

Sculling Committee Meeting 3/19/25

Safety report from Kristen Runner, reiterating the Irish Bend project challenges: In the month of April, on Tuesday at 7 a.m. until 7 a.m. on Thursdays they will be full on with machinery and movement. Kristen is going to ask the Metroparks if they could clear one of the docks closest to CRF so scullers could have an option to launch there versus or docks. Our docks are still open but some felt it might be smoother to launch closer to Merwines. Stay tuned.

Bob Emmett's Vespoli has been officially donated and received by WRRA. We voted on naming his boat "Emmett" which was approved and Monica will bring this recommendation to the WRRA board.

We discussed the use of singles and doubles and the possibility of selling one. The Gutske lightweight 2x was only used 2 times last year and the Ohio 2x was used 9 times. I will see what prices we could set for a potential sale. Anna reminded the committee that WRRA approved to buy a new lightweight single in 2019 and requested this be reconsidered. Monica will be brought to the WRRA board.

Sculling mentors: Monica discussed putting a comprehensive roster together with contact info and times to share with sculling mentees. Patty recommended having the mentees spend at least 5 rows bowing a double as part of their requirement. The sculling guidelines and different levels; the requirements are on the Crossbar sculling tab. It was proposed to have an option to pay mentoring: for experienced mentors who feel comfortable taking out 2-3 scullers in a round-robin format like we did in 2020. Monica will follow up with Tim Marcovy to find out what pricing looked like. This would be set mentoring program that people would schedule ahead of time.

Heidi offered to create a QR code for mentored row documentation since many forget their paper sculling log when having a mentor session. This would make it easier and the QR code would be something people could tap into with ease.

Paul Gordon proposed a Sculling Handbook to be created to offer information from A-Z on what it takes to scull on the Cuyahoga River. This manual or quick start guide would offer information about what steps to take when new to sculling with WRRA, including sculling points, visuals, safety, equipment and other recommendations. Paul is heading up this project and Patty offered to review

information as it is created. Please consider giving Paul input if you have ideas.