

**North Allegheny Rowing Association
Parent's Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 11th 2008, Ponce Room, 7:00 p.m.**

Board/Committee Chair members attending: B. Ellis, D. Duursma, S Jefferies, A. Klipa, D. Kanner.

Coaches in attendance: M. Bergen

Proceedings: Meeting called to order at 7:04a p.m. by Chair, Beth Ellis.

President's Report:

- January crew jar revenue was announced at \$114.82.
- Current plans call for a return to water practice on Monday March 31st, subject to conditions. Parents are urged to assure their rowers bring suitable attire for a chilly water practice session. In order to minimize transportation costs, a decision will always be made before Noon and such decision will be circulated via email/text messages and posted to the web site as soon as possible.
- Beth Ellis announced the results of the February Board voting and welcomed Kelly Miller (Treasurer), Sharon Larocca (Corresponding Secretary), Lisa Hildebrand (Recording Secretary) and Connie Engler (Travel) to the Board. She also welcomed Dean Wilson, Dave McQuiston and Judy Schick as committee chairs.
- Showing of the Travel video was deferred until the April meeting.
- The 2008 Boat Campaign current total is \$10,550. More donations are required if Coach Bergen is going to be able to purchase a new 8+ or 4+ before the 2008/9 season begins.
- Boat house opening is planned for Saturday March 29th and all rowers and parents are encouraged to attend. There will be no practice on that day and clean-up will begin at 10:00am. Shovels, rakes and work gloves were strongly suggested.
- It was announced that Megan Ivins, a junior at RMU and member of their rowing team, will be joining the team as an Assistant Coach.
- Novice rowers will attend Indoor tank practice at the Millvale facility on March 19th and 26th. Buses leave at 3:15 and return at 6:30 to the front entrance of NASH. All other rowers will work out at the Baierl Center.
- Next year's NA Indoor Erg Race is being planned for Saturday March 6th, 2009 at McKnight Elementary.
- Max and Erma's in Cranberry will be hosting NARA on May 7th. Information and invitations will be distributed at a later date.
- The Pittsburgh Scholastic Sprints event will be held on one day, Sunday May 4th, allowing those eligible to take their SATs on Saturday May 3rd.
- A sign-up sheet for the Annual Banquet, Wednesday June 4th at the Chadwick, was circulated.
- A Plant Sale will take place later in the Spring. Details and order forms to follow.

Coaches Report:

Coach Bergen noted that any boat purchase would likely need to be American-based due to adverse currency exchanges rates both in Canada and Europe. He indicated that a top-of-the-line 8+ would cost around \$30,000.

New Business:

Steve Jefferies responded to the floor questions that were posed during the February session.

There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.