

**Western Reserve Rowing Association
Board of Directors Meeting
August 19, 2025**

Opening: A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of WRRRA was called to order by the President, Sharon Romilly, at 6:09pm at the Flat Iron Café.

Attendance:

WRRRA B.O.D. in person: Sharon Romilly, Martha Rini, Leah Livermore, Tim Marcovy, Maria Coyne, Mary Wright, Chris Cole, Robin Murphy

WRRRA B.O.D. excused: Elizabeth Sobota, Monica Wagner

Other in person: Heidi Lamb

Approval of Minutes: Tim made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2025 and July 24, 2025 meetings as submitted, Martha seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report, Sharon Romilly:

1. Sharon will follow up with Elizabeth for year-to-date financial reports.

Governance Report, Martha Rini: No Report

Program Director's Report, Heidi Lamb:

1. All Fall Rowing League and HOTC Prep slots have been filled.
2. WRRRA members who wish to reserve a boat for the HOTC must submit their requests to Heidi by September 2, 2025.

Corporate Rowing, Maria Coyne:

1. A tentative date of October 11, 2025 has been set for a one-day Fall Learn to Row. There will be four boats in each session pending Coach, Coxswain and Volunteer availability.
2. Maria has received six Corporate Rowing inquiries. Proposals have been emailed to interested organizations. She is awaiting responses.

Merchandise Report, Mary Wright:

1. Mary reported that the WRRRA SRL Championship Regatta merchandise tent did well.

Veteran's Report: Robin Murphy:

1. Robin reported that the Veteran's Team is interested in participating in the HOTC, HOTO and Music City Regattas.

2. The Pararowing SPIRE Academy along with the CRF and Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center received the VA Adapted Sports grant. A portion of the grant has been earmarked to pay WRRRA Coaches for training the Pararowing Coaches on the water.

Coaching, Coxing and Safety Report, Tim Marcovy:

1. All current program coaching slots have been filled to some degree, including a Women's Masters Squad Coach once a week.
2. New Coaches from the H-P Program continue to be developed, with at least one additional Coach for part of Fall Rowing in the works.
3. Coxswains continue to be in short supply. Tim will continue to work with Heidi to see what avenues are open to remedy the situation.
4. A call for Coaches to staff a potential Fall Rowing Program for SRL and SRL+ rowers who want to continue to at least the HOTC has yielded 6 Coaches so far with varying degrees of commitment.
5. An effort to recruit new Coaches for 2026 out of the ranks of WRRRA members will be initiated shortly.

Equipment Report, Chris Cole: No Report

Volunteerism Report, Leah Livermore:

1. Leah will assist CRF with recruiting WRRRA members to volunteer at an Argonaut
2. Mentor/Mentee event on August 22, 2025 and August 29, 2025 and the
3. September 13, 2025 100 Black Men of Cleveland function. 2025 WRRRA Volunteer Credit will be awarded to members who volunteer.

Closing:

1. Sharon made a motion to go into Executive Session, Tim Seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
2. The meeting went into Executive Session at 6:46pm.
3. The date of the next Regular Board of Directors meeting is TBD.

Respectfully submitted by Leah Livermore, WRRRA Secretary, on October 13, 2025.