



Westerville Rowing Club  
**June Board Meeting Minutes**  
June 11, 2025, 6:30pm  
Lattimer Home, Westerville, OH 43081

### **Invited Attendance**

- o Present:
  - Chair- Jeff Latimer
  - Vice Chair- Melissa Kappes
  - Secretary- Allison Marshall
  - Members-At-Large:
    - Jeff Klima
    - Nate Rhone
- o Not Present:
  - Howard Bruss: Director of Rowing and U14 Head Coach
  - Victor Rosenberg
  - Treasurer- Bruce Binnig (also Master's)

### **Votes taken during meeting**

MOTION to approve April Board and Coaches Meeting Notes (pts 1 and 2). Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to approve April Board and Coaches Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to approve April/May Board Meeting Notes (pts 1 and 2). Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to approve April/May Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to approve Video Call Notes: Boat purchase April. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to approve Video Call Notes: Summer dates, coaches per diem, Charles May. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to approve Video Call Notes: Nationals athletes financial assistance May. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to offer \$2400 and keep the clause in, while we consider other options and keep looking for a new place with the goal of moving out in the next 6 months. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to add Nate Rhone to the board as an at-large member. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.

MOTION to raise the cost of storing a private boat on the property starting this year to \$200.

Starting Aug 1. Chris Blazo to work with Klima and Bruce to find out who's not paying, then do the outreach, will be in touch with all owners by end of June. Seconded. Vote 4/0/0.

### **Notes**

1. Approval of April/May Notes and Documentation

- a. April Board and Coaches Meeting Notes (pts 1 and 2)
    - i. Motion to approve. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
  - b. April Board and Coaches Meeting Minutes
    - i. Motion to approve. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
  - c. April/May Board Meeting Notes (pts 1 and 2)
    - i. Motion to approve. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
  - d. April/May Board Meeting Minutes
    - i. Motion to approve. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
  - e. Video Call Notes: Boat purchase April
    - i. Discussion about financing and the fundraising arrangement. Clarified it in the notes.
    - ii. Motion to approve. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
  - f. Video Call Notes: Summer dates, coaches per diem, Charles May
    - i. Motion to approve. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
  - g. Video Call Notes: Nationals athletes financial assistance May
    - i. Motion to approve. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
2. Unfinished Business
- a. Erg room: Discussion about the landlord's request to increase rent from the \$1650 we currently pay to \$2700/mo.
    - i. We've budgeted for an increase of \$750/month, but this is a larger increase than anticipated.
    - ii. Landlord wants to remove the buyout clause that allows either side to cancel contract with 60-90 day notice.
    - iii. MOTION To offer \$2400 and keep the clause in, while we consider other options and keep looking for a new place with the goal of moving out in the next 6 months. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
  - b. Boathouse: Discussion about pursuing an extension on the grant.
  - c. Trade/sale of 4- and fundraising for boats: Status
    - i. Boat has been delivered and payment sent.
  - d. Discussion about Nate Rhone joining the board as an at-large member.
    - i. MOTION to add Nate Rhone to the board as an at-large member. Seconded. Vote passed 4/0/0.
3. Coaching
- a. Discussion about current coaching status.
4. Programming/Seasonal Updates
- a. Dillon
    - i. Discussion about the status of the AED Grant and need to have one on site.
      - 1. Grant will not be decided until end of June.
      - 2. Need to find other options.
    - ii. Discussion about compensating launch drivers at Dillon.
    - iii. Discussion about changing how we compensation internal referees who work home regattas.

- b. Discussion about requesting the Survivors' group register with us for transparency.
  - c. Discussion about increasing the fee charged for the storage of private boats.
    - i. Need to audit boats on premise and return/repo/trash unused or unclaimed boats.
    - ii. The City comes out once a year at the end of summer to assess number of boats and we're charged per boat.
    - iii. MOTION To raise the cost of storing a private boat on the property starting this year to \$200. Starting mid August. Klima will work with Chris Blazo and Bruce to find out who's not paying, then do the outreach, will be in touch with all owners by end of June. Seconded. Vote 4/0/0.
  - d. Discussion about the possibility of adding a U23 program to the Masters segment.
5. Equipment
- a. Discussion about purchasing a clip system for boat shoes, to allow athletes to have well-fitting shoes with every row.
    - i. Could offset the cost by selling our existing, used shoes.
    - ii. Parents/athletes can opt to purchase their own new shoes. Any brand will work.
    - iii. Would need to keep some shoes to rent/load to novices and u14 and guest rowers.
  - b. Discussion about selling some of our unused oars.
  - c. New boat purchase:
    - i. Discussion about the naming of the two new Vespolis.
    - ii. Discussion about the need for a discussion/presentation to parents about the status of the funding of the boats.