



RADNOR GIRLS CREW CLUB CLUB MEETING

November 10, 2009; Radnor High School, Room 150; 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Udo Edelman (President) (Hannah), Carol Turner (Vice President) (Lauren), Dan Webster (Treasurer) (Alli), Carol Ann Blair (Secretary) (Sophia), Travis Shilling (Co-Head Coach), Megan Biging (Co-Head Coach), Marie Colton Bynum (Kelly), Karen Fitch (Kirsten), Mary Fox (Catherine), Molly Janiczek (Allie), Dawn Lally (Chandler), Sherry Luce (Lexie Katz); John Lyons (Paige), Dennis MacCormick (Marissa and Carly), Joanne Miller (Ellen), Mary Lou McLaughlin (Kathryn), Denise Mariotti (Francesca), Missy North (Hannah), Christi Schug (Hannah), Leroy Turner (Lauren); Rowers: Andrea Hartman, Sarah Hernandez, Marissa MacCormick, Rachel Retzler

Introduction:

- Udo Edelmann began the meeting by having board members, coaches, and parents introduce themselves by taking turns going around the room.

Coach's Update:

- Travis reported that the varsity rowers are gearing up for the Bill Braxton Regatta on Sunday November 16, 2009. There are three varsity boats and one novice boat competing. The focus is to get twelve novice rowers to row on Sunday. Varsity rowers will help with the rigging of the freshman boat. RGCC is not competing in the Saturday regatta due to the "LM Day festivities."
- Travis reported that the car pools are working. There has been a problem with attendance due to many of the rowers absent due to illness. He and Megan are working on the spring schedule.
- The Parent Learn-To-Row is scheduled for Sunday, November 22, 2009 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. with a clean-up of the boathouse following the Learn-To-Row.
- Megan reported that Rachel Retzler's poem, submitted for the Bill Braxton Regatta, has been published. Rachel was congratulated and asked to please send a copy to the board so that it could be distributed to all the parents.
- Megan plans to meet with each varsity rower individually to discuss the season, strengths and weaknesses, and areas to work on in preparation for the spring season. She is creating a schedule of workouts for the off season.
- Travis and Megan will decide on the official logo.
- Spring season begins Tuesday, January 5, 2010 for all returning rowers.

Equipment:

- Travis will make a decision to service or trade-in three cox boxes.
- Megan will determine where RGCC is equipment wise.
- Oars: phase out old or paint them, put decals on new, and keep all oars the same.

Recruitment:

- There will be a meeting dedicated to recruitment scheduled for the end of November or the beginning of December. [Subsequent to the meeting, the high school announced a general “College Athletic Recruiting” seminar for 12/10 at 7 PM in the auditorium. RGCC will determine after that presentation if a separate crew recruiting meeting is justified.]
- Megan told the parents to email her with any questions regarding recruitment. She also recommends the NCAA website for information. Coaches cannot recruit actively until July 1 after the junior year. She recommends visiting colleges next fall if actively recruited or interested in a school, or sooner to become familiar with the school. She pointed out that visiting colleges in the spring hurts the team. Megan emphasized that “Rowing should not be used as a venue to get into college” if the student isn’t seriously considering continuing to row in college. If she quits after being accepted, this reflects poorly on our program and will hurt the recruiting opportunities for other girls in the program. She also explained the difference between official and unofficial visits. A rower may have five official visits but unlimited unofficial visits.

Committee Reports:

- **Hospitality:** Udo Edelmann redesigned the space in the trailer utilizing a moveable ramp and carts. Joanne Miller volunteered to coordinate hospitality for Sunday’s regatta.
- **Fundraising:** The Banky’s have named the four-boat, “Ro Ro Ur Boat.” Dennis MacCormick made a recommendation that RGCC put the logo on the trailer. RGCC is still looking for a committee chairperson. This could be a board level position if the candidate is interested. Anyone interested in chairing or working on this committee is encouraged to contact any board member.
- **Spirit Wear:** Co-Chairpersons are Carla Reid and Christi Schug. Christi Schug brought sample waterproof rainwear for everyone to see. A long-sleeved shirt will be added to the unisuit as part of the official required uniform. She and Carla Reid have been investigating vendors and suitable logo wear. Forms will be available for purchasing RGCC logo wear in the near future. A discussion followed regarding company sponsorship for apparel.
- **Banquet:** Chairperson is Denise Mariotti. The banquet is moving to Aronimink Country Club. It is scheduled for Thursday, June 3, 2010 from 6 to 9 p.m.
- **Communications:** RGCC is still in need of a communications chairperson. Anyone interested in chairing or working on this committee is encouraged to contact any board member. RGCC also needs a better website. A request will be

made to all parents and students for volunteers to develop and work on the website.

- **Nationals:** Chairperson is Dawn Lally. Nationals will be held at Saratoga Springs, NY on Memorial Day Weekend. Dawn has reserved 30 rooms. She stated that her next agenda item will focus on transportation.
- **Class Parents:** RGCC is still looking for a senior and a freshman parent who is interested in being a “Class Parent.” We may need to wait until spring crew starts to identify a freshman class parent.
- **Financial Review:** RGCC is still looking for a parent with a finance background to periodically review the books and bank reconciliations. This is a minor time commitment a couple times a year. Anyone interested in serving in this role is encouraged to contact any board member.
- **Alumnae Committee:** RGCC is still looking for an Alumnae Committee Chairperson to plan alumnae inclusion and Homecoming Regatta Events. Anyone interested in serving in this role is encouraged to contact any board member.
- Any parent who has not yet completed an “RGCC Volunteer Form” (attached) is encouraged to do so.

SECRETARY’S UPDATE

- The only forms required for spring repeat rowers who participated in fall crew are the registration form and the US Rowing and Stotesbury Cup waivers. New rowers must submit all paperwork by January 9, 2010 but do not pay dues until they have made the team.
- Minutes and meeting agenda will be emailed through the RGCC Google List prior to each monthly meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Travis questioned the status of scholarships. The board is working out the details.
- Carol Turner has been sending RGCC information to the high school for inclusion in the weekly eMinders distributed by the school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

**Next club meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2009, RHS, Room 150, 7:00 p.m.
Freshman Parent Meeting, Wednesday, December 9, 2009, RHS, Black Box Room
Recruitment Meeting, Thursday, December 10, 2009, RHS Auditorium
All parents are encouraged to attend, and rowers are welcomed, too.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Blair, Secretary



Radnor Girls Crew Club Volunteer Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Daughter/Year: _____

I would be interested in the following volunteer opportunities:

Future Board Service

- Vice President/President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Institutional Advancement

Regattas

- Still Photography
- Videography

Class Parent

- Class of 2010
- Class of 2011
- Class of 2012
- Class of 2013

Committee Participation

- Fundraising
- Communications
- Hospitality
- Alumnae
- Spirit Wear
- Banquet
- Nationals
- Financial Review

Web Site

- Design and Maintenance

The Radnor Girls Crew Club is a volunteer organization. Your help makes the difference between a good club and a great club. Please volunteer.

For more information or answers to questions, or to share ideas, please contact Udo Edelmann, President, at (610) 772-0510 or udo@radnorcrew.com.

Board Positions

- **Vice President** serves a one-year term and then moves into the President position. Shares many of President's duties, as requested. With President, oversees operations of the club, liaises with coaches, communicates with coaches and parents, liaises with external bodies (including RHS), distributes communiqués, coordinates outreach and rower development programs, and prepares grant proposals.
- **Treasurer** manages all finances of the club, maintains books and records, prepares operating budgets and financial reports, signs all checks, manages insurance, and coordinates tax return filing.
- **Secretary** maintains club forms and documents, collects and manages required rower registration documents, maintains member roster and contact information, prepares meeting minutes, and updates bylaws and position descriptions, as necessary.
- **Director of Institutional Advancement** provides strategic direction for fundraising efforts, coordinates all fundraising efforts, assembles and manages volunteers for fundraising efforts, establishes corporate sponsorship program, and manages alumnae chairperson.

Committees

- **Fundraising** works with the Director of Institutional Advancement to further the club's fundraising requirements to further its mission.
- **Communications** maintains and updates the web site content (photos, videos, race results), writes and sends press releases to local papers, develops collateral to promote RGG programs and events, and communicates with parents.
- **Hospitality** organizes food and beverage for all regattas, manages hospitality assignments for families (as necessary), maintains hospitality supplies, and updates hospitality guidelines.
- **Alumnae** maintains alumnae database of rowers and parents and coordinates homecoming regatta activities. Reports to Director of Institutional Advancement.
- **Spirit Wear** selects logo gear for merchandising to club members, orders and markets merchandise, and collects payment.
- **Banquet** organizes the spring banquet (held shortly after the final regatta, in late May), including venue, menu, decorations, and awards.
- **Nationals** organizes logistics, transportation, lodging, and food and beverage for rowers advancing to SRAA Nationals (venue changes annually).
- **Financial review** conducts, on no less than an annual basis, an independent review of the financial books and records and the financial controls of the club.

Class Parents

- Help with communications to rowers and parents.
- Assist with recruiting volunteers for club activities.
- Pro-actively find other ways to better the club members' experience.

Other

- Regatta photographers and videographers help to preserve the memories of our regattas.
- Web programmer helps to improve the functionality and look of the RGCC web site and blog.