

Minutes of The Northwest Rowing Council

November 21st, 2020

Zoom

Attendance: 17 Members (quorum). Guests: Chris Chase (USRowing), Mark Holden (Seattle Yacht Club)

Call to order: Letcher Ross, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

US Rowing Updates

Chris Chase thanked the Northwest region for prioritizing safety and responsibility during the COVID-19 pandemic. Chris reported that USRowing was planning to hold Youth Nationals in Sarasota in June (albeit with qualification rules adjusted), and Nationals in Camden in July. Currently there is no Masters Nationals scheduled. Given the pandemic, there will be no light-weight events at USRowing regattas this year. Chris then discussed the new USJNT approach with Casey Galvenick as head coach overseeing both boys and girls teams; the development of the American Development Model - USRowing's long term athlete development framework within the USOPC initiative; and Level 3 and Level 2 coach training efforts, encouraging the region to sponsor Level 2 training courses in the next while.

Dee McComb gave an update from the Referee Committee, with the only rule going to the Board for approval this year being limiting Youth rowing to U-19 to avoid older home schooled athletes being considered eligible to compete in Youth races. Dee shared that a recent survey of referees suggested that most would not return to refereeing until the pandemic is over. The idea of integrating an assistant referee module into Level 2 Coach training was discussed.

Reports:

Caitlin McClain, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report. There were no questions.

There were no other committee reports.

Elections:

Rick Brown, Matt Lacey, and Margaret Christopher were not standing for reelection and were thanked for their services to the Board.

With nominations from the floor included, with no contested seats, the following slate of candidates was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Two year terms: Junior (Eliza Dickson), Open (Richard Hull), At Large (Andy Everett), At Large (Letcher Ross), At Large (Helen Tilghman), At Large (Chris Marr)

One year (remaining) terms: Collegiate (Caitlin McClain)

Revisiting NWRC Purpose/Vision: Richard Hull shared the presentation of survey results from January 2020 again (these can be found on the NWRC website [here](#)). The one thing that

was not foreseen in this exercise was a pandemic. It was proposed that the NWRC repeat the survey to see if the pandemic and current situation in the Northwest changes priorities.

Opening Day / Windermere Cup: Mark Holden, Seattle Yacht Club, announced that they were planning on holding the event this year, albeit modified by COVID-19 considerations. There was a discussion about safety and responsibility with respect to spectators.

Adjournment: Letcher called the meeting to an end at 3:00pm.