

Friends of Medford Rowing (FOMR)

Board Meeting

February 9, 2021

UPDATES & OLD BUSINESS:

President - Chris

- Equipment update (old business)
 - New shoes
 - Inventory of Cox boxes and batteries

Treasurer - Elaine

- \$18,030 in the bank
- No other updates or financial activity

Communications - Mark

- Website update
- Sending out "Thank you" note to supporters and local merchants for Gift Card Calendar Fundraiser
 - Medford Transcript
 - Facebook

NEW BUSINESS:

Coach Chris/Coach Aaron

- New assistant coach
 - Informed Bob about Ben's departure
 - Need to determine if an open spot can be filled
- Updates on season
 - Every MHS/MVTHS sport has been requiring mask wearing
 - Given current guidance and requirements, the best we can do is to row in groups of 4 and retain the groupings to limit risk
 - 2, 4, or 5-person groupings
 - Still no formal guidance or decision on Spring regattas

- Still no MPSRA
- Coach Chris has additional responsibilities at the school (Freshman advisor) and may be limited in how much time he can spend putting together the safety plans

Board discussion

- In the absence of Regattas (which we cannot control), what can the board do to help get the kids training and in the water?
 - Board agreed that we should aim for, at least, some sort of training activities
 - Most area schools with Rowing Programs have been training both indoors and outdoor (when possible) since December
 - We need to work with Bob and Athletics Dept. to help the school better understand how the Rowing Team needs to train
 - US Rowing will provide specific guidelines in March
 - **This will determine when, how we can get rowers in the water but should not impact our plan to start training with erg machines and get on water**
 - Coaches will need to have a set schedule to make best use of ~10 erg machines
 - We need to send Bob an email describing our Safety Plan and requirements for usage of school facilities (for training)
 - May only need indoor facilities through end of March (weather permitting)
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Fall II (soccer, football, volleyball, golf, cross country - March 10 through Apr 10; Apr 12-May 15 competitions)

Rowing competitive portion of season would start May 16 onward

SURVEY

<introduction to explain why ... conflicts ...?>

Depending on the decision that you make with your child, Medford Rowing team will have to make adjustments to boat assignments given that competition start in mid to late May.

Name

Grade

Gender:

Experience Level: NOVICE 1 year of rowing exp 2+ years of rowing exp

Do you, or your child, intend to participate in Fall II Athletics? If so, which sport?

- Fall II (soccer, football, volleyball, golf, cross country - March 10 through Apr 10; Apr 12-May 15 competitions)

Do you, or your child, also plan to participate in Spring Athletics? If so, which sport?

If Medford Rowing organizes indoor erg training sessions, with safety protocols in place (distancing, masks, clean machines, etc.), would you (or your child) be interested in participating?

If Medford Rowing organizes outdoor training / practice, with safety protocols in place (distancing, masks, clean boats, designated cohorts, etc.), would you (or your child) be interested in participating?