

Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association
Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting (Skype)
March 6, 2018, 7:30 PM

I. President. (Dorothy Lazor)

1. **Regatta Preparations.** The MOU with NOVA Parks has been signed. The regattas have been registered with USRowing. Chief Referees are in place for the regattas. The contract for buses and vans is in place. The West Springfield Booster organizations have been contracted to provide parking services for the regattas. The police and athletic trainer support for the regattas has been contracted.
2. **Submissions: MELs, Certification of the Rules of Rowing and Eligibility Membership Dues.** All submissions are due by **14 March, 2018**. Your team's rowing is contingent upon the receipt of this documentation.
3. **Catastrophic Medical Insurance.** Your clubs will receive a bill for your portion of the Cat Med that VASRA has already obtained for the organization. The amount will be determined from the MELs on a proportional basis.
4. **USRowing Waivers.** Your athletes need to have waivers signed for the current calendar year. A separate but related requirement is their USRowing membership fee. The date of this fee is not based on a calendar year, but upon date of initiation. A rower may be eligible at the beginning of the season, but subsequently not be in compliance due to the date their membership began. All VASRA regattas are USRowing Registered Regattas, which requires compliance of all athletes for insurance purposes.
5. **Regatta Parking.** Parking for this season will be onsite until the lots are filled. **The fee for parking has been raised to \$20 per vehicle.** VASRA provides the top 50% of the fees generated by parking to NOVA Parks, as our user fee for the venue. The remaining revenue from parking currently does not cover all the cost associated with the operation: police, parking crew, interior shuttle buses and offsite parking buses. Increasingly parking has been a drain on revenue, we have resisted raising it for some time, but the negative cash flow does not benefit our mission to provide the rowing environment we all desire for our athletes.
6. **Overflow Parking.** Shuttle buses will operate between the park and our offsite parking. The fee for the bus is **\$5 per person**. The shuttle will not begin to operate until the lots on site have been filled.
7. **Finish Line Van.** The fee for the van to the finish line will be raised by \$1 to \$3.
8. **Handicapped Access.** If you are handicapped or have a handicapped spectator, who needs assistance, please notify the regatta as soon as possible, preferably by Wednesday, the week of the event that you wish to attend. Arrangements will be made to provide transport from the handicapped parking in C Lot to the finish line tower or grandstand.
9. **Parking at Sandy Run.** As we are all aware, there is limited onsite parking at Sandy Run. Please consult http://www.vasra.org/uploads/2017RHB_Tab_11_Maps_and_Directions.pdf Adjacent to the Well House and below Lot B is an area designated as Referee Lot. That lot is for referee parking only. Teams are not to park their vehicles on the grass adjacent to the Well House. Lot B is for those persons with green and blue parking passes.
10. **Parking Passes and Credentials.** The parking passes distributed last season and which most of you elected to retain are valid for the 2018 season. Those teams that returned their passes will have to make arrangement to acquire them. The parking passes are designed for multi-year use, your teams have elected to retain them. Please ensure that the passes have been redistributed to those persons needing them.
11. **Coaches Parking Passes.** As stated parking revenue is VASRA's method of payment for the venue, as part of that arrangement there are only so many nonpaying passes that the park allows the organization. Not every coach qualifies for a pass. The maximum number of passes issued to any one team's coaches is 5. The allocation is: 1 pass for 1-25 athletes; 2 passes for 26-49; 3 passes for 49-74; 4 passes for 74-90; 5 passes 90+.
12. **Parking Pass for DSA.** In response to enquiries concerning parking passes for DSA's and in consideration of our arrangement with the park. There will be one seasonal parking pass made available, for purchase by the teams, for school administrators. The cost for the pass is **\$140**. Purchase of this pass does not guarantee a parking place at the regatta, only free admission to the

parking. This parking pass is for general parking areas, not for Lot B and below. If no parking is available, the pass may be used to obtain free use of the offsite shuttle for one individual.

13. **Spring Work Days.** We have already had one workdays and had one cancelled. There are two remaining work days before the first regatta.
14. **Committees.** Still to be filled:
Coaches Development Two persons needed.
Nominating Committee. Three volunteers are needed to fill the committee, which needs to be filled next month. They will provide a slate of nominees to the BOD no later than 15 May, for the June election.
15. **Lightweight Certification.** The window is open and will close on 12 March for 2018. For rowers coming out for the team late, for whatever reason, s/he must be tested within ten days of starting practice and/or conditioning, or before s/he is allowed to compete in a competition. **The maximum weight for a lightweight male at VSRC is 150 lbs. and for a female is 130 lbs.** For complete details refer to the Weight Control Program information in the Resources section, http://www.vasra.org/Weight_Control_Program.html. It is your coaches' responsibility to ensure that an appointment is made with a certified athletic trainer to conduct the baseline measurements within the window. VASRA does not make exceptions to the deadline.
16. **SRAA Lightweight Certification** No later than, 1 April, 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 were tabled until next meeting.
3. The VASRA Calendar – Key Dates – these affect your team.
4. MELs and Signed TAB 6A Due by March 14th.
5. Contacts: make sure that there is a reliable contact, an email address that will respond to VASRA

III. Treasurer. (Stuart Burns)

1. Financial Report for February.
2. Please check the Submissions List to ensure you have made your required payments.

IV. Vice President. (Jim Weitekamp)

1. A reminder, if you are driving a launch do not wear red. Red is the color used by referees to Stop a race.

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) |
| 4. Regatta Director Potomac | Mary Schwarz |

VI. Coordinators.

1. Personnel Coordinator Shirley von Rinteln
 1. Volunteer Coordinators confirm name
 2. Regatta schedule coordination
 3. Job assignments
2. Course Master (Chief River Rat) Jules Verster
 1. Spring Work Days.
 2. River Rats. Additional volunteers always welcome.
3. Concessions Coordinator Kim Turmel

VII. Committees.

1. Budget/Audit (3)

Julie Melear (West Springfield)
Bob Dewer (Fairfax)
Mark Eramo (Forest Park)

2. Grievance (3)
Paul Reinke (Langley)
Beth Suttie (Loudoun)
Ken Michelsen (Colgon)
3. Long Range Planning (3)
Dorothy Lazor
Tom Snoich
Shirley Von Rinteln (Westfield)
4. By-Laws (3)
Tom Snoich (VASRA Secretary))
Sara Entsminger (Briar Woods)
Craig Roblyer (Robinson)
5. Coaches Development (2)
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6. History (1)
John White
7. Nominations (3 April Initiation)
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VIII. New Business.

IX. Announcements.

1. 10 March – Work Day.
2. 12 March - Conclusion of the Lightweight Window
3. 17 March – Work Day.
4. 24 March- Polar Bear Regatta.
5. 25 March – Occoquan Sprints.
6. 3 April – BOD Meeting
7. 7 April – Walter Mess Regatta.
8. 14 April – Darrell Winslow Regatta
9. 21 April – Ted Phoenix Regatta
10. 28 April – Al Urquia Regatta
11. 28 April – Charlie Butt Regatta
12. 5 May – VSRC Day I
13. 12 May – VSRC Day II

X. Adjournment.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 3 April, 2018, Vienna Fire Station Hall.