

**SAN DIEGO ROWING CLUB**  
*Junior Crew*

**Parents Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19, 2008**

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- **Welcome and introductions**
- **Dana Ryan – Head coach**
  - Approach to racing season:  
At this point, with the build up for the main racing season, coaches are trying to get a feel for how different rowers work with each other. It is important to try to have the same line-ups in the boats so that adjustments can be tried. This is difficult when rowers do not show up. Coaches count on rowers being there when they make their practice plans.
  - Importance of attendance !!!!!!!  
ROWERS MUST BE AT PRACTICE EVERY DAY
  - Rowers are responsible for calling their coach **each** day that they will not be at practice. All rowers should have the cell number for their coach.
  - Coaches will be talking to their rowers and sending out an e-mail about the expected attendance and consequences of not participating i.e implications for regattas.
- **Fundraising – Vera Campbell**
  - **Row-a-thon**  
**1-26-08:** This is a major fundraising effort for our club. (see budget below) Rowers should be getting information from their coaches. Our goal for the Row-a-thon is \$20,000. If each rower has 10 letters go out even at \$10 -20 each donor, this adds up to a lot! Last year we made \$18,000 and the hope is with more organization this year we can improve.
    - Each rower is being asked to bring in 10 names and addresses. Letter writing will occur during the event and envelopes addressed and sent.
    - Event will go for 24 hours from 9am Sat. to 9am Sun. Someone will be erging at all times during that 24 hours.
    - There will be 9 teams rotating through various stations including boathouse cleanup, letters, erging etc.
    - TEAM PICTURE – Full team picture and individual pix between 1 and 2 pm. These are included in fees. If other groupings are requested the photographer will try to accomadate, but they will need to be purchased separately.

- This year it is promised that we will get you information on who has donated so that rowers can send a thank you note!
- Parent volunteers are needed! Sign-up sheet was at the meeting
- **Challenge appeal**  
We had a generous response to the initial challenge gift of \$15,000 with a matching \$15,000. Our appeal in addition brought in just over \$6,000. Use is discussed in the budget section below.
- **Budget**
  - **Row-a-thon**
    - Last year row-a-thon money was used for equipment and other needs not included in the fees paid by each rower. We bought 2 lifecycles, put \$4000 towards a new boat trailer (REALLY needed!), bought a canopy for regattas, BBQ (saves money instead of renting!), contribution to the US Rowing National Youth team, etc. Equipment for rowing is VERY expensive – we also bought a set of 8 new riggers for one of the boats which cost \$3600. One seat is \$100. Money was used for launch repair (spent \$5,000 last year) and emergency repairs.
    - Another yearly item is expenses if any rowers qualify at regionals for the national event. Each rower pays their own way, but it was felt the club should pay for the coach fees.
    - Money from this years efforts will again be earmarked for equipment with decisions made after we know the amount gained.
  - **Challenge Grants**
    - This money was given and raised specifically for equipment. Initially it was to be used for launches. We did purchase one new 15 hp outboard, but with improved attention have been able to get all the others in good running order. Trailers may be the next need.
    - The other hope is to use the money to purchase a new boat (rowing shell). Many of the ones now available for use at the club are old and/or too heavy for our junior rowers. We could really use 1 or even 2 new 4-person boats. Each of these cost around \$20-25,000.
  - **Auto-debits**
    - We are up and running with the autodebits. However, when information on accounts changes they are kicked back to the club with substantial fees. PLEASE be sure your

information is kept up to date if there are any changes in your account.

- **Uniform**

- New novice rowers get a warm-up jacket and pants and travel shirt (polo) included in their fees. They must buy a racing unisuit and any “trou” or spandex pants used for practice.
- Next order going in ASAP. Orders taken at the meeting.
- Any questions contact Bridget Hallawell

- **Upcoming regattas – plans and info**

- **Feb. 16 – SoCal 1 : Long Beach**

- This is an all day event. Arrival time for rowers is usually 6 am to get boats unloaded and rigged for 7 am start. Exact time to be given by coaches the week before the event.
- NO rowers are allowed to drive – please plan on driving your rower or arranging a carpool. Travel time about 1 hr 45 min.
- Breakfast snack food and lunch provided. We will have large water containers and cups – half used bottles has been a huge problem, so if your rower wants a bottle please bring one to refill.

- **Feb. 23 – Row for the Cure**

- Novice and Varsity – all rowers
- Morning event – 6am, done by about 10:30
- Map on the web site – head race i.e. long distance, but ends at Ski beach side of Vacation Island. Can see the start down Sea World channel in the distance.

- **March 1 – Lake Merced Novice Regatta (San Francisco)**

- Flight Friday Feb. 29 @ 8:50 pm , arrive 10:00 pm. Shuttle to the hotel. Fly as a team! Uniform for all is travel shirt and khaki pants, dress shoes, warm-up jacket.
- Racing Sat. morning. Bus to the race, and back to the airport.
- All rowers expected to stay until all boats de-rigged and loaded on the trailer.

- More info to follow. Breakfast, lunch provided, buy own dinner Sat. en route home.
- **March 2 – Varsity Round Robin - Redwood Shores (San Francisco)**
  - Fly Sat. approx 5 pm, return Sun. approx 7 pm. Details to follow.
  - Rowers stay at the Sofitel Hotel which is right at the race site.
  
- **Next Parent's Meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
(not Feb. 23 )
- **Save the date: June 1 – Banquet**
  
- **Indoor Classic**
  - 2000 meter race on the ergometer – sponsored by Concept II (make the ergometers)
  - Regional competition here in San Diego – part of national competitions. The Concept II World Championship is in Boston on Feb. 24 – 4 top qualifying rowers (per age group) get paid trip. 5 rowers from this sites competition went to nationals last year.
  - Times for the rowers are posted – College coaches look at these time as everyone nationally is included.
  - Event: rowers are seeded by times in their application (for our rowers done by the coaches). There are 10 ergs in a row, and a large screen with each screen wired – shows on-line virtual boats. First competitors are 8 am and goes until about 3 pm. Parents are welcome and encouraged to be there to cheer their rowers. Our junior age bracket will likely be in the early afternoon. Rowers compete in the 14-18 age group (unless their birthday is before 1/1/90 then compete in the open age group).