

**VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC ROWING ASSOCIATION**  
P.O. Box 23042 Alexandria, VA 22304  
**MINUTES of the BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING January 8, 2013**

I. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by the President, John White at 7:45 pm at Holmes Middle School School. Thirty-two voting members were present as follows:

<u><b>Officer Members</b></u>			
<b>President</b>	John White	<b>Vice President</b>	Dorothy Lazor
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mark Peterson	<b>Secretary</b>	-----

<u><b>At-Large and Team Members</b></u>			
<b>Past President</b>	Mike Mutter	<b>Mount Vernon</b>	Lisa Paradis
<b>At-Large</b>	Shirley von Rinteln	<b>NCS / St Albans</b>	Tracy LaViolette
<b>At-Large</b>	-----	<b>Oakton</b>	Gale Rogers
<b>At-Large</b>	-----	<b>Potomac</b>	-----
<b>At-Large</b>	Mary King	<b>Robinson</b>	Robert Clark
<b>Briar Woods</b>	-----	<b>Sidwell Friends</b>	Mark Maguire
<b>Christchurch (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>South County</b>	Adale Tourtellott
<b>Episcopal (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>St Stephens/ Ste Agnes</b>	Courtney Baldrige
<b>Fairfax</b>	Julia Trieber	<b>Stonebridge</b>	Jim Zeller
<b>Forest Park</b>	Curt Hoagland	<b>T C Williams</b>	Ed Emblom
<b>Gar-Field</b>	Candice Barlow- Jones	<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>	Renee Johnson	<b>Washington-Lee</b>	Tim Aiken
<b>J E B Stuart</b>	Robert Finley	<b>West Potomac</b>	-----
<b>James Madison</b>	Howard Springsteen	<b>West Springfield</b>	Pete Rafle
<b>Lake Braddock</b>	Kim Turmel	<b>Western Albemarle(Asso)</b>	-----
<b>Langley</b>	Rob Shenk	<b>Westfield</b>	Craig Trumbull
<b>Mathews (Associate)</b>	-----	<b>Woodbridge</b>	Dave Belote
<b>McLean</b>	Greg Young	<b>Yorktown</b>	Gina Memmott

Non-voting Members present:

<u><b>Coordinators</b></u>			
<b>Course Master</b>	-----	<b>Personnel</b>	Shirley von Rinteln
<b>LOC/Regatta Director</b>	Obuchowicz/Mutter	<b>Trophies</b>	Tuck Bowerfind
<b>Charlie Butt Director</b>	Paul/Julie Gugino	<b>Web Master</b>	---

<u><b>Committees</b></u>			
<b>Budget / Audit</b>	Curt Hoagland	<b>Headquarters</b>	Harry Heim
<b>Bylaws</b>	Dorothy Lazor	<b>Historian</b>	TBD
<b>Coaches</b>	Mary King	<b>Long Range Plans</b>	John White
<b>Coach Develop</b>	TBD	<b>Nominations</b>	TBD
		<b>Publicity</b>	-----

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

- **Strategic planning discussion** – direction of VASRA – Organization charts were distributed showing the structure of both VASRA and the regatta organization. Vacancies on the regatta staff were filled at the meeting and the staff is as follows:
  - Mike Mutter and Ryz Obuchowicz – co-regatta directors
  - Brian Tylander – Assistant Director for water related issues
  - Kim Turmel – Concessions
  - Rick Thomas – Parking.
- Robinson Band Boosters have expressed an interest in taking over the **parking concessions** at the regattas this year.
- **US Rowing Universal Membership Plan** – This plan was approved by the VASRA membership by a vote of 30-13. All rowers will now be brought into US Rowing as members. When signing the waiver (entered through <https://rosters.usrowing.org>), there will be no cost for this year. If 14,000 people sign up this year, there will be no cost for next year. US Rowing has agreed to provide a 60 day notice if there is to be a price increase in registration costs.
- **For clubs not joining US Rowing** (the 13 clubs voting not to join) and wanting to row in regattas, they must provide a certificate of insurance and have each rower sign a paper waiver. Both need to be turned in to VASRA before the first regatta.
- **Governance** – VASRA is going to Philadelphia to meet with other Scholastic Rowing Associations to discuss various issues relating to scholastic rowers, including the US Rowing universal membership plan. The various groups across the country have widely varying rules and membership qualifications (example, Philadelphia Scholastic Rowers are made up of the team coaches). Further discussion on US Rowing was tabled until after the meeting in Philadelphia and a report to the membership given.
- **All booster organizations** are requested to send in a copy of their bylaws to the VASRA officers so that VASRA can understand how the teams are governed and run.
- **Roster changes** – Rower numbers should be reported by 1/15 to Mary King and Shirley von Rinteln so that the schedule may be finalized and volunteer assignments determined. A spreadsheet was distributed and those schools listed in red have not reported team numbers and numbers from last year are being used.
- **Volunteer meeting** on January 29 at Holmes Middle School at 7:30 pm. Each school must send at least one representative to learn of their team jobs for the season.
- **Docks** – At the last meeting, approval was given to investigate replacing the docks at Sandy Run with \$63,000 being approved to cover dock replacement expenses. Dorothy Lazor did further research (her results are available to review) and is recommending Accudocks to replace the docks. They were used to replace docks in South Korea and at the Dad Vail regatta – they are a stable, good company but expensive. The docks in question are the motor launch dock at the finish line, the awards dock and the point launch dock. However, during her research, she discovered that the \$63,000 will cover the cost of the docks themselves. Additional money is required to cover other expenses - \$2,800 for freight charges, \$11,550 for the assembly crew to install the docks and \$17,600 to cover pads, pilings and concreting with a total of \$95,013 to do the entire job. Right now there are no serviceable docks on the river. The replacement docks

will last 15 years. There is an \$110,000 balance in the capital equipment fund with no major expenses expected in the next few years other than the finish line tower.

- **A motion** was made by Woodbridge and seconded by Hylton to approve \$96,000 to replace the docks and to look for local contractors to possibly reduce assembly expenses. The motion was passed unanimously 29-0 to contact Accudocks to start the process. Accudocks said that the docks will be ready by the first regatta – weather permitting.
- A **suggestion** was made to look for possible sponsors to provide a grant to pay for the dock. The St. Albans rep “volunteered” to look for sponsors.
- **Course repairs** – the Gigantic engine is being installed this weekend. The buoys shipped this week and the cable is on back order. The 1500 (and hopefully all 2000) meter course will be in place by the first regatta.
- 11/19 **Sandy Run Users meeting** with park employees, park users and neighbors of the park was held to discuss concerns about speeding on the roads, recycling water bottles and setting up team carpools to reduce traffic on the roads.
- A meeting is pending with the Sandy Run Park Manager to discuss/sign the NVRPA-VSRA Memorandum of Agreement (MOU). A principal issue is handicap access, which the Park would like VASRA to handle. VASRA is willing to work with NVRPA on making the regattas more **handicapped accessible**, however, it is a Park responsibility to satisfy the ADA compliance issues.
- The FY2012 **tax return** is completed. The CPA has reviewed it and has no comment. He will come to the February meeting to discuss the VASRA FY2012 financial records compilation and answer questions.
- The **cox clinic** is scheduled for 2/16 at South County. Mary Whipple may not be able to speak. Register at regatta central to attend. Cost is free to member schools and there is a charge for masters programs and college programs.
- There will be an **ID camp** at Sandy Run on 3/3 for women and 3/10 for men. This is a camp where coaches come to visit rowers to identify potential for national teams.
- **US Rowing elections** ongoing until 1/31. John White is running for the board of directors. Please vote.

### **Old Business:**

- The rule changes have been submitted to the rules committee but nothing has been done since they have not called a meeting. Members are Barbara Mahoney, Tom Mullen and Mike Stillwell, Dorothy Lazor and Doug Hale.
- VASRA STILL needs a secretary

### **Announcements**

1. Jan - US Rowing Organizational Membership dues are due for the 2013 calendar year.
2. Jan 12 - Coaches Committee meeting, 10 am, South County HS
3. Jan 29 - Volunteer Coordinator meeting, Holmes MS cafeteria, 7:30 PM.
4. Jan 29 - Crew Council meeting, 10 AM, Freedom HS. Rule Book approval.
5. Jan 31 - Publish the Safety Plan update on the VASRA Web Site.
6. Feb 9 - Coaches Committee meeting, 10 am, South County HS
7. Feb 11 - Lightweight programs initiated (six weeks prior to the first regatta.
8. Feb 16 - Coxswain Training Clinic, 9 am - 1 pm, South County HS, Lorton, VA.
9. Feb 18 - First day of on-water practice
10. Feb 23 - Occoquan Work Day - Course prep (land), old docks removal
11. TBD - LOC organizational meeting, location TBD

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by the President at 9:05 p.m.

The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in the Holmes Middle School Cafeteria, 6525 Montrose St., Alexandria, VA 22312.

*Aiale Tourtellott*

VASRA Interim Secretary  
South County Crew Rep.