

**Moorestown Crew**  
**11/14/2012 Open Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Started: 7:00/Adjourned 8:10**

**In Attendance:** Tony C, Rich H , Dan L, Kathy Z, Elizabeth L, Chick G, Jane O, Sheryl S, Harry C

**Apologies:** Joe R

**Winter Training Facility:** Jeff Hipple sent contract, which has a possession date of 1/1, a start date of 1/5 and an end date of 3/19 (with the possibility that we may need to vacate a bit earlier if a new tenant comes in). Lease is \$2,000 a month. Jane will ask if we can get in to the facility on Sat. Dec 29<sup>th</sup> in order to set up, test and repair ergs.

**Boat purchases, storage, painting and decals:** Harry reported on our boat inventory, original value and depreciation, and proposed a purchase program that will sell 5-year old boats before significant depreciation and then purchase new boats accordingly. Please see attached breakdown of actual and projected costs/savings. Board approved the sale of the 2 2007 boats and the purchase of 2 new boats based on the net profits from the sale (8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent). If the proceeds are lower than what we projected, then Harry will recommend less expensive replacement boats. Harry reported that we will finance \$14,000 through Vespoli. He will try to negotiate a lower rate.

Elizabeth asked when our fiscal calendar year ended and if we have the capital to spend on new boats. Tony will review with Joe.

New wake-less launch has been delivered! Dan will be in charge of selling our two older launches, research and get estimates of the painting of the remaining launches and the creation of decals for our launches. We also discussed following through on the naming of ALL boats, and subsequently the decaling of those names on the boats during a naming ceremony. Tony will ask Mark what the status is on the boats and what names go on which.

**Fall Season Summary:** Got to all the races and most of the practices, despite Sandy's interruption. Rich's major take on the season is that it would have run better if it was structured like the spring and held the same expectations of/requirements for rowers. Board approved to move to that model for Fall 2013: 6 days a week for varsity with a more robust racing schedule. The board discussed but did not decide how to handle novices in the fall. It was noted that a 6-day a week schedule may be too aggressive for novices. We may need a lighter practice schedule for them or we may need to return to our policy prior to last year, when novices were ineligible for the fall season. Tony will survey the current Fall crew participants informally, via email, to ask about their experience and thoughts on

moving to a fuller schedule for next year. Tony will forward results from this email to board members for their consideration.

**Spring registration:** registration is up and running. We have about 12 registered so far. Tony was able to put credit card/check payment options on the site as well. The banner went up last week and will go back up again on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Fundraising:**

Board felt that we should move forward on Pam R's suggestion of a Pinsetters bowling party/fundraiser. Tony will reach out to Brian L and Laurie P to see if they can work on this idea. The New Year's run will not happen, as Tony encountered some stumbling blocks with the High School in regards to the xc course and potential weather eroding the course. Bob Bickel suggested a duo-a-thon (run/erg) to piggyback off of his informal new year's day run. Tony will follow up. Kathy Z changed the wine and cheese date to March 2<sup>nd</sup> with a rain date of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Zielinski's have generously offered to donate the catered food; Kathy will talk to Charlie Trivinia about buying wine at cost or donating (his suggestion). Follow up with Joe to see if Charlie was paid last year. Kathy will ask members to donate deserts to serve, and/or a bottle of wine for silent auction. All board members will try to solicit items for silent auction as well. Brian L will set up a face book page. Misc: explore if we can display Stotesbury trophy and plaques at high school. Chuck will follow up on that.

**Items to discuss for 12/5 meeting:**

Banquet specifics (Tony will talk to Elizabeth about the specific components before next meeting)

Discuss and decide on boat names

10/1 open board minutes approved with 1 amendment: Chuck Gross was present at meeting.