

Agenda FRC Annual Meeting Mon Dec, 2 2019

6 pm Fatty's Pizzeria, Ridge St, Breckenridge

Overview of the Season

The move to new site and setting up of the racks, tent and shed was challenging, but a core of people came out to help including Joanne's Son Kit. We didn't really start rowing until the beginning of July because of low water.

We launched first from the beach then from the small dock from the beach, and then we could share the kayak dock but the kayak launch proved a challenge to some. There were some incidences between members and customers and marina staff because of the stress of launching. Our big dock finally was put in place in October.

Chris Curtis felt the need to cement our relationship with the town and marina. Joanne made up a slide show and Chris made a presentation at a town meeting which was well received.

Membership: We had, 42 full, 11 punch pass members. Because of the late season start a number of regular members opted for punch passes.

Our rowing center is becoming known in the rowing community as a destination vacation spot. We had 30 visitors from around the US and abroad.

Financial Report summary:

We already paid US rowing \$375 for this year, but get our liability insurance through Leonard. We sold Olli Bogan for \$400 to Northampton Rowing Club.

Grants and gifts– \$500 total

\$1,545 total income for the year was lower by \$1,400 than last year – because of membership differential

\$6,871 in bank right now. (better than 3 years ago).

Darin suggested buying a container instead of renting one to store the shells, which would be about \$3,000, and might be provide some cost savings. We will look into this option but there would be no place to store it over the summer and we would have to get the special truck to move it seasonally. We are still in the plans for a boat house also.

Programs

Lessons

Hard to keep people rowing from year to year. Every year we lose a few, gain a few. This year we gave lessons to 32 beginners, 18 were from out of town, 5 were from silent auctions.

Junior Program. We had 4 juniors from the Nordic team participate in a camp, but mo more than 2 showed up at any given evening. Ellie said Scheduling is a challenge. The participants have to schedule around their many other activities and their work schedules.

Also look at middle schoolers (Steph coaches middle school skiers). Maybe scholarships would help, although we charge very little now.

Adaptive: We had Mick return for a 7th season.

Training at Altitude: John Graves, National Team Member trained here for 2.5 weeks, Sept-Oct. He then won a gold medal at the men's Champ 1X at the Head of the Charles. He might bring his whole family next year. Worked on longer rows up here, and short more intensives pieces in Denver.

Fleet: No new purchases. Sold Olli Bogan. Propose sell M2, little used and purchase 1 or 2 Echo sport. The Echo sport would be a little lighter and sleeker than current Echos but can be used for lessons and for intermediate level rowing.

Regattas:

Rowfest Sprints, July 28, 2019, 55 entries. It was very hectic, lots of work to haul regatta stuff and launch over there, set buoys etc. May not do it in 2020. Very little profit.

Rowfest 2019, Sept 8, 2019, 44 races, ~120 rowers. This regatta is profitable and popular. We had junior crews from 3 clubs including Utah. Will keep this an annual event.

We may not do Dillon Challenge again. Did it for 9 years. Marina has become too popular., limited parking etc. Question – what about Dillon Challenge in September? Problem – never know if have enough water.

Safety

Traffic pattern: We did have some issues with traffic pattern, need to do better. The marina moved the moorings a few times this summer. Coming in, we have to deal with the paddlers more than before. Maybe suggest they put the purple balls back and keep the paddlers to shore of them. Need to impress on members what the pattern is. There was one collision with Jan and Barb in their double and Bevan who was out of the traffic pattern. Suggestions: Perhaps require signature to indicate understanding of the traffic pattern. Maybe stick copies of traffic pattern on boats, or on the entrance to the dock, or laminated cards. Emphasize keeping the shore on the starboard oar.

Bring phone, row with buddy.

Flip Practice Breckenridge Rec Center. June 26, July 1, July 24. Last year people signed up but didn't show. Suggestion is to collect money ahead to cover rec center charges. Anyone in doubt of being able to get into a boat, should take the flip test. Perhaps everyone should be required to watch the US rowing safety video. Also there are life vests more convenient than the belts we provide that some members have opted to purchase on their own; the vest and harness variety.

Emergencies: In emergency call 911. Solicit marina help if convenient.

Notify coaches or person on duty.

Ted would like a day when people plan to row together like “ Friday friendlies” he is uncomfortable rowing his single alone.

Consider offering video with clinics. Having a drone would be great addition

Launch is for teaching and safety. Several people indicated interest in training to use the launch. Joanne said she has enough back up for safety and there should be only a limited number of members approved to use the launch. It is tricky to dock and an emergency might imply inclement weather conditions. Joanne on site every day (with Steph Race, and Chris Curtis as backups). Joey Kraft and Rob Garrity are also approved for boat use during regattas and otherwise as needed.

Award – Joey Kraft. Given for all her dedicated efforts designing and building the oar rack, simulator stands, cubby, pfd box...hauling boats, shed moving help, etc. She was given a certificate and a hand painted bottle light with a FRC motif.

Door Prize: Joanne donated a hand painted bottle and raffle was won by Connie Lewis

Election of Officers: The current board was reelected and original positions assigned.
President, Joanne Stolen; Vice President, Peggy Bailey; Secretary, Connie Lewis;
Treasurer, Ted Mueller; Boat Captain, Robert Garrity.