

1. Monica has received the 2025 sculling boat registrations.
2. Monica made a motion to name the sculling boat donated by the Bob Emmet Estate, "The Emmet". Tim seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Merchandise Report, Mary Wright:

1. Mary and Martha will review the WRRR merchandise inventory on April 10, 2025.
2. Decisions are pending on new WRRR merchandise.

Volunteerism Report, Leah Livermore:

1. Leah provided a Canalway Partners RiverSweep update.
2. Leah provided a Learn to Row volunteer update.

Veteran's Report, Robin Murphy:

1. There will be a VA Learn to Row for the VA research group working on the adaptive rowing program.
2. The Creating Opportunity and Independence Support Grant is due April 21, 2025.
3. US Rowing is offering an opportunity to apply for their "United We Row" grant that focuses on supporting rowing programs, coaches, athletes, and anyone interested in advancing the sport of rowing through diversity to grow their programs.

Treasurer's Report, Elizabeth Sobota:

1. The current financial report was reviewed.
2. The IRS 990 is due May 15, 2025. The B.O.D. will review the 990 before it is submitted to the IRS.

President's Report, Sharon Romilly, New Business:

1. The HOCR protocol was reviewed and discussion ensued.
2. Sharon made a motion that WRRR will no longer pay for entries to the HOCR but will allow WRRR members to represent the club under its IRC card using the WRRR name, Leah seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
3. Portage Lakes Rowing Association had two of their boats damaged and are looking for a Quad.

Nikki Jaworski, CRF Executive Director: No Report

Closing:

1. The next scheduled meeting is May 15, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Cleveland Rowing Foundation Boathouse.
2. The meeting went into Executive Session at 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Livermore, WRRRA Secretary, on May 22, 2025.