



Meeting Minutes April 11, 2011

Present: Cassie Alley, Tim Fisher, Anne Donohue, Sarah Greene, Ed Timm, Dave Trumpie.

Also present: Bruce Miller

Not present: Bill Lovis

Called to order by President Fisher

Agenda additions: Pool flip training (#12)

Minutes: 3-14-2011 meeting minutes approved

Old business: None

Next Board Meeting Date: May 9, 2011

New Business

1. Financial report from Dave

1.1. One more membership received. \$5,600 in the bank.

1.2. Club equipment acquisitions & budget for 2011 season

1.2.1. How much do we want to spend on everything every year? Dave prepared documents for review. Last year we spent approximately \$7,300 on boats, oars, and a trailer. All of our income comes in at once. We need a rainy day fund. We can put 1/3 of our income not for expenses into an emergency fund and 2/3 can be spent on immediate needs. Immediate needs may include things such as small repairs to the roof or equipment. We need to set aside funds for larger expenses, such as replacing the entire roof.

2. Update on running water to the boathouse – Tim & Dave

2.1. Table to next month. Tim could not contact contractors for excavation. It will cost close to \$5,000 to run water to the boathouse.

3. Update Estimate for roofing options – Tim

3.1. No information back yet. Tim will follow up on getting an estimate about doing asphalt on the back half of the boathouse.

4. Update on adding a foot path to the dock & landscaping – Sarah

4.1. MSU has broken pieces of sidewalk for sale. Adam Lawver would be our contact person for the broken sidewalk. He works with Sarah at MSU Landscape Services, so she'll be in contact with him. Adam's best suggestion is to do a service request, which will allow us to purchase directly thru Landscape Services and they could bill us directly. We would just pick the stuff up at the Nursery. The price would probably be 10-15 cents a block. We could also go to L&L Concrete on Aurelius and see if we could get anything broken that they're planning to throw out.

4.2. As far as the plants on the river, Sarah prune those down this winter. They won't survive that heavy a pruning while they're growing. Sarah will email everyone when she plans to work on those, so if anybody wants to come out and help they can. Sarah will also look into purchasing plants for the spot that Tim cleared away, to add some extra beauty to the dock area. They'll be low growing plants so the view won't be obscured. Sarah will

be more than happy to donate the plant material (thanks, Sarah!). She also mentioned possibly purchasing plant material from Arbor Day off their website (www.arborday.org).

5. Dragon boat race update – Cassie
 - 5.1. They will pay us \$100/boat in the race for helping with this project. We could get up to \$2,400.
6. Estimate to replace gutters & repair downspouts – Tim
 - 6.1. \$582 to put in commercial size gutters and downspouts on the north (road) side of the building. It will drain into the existing tile, so we need to check and make sure that is clear. The board voted to get this work done.
7. Update on safety signs for the public launch site – Tim & Cassie
 - 7.1. Cassie and Tim met with the head of the parks department for the State (Paul). We wanted a no wake zone, but we weren't getting anywhere on that front, so we decided signage would at least make boaters aware of the law. Paul suggested going for the no wake zone during parts of the day. Paul gave Tim contact information for the DNR Law Enforcement division. Tim will contact him.
8. Rack plaques & level safety labeling for club boats – Tim, Dave & Ed
 - 8.1. We need labels for each boat so all members know the boat weight, make, model and level. Bruce suggested color coded tags. Bruce will inventory and categorize the boats. Tim will get the signs made.
9. Coaching opportunities & sign up board for the 2011 season – Tim & Ed
 - 9.1. Scott Menoch is available for coaching this summer. Tim thought we could put a white board up in the boathouse so people can sign up. It could also be used to sign up to row together in larger boats during open row. Scott Travis is also interested in rowing after school is out.
10. LRC Calendar for 2011 / 12
 - 10.1. Tim ordered 25 last year. The hardest part is getting the pictures. Anne will send out a message to the club to solicit photos.
11. The boat stored outside the boat house – Cassie
 - 11.1. All the trash outside the boathouse is picked up. Murdock will send out a letter soon.
12. Pool flip training – Cassie
 - 12.1. Laurel Winkel has found a school with a swimming pool we can use to do flip training. It would be free. We could offer it as a clinic early on in the Learn to Row program. Tell Laurel to go ahead with plans for it.
13. Glenn Till's Memorial / Tribute
 - 13.1. Glenn's memorial will be on May 21, 2011 at 12 noon. It will be following the first open house of the season (which ends at 11:00 a.m.). Glenn's family and a pastor will be there. The pastor will say a few words and Tim will take the family out on his pontoon so Glenn's ashes can be put in the river. The pastor will also ask if anybody would like to say anything. Bruce is going to speak. Others are welcome to as well. Does anyone in the club sing or play an instrument? If so, they are invited to offer to do that. The brief ceremony will be followed by a potluck luncheon.
 - 13.2. We would like to have a permanent tribute to Glenn at the boathouse. Members are welcome to make donations for this. One suggestion is the footpath from the boathouse to the dock. We could put a large rock with a nice plaque at the end of it.

Another suggestion is a scholarship fund for the Learn to Row program. The board could give out one scholarship per year in Glenn's name. Other suggestions from the membership?