

# Sound Rowers Annual Meeting

## 11/13/2021

Zoom Meeting

Attendance:

Peter Turcan	Shane Baker	Marc Blake
Rod Sternagel	Jon Harwood	Michael Lampi
Carrie Weisse	Don Kiesling	Peter Marcus
Herbie Weisse	Kevin Olney	Kelly Johnson
Theresa Knakal	Greg Gilda	Todd Silver
Hugh Owen	Steve Chapin	Jeff Wong

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER AT 10:05 a.m.

- Last year's meeting minutes

- Moved to accept, seconded, and approved unanimously.

- Web site report (Theresa Knakal)

- Troubles doing website updating
- Will work on better next year unless a replacement is available

- Safety Bag (Theresa Knakal)

- Completed and passed around to race directors during the year
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- Digital Ribbons (Marc Blake)

- Determined there is very little demand.
- Discussion around it being more for virtual events
- Tabled until virtual events are again necessary

- Treasurer's report (Theresa Knakal for Jeff Knakal)

- Balance sheet displayed
- \$14k balance - standard. Most races netted out positive.
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- Sausage Pull

- Discussion concerning communication suggesting donation/significantly higher fees to keep it running.
- No action.

- Insurance (Greg Gilda)

- Status quo for coverage
- Attempting to get Coast Guard to issue permits more than two weeks prior to each race
- Discussion concerning getting extra insurance coverage for OC-6's. More information needed.

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### Race Reports

#### - La Conner (Kevin Olney)

- First race after Covid shutdown
- Extra work going through new procedures
- One challenge was coordinating the starts with waves of 10 boats

#### - Bellingham Bay (Peter Marcus)

- A challenge to try and plan course route because of potential wind problems
- Race went well despite a bit of wind
- Zoom pre-race meeting and pre-registration went well

#### - Lake Whatcom (Marc Blake)

- Had to work until late in the process to get all the permissions that were needed
- 106 boats, Gig Harbor club brought 40 boats

#### - Rat Island (Steve Chapin)

- 70 boats, 112 racers - big for Rat Island
- Weather good
- Zoom meeting was a challenge - prepared canned presentation to help present information
- Many participants did not get Zoom meeting email with link and were contacting him as he was trying to get the meeting started
- Discussion around how to better notify racers of zoom meeting link
- Concern about short course buoy not being in place prior to race start
- Registration issue with some boats putting in an entry for every person in boat causing confusion
- Looking for a way to get contact information for each racer in a boat - discussion involved
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#### - Elk River (Jon Harwood)

- Last minute wind problems made starting and finishing at oyster yard challenging. Start line was moved to other side of rode to accomodate. Finish line also moved to other side after racers were prepared to start. Tough to get communication to everyone.
- Allowed to have racers launch on other side of road near start/finish line - worked well.
- Discussion concerning course challenges.

#### - Budd Inlet (Jeff Wong)

- Had to be cancelled because of support issue
- Anxious to return race to rotation

#### - Round Shaw (Herbie Weisse)

- Used two separate starts to accommodate ferry limitations and slower rowers
- Discussion concerning opinions of using two starts

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- Great Cross Sound (Theresa Knakal)
  - Date conflicted with another paddler's race so lower turnout by paddlers than normal
  - Decent conditions
  - Normal pre-meeting (no Zoom pre-meeting)
  - Struggled with safety boats when planned safety boats canceled one week prior to race
  - Discussion around sources for safety boats
- Bainbridge Island (Kevin Olney)
  - Early start of 1 hour allowed slower boats to finish closer to main wave finishers
  - Some confusion with last minute adds to early start
  - Would like four safety boats in future
  - Kelly Johnson new race director with help from Greg Spooner. Kevin to provide soft handoff.
- Salmon Roe (no race representative at meeting)
  - Discussion around lack of enforcement of Sound Rowers life jacket requirements (under 18 required to wear) and whether we should match USCG requirements (under 12 required to wear). No move made to change.
  - No race results received for posting yet.
- Webscorer (Theresa Knakal)
  - **Looking to write up sample process**
  - Race directors have option of using Pacific Multisports
  - Anyone noticing missing web information should notify Theresa
- 2022 Race Schedule (Don Kiesling)
  - Proposed dates provided
- New race Squaxin Island (Rod Sternagel)
  - Description of venue and course
- Guano Rocks (Hugh Owen)
  - Back on schedule using same course as in the past (a different course had been discussed after the cancellation of the most recent race there)
- Commencement Bay (Todd Silver)
  - Back on schedule after being off last year
  - **Todd to make posters**
- Membership Report (Don Kiesling)
  - **Will send out renewal reminder**
  - Marc Blake indicates he can put membership link on registration page for each race

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### - Photography (Michael Lampi)

- Upgraded album software for improved capturing and viewing of photos
- **Theresa to look into storage status**
- Discussion concerning possible drone use. Micheal cannot do both. No action taken.
- Michael will miss Rat Island and Budd Inlet
- Discussion concerning resolution of saved photos and amount of storage needed

### - Ribbons (Shane Baker)

- Discussion concerning need for 1st/2nd/3rd overall ribbons. Shane will provide to anyone requesting them.
- Discussion around desire to have rescue ribbon presented to anyone who stops to aid fellow racer.
- Discussion concerning ongoing plans to award those making all races during the year

### - Discussion around renewing Washington Water Trails membership - should continue

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### - Safety Issues

- **Peter Turcan to buy collection of whistles (150) where each member will get one as part of their membership**
- Discussion around safety and Covid problems on ferries
- Discussion around how to signal help is needed from water

### NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion around dollars for sponsoring individual activities -- still waiting for report from Vadeem on World Para Championship

- Discussion around Loch Ness race in our format - Peter Turcan likely attending

- Discussion around writing up memorium to those members who pass away during the year -- **Shane will provide write-up on this year's four passings**

- Discussion around mission of Sound Rowers and growing the club

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Movement to reinstate all existing officers. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Two trustees positions expiring at end of year -- Michelle Knowlen and Rainer Storb

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**- Theresa Knakal and Hugh Owen nominated to fill positions for 2022-2024 - both elected unanimously**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:50 p.m.