

# Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association

P.O. Box 73, Fairfax Station, VA 22039

## AGENDA

Board of Directors Meeting, Vienna Fire Station Hall

400 Center St South, Vienna, VA 22103

November 7, 2017, 7:30 PM

[Board Meeting Information and Handouts](#)

### I. President. (Dorothy Lazor)

1. **Rowing Schedule.** All team schedules were due to the Coaches Association by 31 October. This is your organizations request to row at VASRA regattas, it includes the number of rowers attending and once approved by the Crew Council is a binding document. It guarantees your team an opportunity to row in return for commensurate support from your team. The Crew Council usually approves the schedule in December or January. Our regattas are very well attended we have a limited number of openings for additional teams, which fill fast. If your team changes your schedule after it has been approved, there is the possibility that there will not be sufficient space to accommodate them. If a team has listed themselves as rowing at a VASRA regatta and subsequently elects not to attend, they are still liable to supply those volunteers, either from their own team or by making arrangements with other team/s to cover their allocated positions.
2. **James River Sprints.** . There are 6-7 teams have indicated that they will be at the James River Sprints, 4/14/18, they have an absolute cut off at 175 boats, so make sure that you sign up early. Registrations open 3/18/18.
3. **Rowers Numbers Report.** Your rower number estimate is due. You need to supply them before the schedule is set. If numbers are not provided we will use those from last year and only adjust them up. Your volunteer assignments are based on these numbers, as are your LOC position/s.
4. **Proposed Rules Changes.** See accompanying document.
5. **Regatta Staff – LOC Positions** (Local Organizing Committee-the Permanent Positions). The names for the individuals for these positions are due in January. As these are season long positions, they may be shared with another person from your team, but you are required to have a trained person at all regattas.
6. **Regatta Parking.** We are again exploring off site parking. The parking options are still being developed. There will be an update at the January meeting.
7. **Committees.** Still to be filled:
  - History
  - Coaches Development, two persons
  - Nominations, three persons,
8. **Fall Work Days.** Many thanks to all of you, who turned out for the workdays. With the help of Crystal Wilson and the park's end loader, as well as many willing hands, we finally have the two landward sections inserted for the headquarters/motor launch dock.
9. **Regatta Central.** VASRA is investigating a long-term contract with Regatta Central for registrations. The proposal from them is yet to be generated, but should be available by the January meeting.
10. **USRowing Basic Membership Changes.** The fee for Basic Membership for 2018 has increased to \$9.75. There are additional add on packages that in some cases will negate the need for Championship membership to compete in USRowing owned regattas  
<http://www.usrowing.org/news/2017/11/01/add-value-basic-membership/>
11. **USRowing Renewal of Membership.** Organizational Membership is based on a calendar year, so due 31 December. This is important because your membership incorporates your group insurance for training activities both on and off the water.
12. **Long Range Planning.** At our January meeting, we explore long-range issues affecting the scholastic rowing community.
13. **Scholastic Honor Roll.** 34 student athletes earned spots on the 2017-2018 Honor Roll and an additional 39 earned honorable mention. Five VASRA athletes representing Langley and WT Woodson were on the Honor Roll and an additional seven from Langley, WT Woodson, Robinson and J.E.B. Stuart received an honorable mention. Full list of VASRA honorees included in the [Board Meeting Information and Handouts](#). For the full list visit the USRowing site:  
<http://www.usrowing.org/news/2017/10/13/usrowing-announces-2017-18-scholastic-honor-roll/>
14. **USRowing Convention.** 30 Nov - 3 December, in Sarasota FL.

**15. USRowing Youth National Championships.** The championships will be held June 9-11, 2018, on Lake Natoma in Gold River, CA. The event is hosted by the Sacramento State Aquatic Center.

**16. YOG – Youth Olympic Games, Buenos Aires, 2018.** This competition is opened to athletes between 15 and 18 years old: <https://www.olympic.org/buenos-aires-2018>

II. Secretary. (Tom Snoich)

1. Attendance: Sign and update the roster. Pick up your school tent card.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the October VASRA meeting.
3. The VASRA Calendar – Key Dates – these affect your team.
4. Website.
5. Contacts: make sure that there is a reliable contact, an email address that will respond to VASRA Communications.

III. Treasurer. (Stuart Burns)

1. Financial Report for October.
2. Membership dues of \$100 are due NLT 15 November. There are two amounts of \$100 due: one to the Crew Council, which your AD may or may not pay, that payment is to the Treasurer of the Crew Council and the other is due to VASRA Treasurer. Invoices can be found in the [Board Meeting Information and Handouts](#)
3. We do not collect for the Crew Council, but we may be asked to remind you about payment.
4. The Audit has been completed and the Tax Return sent.

IV. Vice President. (Jim Weitekamp)

1. Representatives Handbook.
2. Launch Driver Training.

V. Representatives.

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| 1. Crew Council            | Zeff Yusof (Georgetown Visitation AD) |
| 2. Sandy Run Regional Park | Crystal Wilson (NVRPA)                |
| 3. Coaches                 | Bryan Tylander (Head Coach Woodson)   |

VI. Coordinators.

1. Personnel Coordinator Shirley von Rinteln
  1. Volunteer Coordinators confirm name
  2. Regatta schedule coordination
  3. Job assignments
  4. Volunteer Coordinators Meeting, 11:00-1:45, 21 January, 2018.
2. Course Master (Chief River Rat) Jules Verster
  1. Spring Work Days.
  2. Additional Work for dock installation.
  3. River Rats. Two additions to the group. Additional volunteers always welcome.

VII. Committees.

1. Budget/Audit (3 People)
  - a. Julie Melear, West Springfield
  - b. Bob Dewer, Fairfax
  - c. Mark Eramo, Forest Park
2. Grievance (3 People)
  - a. Paul Reinke, Langley
  - b. Beth Suttie, Loudoun County
  - c. Ken Michelsen, Colgon

3. Long Range Planning (3 People)
  - a. Dorothy Lazor
  - b. Tom Snoich
  - c. Shirley Von Rinteln ( Westfield)
  - d. Bryan Tylander
4. By-Laws (3 People)
  - a. VASRA Secretary (Tom Snoich)
  - b. Sarah Entsminger, Briar Woods
  - c. Craig Roblyer, Robinson
5. Coaches Development (2 People)
  - a. Vacant
  - b. Vacant
6. History (1 Person)
  - a. Vacant
7. Nominations (3 People – April Initiation)

VIII. New Business.

IX. Announcements.

1. 15 November - Membership Dues to be received by the VASRA Treasurer.
2. 30 November – 3 December - USRowing Convention, Sarasota, FL.
3. 9 January - BOD Meeting.
4. 16 January - LOC Permanent Staff Member name/s due.
5. 21 January – 11:00-1:45, Volunteer Coordinator Meeting, 2018, Vienna Fire Station Hall.
6. 19 February, First day on the water.
7. 24 February – LOC Meeting Sandy Run.
8. 24 February – Work Day.
9. 3 March – Work Day.
10. 10 March – Work Day.
11. 17 March – Work Day.
12. 24 March- Polar Bear Regatta.

X. Adjournment.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 9 January, 2018, Vienna Fire Station Hall.