

Moorestown Crew Open Meeting Minutes June 2, 2014

Present: Tony Camoratto, Kathy Zielinski, Dan LaLumia, Eric Williams, Cary Brown, John Burns,
Rich Henderson, Chuck Gross

Absent:

Guest: Kathleen O'Sullivan

Welcome, Introductions, Ground Rules

Minutes Review (Kathy)

- Rich indicated an error in the SRAA section of May's minutes.
- Cary made a motion to approve May's minutes (with corrections to the SRAA portion)
John seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Banquet

- Everyone agreed that the food Bacio provided was excellent.
- There were many guests in attendance who did not RSVP, therefore there were more guests than Kathleen had planned for. Tables needed to be added and this caused a delay to the start of the ceremony.
- Rich suggested that next year we charge \$10 more for tickets at the door, hoping this will motivate people to buy tickets in advance.
- An effort will be made next year to start the banquet on time.
- Rolando's video was fabulous; however, a bit too long @ 18 mins.
- Everyone agree that the venue, Lenola Firehouse, was spacious enough and comfortable. The space worked well; however, their banquet manager (or contact person) miscommunicated some important items with Tony & Kathleen.
- Tony will give Matt (banquet contact person) feedback regarding our dissatisfactions:
 - They don't accept credit cards
 - Setup & break down of the hall is not included in the price
- Chuck suggested the awards be displayed somehow & somewhere for guests & crew members to admire.
- Coxswain award was awesome! Great addition to the award ceremony.
- Chuck suggested that the kids would've liked to see the coaches unwrap their gifts.

- There was a technical glitch with the National Anthem music; causing the singer to have to start over without music. The performance should have been rehearsed better.
- Tony suggested the banquet be moved back by 1 week to allow more time for yearbook production AND yearbook editing.

Summer Camps (Tony)

- Tony reported that he predicts 35-40 summer camp registrants this summer. He also said that last year's large numbers were a "fluke".
- Tony will attend Red Dragon Canoe Club board meeting this month.
- Dan reported that in case there is an unexpected problem with RDCC, he is still in contact with Lightning Jacks.

Season Debrief (All)

- Positive comments included: Happy rowers, good coaching, good communication, good decisions were made throughout a season that continuously threw wrenches our way, parent support was excellent, bus service was excellent.
- Constructive criticism included: Missed opportunities due to weather, too much wasted food, erg season was too long, rude rowers under the tent, rower "presentation" needs improvement; rowers sliding their unisuit off their shoulders, uniforms not looking consistent with each other, especially on colder days. Perhaps consider adding warmup pants and jacket to required gear.
- Rich's comments included: pleased with the new coaches, pleased with switches among coaching squads, coxswain coach did an excellent job & was a good investment, had a great season coaching varsity girls, there was good communications with the kids.

Winter Facility (Cary)

- Cary is looking for an alternate winter training facility.
- It's still too early to sign a lease and Cary is committed to finding a proper space this fall.
- Cary is still in contact with Jeff Hipple & the previous space may still be an option.

Equipment (Dan)

- See attachment #1 - Inventory Spreadsheet
- Dan did an inventory of equipment. Shells are correct, oars are correct, ergs are correct. 28 ergs are on loan to rowers.
- There are some discrepancies with the insurance policy. Dan will speak to the insurance representative tomorrow. (discrepancies include: 1 hull which we

no longer own is on policy, new 16' Wintech is not on policy, short Wintech needs to be added to policy)

- Trailers will be stored at the Steven's location in Pennsauken.
- King Marina will store 3 launches.

Meeting adjourn 8:40pm

Minutes submitted by Kathy Zielinski