

# LRC Meeting Minutes 5-10-2010

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Present: Byron Drachman, Ed Tim, Cassie Alley, Dave Trumpie, Tim Fisher, Melissa Kaltenbach, Bill Lovis.

Absent: None

Call to order by President Drachman

Agenda – Added: update of Board of Directors boathouse posting, Boathouse Clean-up and open row.

Minutes – 4-12-2010 meeting minutes approved

Old business - None

New business:

1. Financial report – Dave reported that membership renewal checks continue to come in with 15 members having signed up so far including 5 student memberships. Three LTR applications have been received so far. More applications should be flowing in soon with the ad having been submitted to the LSJ events calendar recently.
2. Tim reported that reorganization of the boathouse is well underway with a new row of doubles racks and one shelving unit already completed. Another shelving unit and oar rack will be added soon.
3. Tim reported that there would be three new directional signs for our club placed soon. One will be placed at the entrance to the park, one at the gate and another at the boathouse. The boathouse sign will have our logo, website and a warning that the property is protected by surveillance.
4. Melissa reported that she reviewed the handouts detailing other rowing clubs safety guidelines that Bruce Miller distributed to board members at the last board meeting. Melissa is going to consult with Bruce reference recommendations for improving our safety guidelines.
5. The trade of General Lee (orange Jullien double) with the MSU Crew Club for a four has been completed. Byron, Ed and Tim advise that our new four will need a couple of minor repairs but should be river-ready in a couple of weeks for those members who want to sweep. One of the new TN doubles needs a new skeg. Once the skeg is installed it is ready to row. The second TN double needs some new parts but will be ready soon as well.
6. Melissa updated the Board of Directors assignments and contact information that is placed in the boathouse for members' information.
7. We discussed the upcoming Spring Clean-up and Potluck. It was decided that the club would provide hotdogs and tableware for the event. We are hoping for a good turnout. Members who are unable to attend will be able to give their membership forms and check to any board member. All board members will have keys to distribute to members.

8. Open Row – Last year Ed coordinated open row and advised that it is necessary for more members to assist with staffing open row this year. Assistance was minimal last year causing him to have to staff many of the open row dates himself. He will not be able to do that again this year. The board decided by unanimous vote that open rowing would be reduced this year to Tuesday and Thursday's only from 6 to 8. Members will be strongly encouraged to staff open row this year. Members will be asked to pick a date at the spring clean up.

Pending:

1. LTR for 2010 – Tim and Jodi are meeting with the coaches next week to iron out the details of Learn To Row 2010, which starts in just under three weeks.
2. Fleet – The Club has a good fleet right now but Byron will be watching the Internet for a good heavy weight single.
3. Regattas – Ed, Tim, Dave and Jay plan to enter the Grand Rapids Regatta. In last months email members were directed to contact Ed if interested in entering that race. No one has contacted him yet. Tim said that he would have room on his trailer for other boats if anyone else would like to enter that regatta.
4. No wake zone – Tim said he's confident the no wake zone is going to be implemented soon. He's waiting on the DNR to complete this process.
5. Plans for intermediate/advanced sculling 2010 – Melissa and Kristen are working on this with Scott Menoch. Kristen will have a survey at the Spring Clean-up for determining member interest in sweep rowing.
6. Fund raising – Tim will contact Laurel who volunteered to head this committee for an update.
7. Discuss priorities – As written in 2 above, the club would benefit from heavy weight single and new oars. We currently have 20 sets of hatchets and 4 sets of spoons. Last year the LTR coaches had to borrow private oars to equip all the rowers because the club didn't have enough oars. We approved the purchase of two sets of oars subject to the state of the budget after dues are collected this month. The roof of the boathouse is need of repairs. Tim is going to get estimates for the repairs.
8. Policy regarding use of our equipment by MSU Crew Club and Student memberships – Ed and Tim reported that they have not yet had a chance to speak with Coach Bailey and MSU Crew Club board members about this issue which is outlined in the April minutes.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Monday June 14, 2010 at the Dispatch Lounge.

Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember:

**5-22-10** (Saturday 9:30 to 11 a.m.) - LRC LTR Open house.

**5-29-10** (Saturday 9:30 to 11 a.m.) - LRC LTR Open house.

**6-5-10** (Saturday 9 to noon) - LTR begins.