

Friends of Medford Rowing (FOMR)

Board Meeting

January 12, 2021

UPDATES & OLD BUSINESS:

Fundraising (Stacie)

- Gift Card Calendar
 - Raised over \$5,500
 - The board is VERY appreciative of the support from local businesses
 - We may display a banner at Mayor's Cup
 - Mark C. will contact Medford Transcript to formally thank all sponsors and merchants
- Rick Orlando told Stacie that re: Cummings Grant, Medford Rowing may still have an opportunity to be awarded any leftover money

Financial Update (Elaine)

- 12, 035 - current balance >> \$18,000
 - Deposited gift card funds

Equipping and Outfitting Boats (Chris Des Autles)

- We have enough boats, right now
 - Boats are unisex and are only classified based on weight class
- Boats need to be outfitted (**\$1,300+** in purchases APPROVED by board)
 - Shoes
 - Buy 8 new pairs (take advantage of volume discount)
 - \$70/pair = **\$560**
 - Speakers and wiring
 - Every 4-boat has 2 speakers (wiring needs to be replaced)
 - We'll need 3 sets of wires (\$245/each = **\$735**)
 - Cox-box
 - Still need to determine best approach
- Thinking ahead, we may want to resell two (2) 8-boats to allow us to purchase other boats

Communications (Mark C.)

- We need to modernize the website and I'll share potential designs for board review
- May need to explore reserving a domain name

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on Spring Season (Coach Chris)

- NEIRA Update: Meeting to be held virtual in Late Jan/early Feb. All coaches will receive invitations at some point.
 - As of now, the 2021 NEIRA regatta is up in the air until we know how the vaccine rollout progresses, how schools' health and safety regulations look in the coming months, and what COVID numbers look like at that point. The Eastern Association of Rowing Colleges and the Quinsigamond Rowing Association plan to meet in mid-March to determine if they can run large regattas on Lake Quinsigamond this spring. NEIRA will have a better idea of what is possible for the NEIRA regatta after EARC and QRA make their decision. If the regatta is cancelled, NEIRA will waive membership fees for the year for all member programs.
 - No communication for MPSRA regarding meeting that usually takes place in January
- Anyone participating in Fall II Sports will have a short number of days before Spring Rowing begins
- How and when we row will be determined by US Rowing Guidelines as well as school protocols. We may have an opportunity to schedule our own races dependent on #'s with COVID.

Board Procedure-related items

- Next FOMR Board Meeting: TBD
- (NOTE: meetings typically take place 2nd Tuesday of every month)