

**VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION**  
P.O. Box 23042 Alexandria, VA 22304  
**MINUTES of the BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING June 5, 2012**

I. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President, Mike Mutter at 7:40 pm in the cafeteria of Thomas Jefferson HSST. Thirty-one voting members were present as follows:

<u><b>Officer Members</b></u>			
<b>President</b>	Mike Mutter	<b>Vice President</b>	John White
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mark Peterson	<b>Secretary</b>	Fran Phoenix

<u><b>At-Large and Team Members</b></u>			
<b>Past President</b>	-----	<b>Mount Vernon</b>	Lisa Schneider
<b>At-Large</b>	Ryz Obuchowicz	<b>NCS / St Albans</b>	Mark LaViolette
<b>At-Large</b>	Ric Thomas	<b>Oakton</b>	Mike Mulreany
<b>At-Large</b>	Shirley von Rinteln	<b>Potomac</b>	Beneatha Draffin
<b>At-Large</b>	Mary King	<b>Robinson</b>	Robert Clark
<b>Briar Woods</b>	-----	<b>Sidwell Friends</b>	
<b>Christchurch (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>South County</b>	Adale Tourtellott
<b>Episcopal (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>St Stephens/ Ste Agnes</b>	-----
<b>Fairfax</b>	Pam Jones	<b>Stonebridge</b>	-----
<b>Forest Park</b>	Curt Hoagland	<b>T C Williams</b>	-----
<b>Gar-Field</b>	Ken Morgan	<b>Thomas Jefferson</b>	Dave Applin
<b>Georgetown Visitation</b>	-----	<b>W T Woodson</b>	Mark Ramage
<b>Gloucester (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>Wakefield</b>	Leslie McClintick
<b>Hylton</b>	Dorothy Lazor	<b>Washington-Lee</b>	Tim Aiken
<b>J E B Stuart</b>	Jenny Kusmik	<b>West Potomac</b>	Mick McKeown
<b>James Madison</b>	Ronald Marx	<b>West Springfield</b>	Pete Rafle
<b>Lake Braddock</b>	Cynthia Maltenfort	<b>Western Albemarle(Asso)</b>	-----
<b>Langley</b>	Lance Fitzsimmons	<b>Westfield</b>	Craig Trumbull
<b>Mathews (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>Woodbridge</b>	Tony Wilks
<b>McLean</b>	Doug Hale	<b>Yorktown</b>	Joanne Stump

Non-voting Members present:

<u><b>Coordinators</b></u>			
<b>Course Master</b>	Jules Verster	<b>Personnel</b>	Shirley von Rinteln
<b>LOC</b>	Ryz Obuchowicz	<b>Trophies</b>	Mike Stilwell
<b>Charlie Butt Dir</b>	Chris Walsh	<b>Web Master</b>	-----

<u><b>Committees</b></u>			
<b>Budget / Audit</b>	Curt Hoagland	<b>Grievance</b>	Harry Heim
<b>Bylaws</b>	John White	<b>Historian</b>	TBD
<b>Coaches</b>	Mary King	<b>Long Range Plan</b>	Ric Thomas
<b>Coach Develop</b>	Ryz Obuchowicz	<b>Nominations</b>	Mike Stilwell
		<b>Publicity</b>	-----

<u><b>Representatives</b></u>			
<b>Sandy Run Park</b>	-----	<b>Crew Council</b>	-----
		<b>USRA Referees</b>	Ryz Obuchowicz

## II. President's Report: Mike Mutter:

A. Before Mike could begin, Ric Thomas withdrew from the election scheduled for this evening. He will continue overseeing the plans for the Finish Line Tower. John White withdrew from the Secretary nomination. Mike Mutter explained that he could no longer be VASRA president because of the demands at work.

B. Mike brought up about when VASRA presents its budget to the membership and asked when the clubs establish their budget. It is hard to get done before the end of the year, so it will remain the same for now.

C. The Budget Committee has not had a chance to work on a new fee schedule for next year's regattas so the fee schedule will remain the same for the coming year.

D. Mike asked Ric to speak on the Finish Line tower. Ric has a group willing to submit and plan and will ask them to proceed. It is Martin State ANG S-Team...Martin State AGS, MD.

E. Mike asked Jules Verster to report on the state of the course. Jules stated that the finish line is now at the start and that about 50% of the course has been recovered. The lines are all tangled but they will keep on trying to recover parts. The awards dock is up on the shore and a lot of help will be needed fixing things and getting things back where they belong. Shirley von Rinteln knows and will be soliciting help from the clubs. Leonard Insurance Company insures the course. We will be able to claim the whole thing except for the deductible.

F. The election was held and the results were as follows:

- President: John White
- Vice President: Dorothy Lazor
- Secretary: Karin Payne
- Treasurer: Mark Peterson

G. Please tell the new Secretary the names and information for your new club representative and your new club officers.

H. There was a brief discussion as to VASRA's responsibility for transporting handicapped spectators in the park. There will be a discussion with the Park Manager before the next Memorandum of Understanding is signed.

## III. Secretary Report. Fran Phoenix:

A. The minutes of the April meeting were approved as written.

B. Fran pointed out that the Regatta Schedule and the Key Dates Calendar are available on the front table and requested that the information be passed on to any successors.

C. Clubs were reminded to watch for the Scholastic Honor Roll nomination sheet which will be available on the U S Rowing site any time now. The nominations are due September 7, 2012.

D. The Coordinators and Committee Chairs are asked to submit a job description and/or function to Fran.

IV. Treasurer's Report. Mark Peterson:

A. The April/May financial report was accepted as written.

B. Please send Mark the name and contact information for your Treasurer for next year. If you have not held elections, please send him the information as soon as you have it.

C. There is thought of a new scale of fees per person per regatta. We now have two years of data. The Budget Committee will meet to decide fees and pricing which would not go into effect until after next season.

V. Vice President's Report. John White:

A. John is working on an Administrative Responsibilities Notebook. It is a work in progress. He would like us to look it over and make additions. It will be a living document. There are thirty-three things for administrative responsibilities!, some mundane, some important, like keys control (high security keys are \$17.00 each).

B. John pointed out the regatta schedule for next year. There are ten regattas scheduled, including the Occoquan Classic. The Classic has been cancelled the past two years due to lack of participation, but perhaps some of the coaches (assistants) will stay home with the younger rowers instead of going to Stotesbury. It was stated some feel that the Stotesbury experience is a way to encourage younger rowers to stick with crew. However, Stotesbury is becoming more expensive and that may mitigate against large numbers going.

C. We have received the second restitution payment check from Ms. Lela West.

VI. Representative's Reports.

A. Crew Council. Noel Deskins: Not in attendance.

B. USRA Referees. Ryz Obuchowicz:

We need new referees. Encourage your parents to become referees. It is the best seat in the house!

C. Sandy Run Park. Matt White: Not in attendance

VII. Coordinator Reports.

A. LOC. Ryz Obuchowicz:

Schools will have the same regatta jobs next year as they did this past year..

B. Charlie Butt. Chris Walsh:

The Regatta went well.

C. Course Master. Jules Verster:

Jules has been pleased with the response to his calls for help. He is pleased to announce that we now have a full complement of River Rats! Tim Russell's leadership has been awesome! There has been a lot of help from the Occoquan Boat Club as well as George Mason. They worked last Saturday from 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. and this Saturday there will be more work being done. Please watch for more calls for help!

C. Personnel. Shirley von Rinteln:

This has been a good volunteer year. The volunteers were great and most filled their assigned slots though there was some slacking for the Ted Phoenix Regatta. The LOC co-ordinator from each school should be congratulated! One representative from each school will be needed again this coming Saturday.

D. Publicity. Merlisa Corbett: Not in Attendance.

E. Trophies. Mike Stilwell: Nothing to report.

VIII. Committee Reports.

A. Audit. Curt Hoagland:

There will be a meeting of the Budget Committee in July.

B. Bylaws. John White:

Bylaws proposed changes were sent out to the membership. Some discussion ensued, particularly concerning the approval of expenditures by the Executive Board.

It was moved by Bill Talamantes (Langley ) and seconded by Bob Clark (Robinson) that the Executive Board can make expenditures of up to \$7,500 without the approval of the entire Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

All the other proposed changes to the by-laws were approved as sent to the membership.

C. Coaches Committee. Mary King:

There will be a wrap up coaches meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

D. Coaches Development. Ryz Obuchowicz: Nothing to Report.

E. Grievance. Harry Heim: Nothing to Report

F. History. TBD

G. Nomination. Mike Stilwell:

Election held earlier in the meeting.

IX. Old Business.

A. There was a suggestion that VASRA should have a five year (budget) plan. We already have it in the form of the Capital Equipment Plan.

X. New Business.

A. Doug Hale thanked the Executive Board.

XI. Announcements:

June 2 and 9 - Occoquan work days for course removal.

June 16 - Coaches Committee Meeting, 10 AM, South County High school.

August 31 - Electronic vote due on the 2011-2012 VASRA Budget (draft distributed by email NLT July 31).

September 7 - Scholastic Honor Roll nominations due to US Rowing (Coach and Principal sign nomination form).

September 15 - Coaches Committee Meeting, location TBD.

September 25 - Crew Council Meeting, 10 AM, Freedom High School, Woodbridge, VA

September 18 - VASRA Executive Board Meeting. Review the 2012 race schedule.

October 2 - First VASRA meeting for the 2012-2013 year.

Orientation for all booster representatives and presidents.

XII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:15 p.m.

A. The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, October 2, 2012 in the TJHSST Cafeteria.

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