**January 11th, 2023**

**Robinson Crew Booster Club**

**General Membership Informational Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order 7:03 PM

The purpose of this meeting is to answer any questions regarding the upcoming swim test, fundraisers and the team season.

**Winter Conditioning/Water Season, Coach Stefan**

* Please put your rower’s name in the chat so you receive credit for attending this session
* In two weeks, FCPS has an irregular schedule due to early release and teacher work days. Practice will be held this week on the regular schedule. No practice on Martin Luther King Day.
* Racing/Regattas – Team focus is on racing and being competitive. Every rower will participate in two regular season regattas at a minimum. Later in the season there are more selective regattas (States, Stotes). Not all rowers will participate in the more selective regattas because of the level of events offered.
* Swim Test is required for Novices only. One and done. Two dates are scheduled – January 21st and January 23rd.
* Membership in USRowing is required for racing. Please purchase the Basic Membership online. RSS code is 499QC.
* Team Pictures scheduled for March 7th after school. Water practice will start a little later that day.
* General season schedule posted on Slack.
* Please email or DM on Slack if you have questions.

**Swim Test, Krista Stickland**

Swim test in tent is to ensure safety of our rowers if they fall out of the boat. Rowers must swim four lengths of the pool without assistance and immediately tread water for 2 minutes. There is no time limit, no speed requirement, no stroke form requirement. Rowers must wear a T-shirt, shorts and socks (what they’d be wearing at water practice); they can wear a swim suit underneath if preferred.

Two dates:

* Saturday, January 21st at South Run, 2 – 4PM (hoping the majority of rowers attend this one)
* Monday, January 23rd at Audrey Moore, 7 – 9PM

A Sign-Up Genius will go out for rowers. Parent volunteers will be needed (service hour opportunity).

**Service Hours, Mark Davis**

Crew requires service hours because we’re all volunteers, supporting the team. The cut-off date for this season is February 20th. There is one and a half months to meet the requirement and lots of opportunities between now and then. Check the spread sheet in Google sheets to see your hour count.

Requirements:

* Novice families – 25 hours
* Returning families – 75 hours (returning families have been accruing hours since last February).

Answers to Questions

* Service hours do not carry over to next season. Everything re-sets on February 20th. Many earn the majority, if not all, of their service hours during the spring by driving carpool, working at regattas, etc.
* Hours can be earned by other family members. For example, siblings can help at the Bridal Show. (However, sibling can not help on TAG Day due to liability issues - riding in cars, etc.)
* Seniors do not need to earn 75 hours before they graduate. But please help – all hands are appreciated and hours can be rolled to other rowers, such as siblings.
* Slack Fundraiser channel is an open channel. Tyoe “fundraiser” in search and it will pop up. Just join; information to support fundraisers and earn service hours found here.
* Google sheet details service hour count. It has been shared in Slack post and email. Go to the summary tab and find your child’s name. If there is an error in your hours, contact Hamid (he manages the spread sheet) via email or Slack message.

**Fees, Kim Metzger**

10 rowers haven’t paid the first invoice (due December 10th); 38 haven’t paid the second invoice (due yesterday). Reminders will be sent.

The club has a lot of upcoming expenses (bills, regatta entries); please submit your payments.

**Fundraisers/Opportunities**

Last week’s Quick Catch listed the big events which earn service hours: Bridal Show, Bundt Cake Sales, TAG Day, Sandy Run workday.

**Sandy Run Workday**

Scheduled for February 11th or 12th for launch work. There will be another opportunity for students on February 18th to move boats.

**Bundt Cake Sales, Sherry Noud**

This is the second year for this fundraiser. Very successful last year; just repeating the same but with enhancements. Sales run next Tuesday through the following Thursday. New this year are “Crewpons,” which are vouchers to redeem for bundlet, dozen bundtinis and a cake (serves 8). For each bundlette, team earns $2; for each cake or dozen bundtinis we earn $5. Flavor flier and order forms to be sent next week. Kids can sell to kids and collect via VenMo (friend/family) to avoid the transaction fee. Money is due (cash or check only) when the sale ends. Boosters must pay Nothing Bundt Cakes cash or check prior to delivery. Money can be collected at practice on Thursday, the last day of sales.

* Bundtlet cost: $6
* Cakes and one dozen Bundtinis: $30
* Service hours: 5 cakes = 1 hour; Help with pick-up and sorting = 5 hours
* Pick up scheduled for February 4th at RSS. Time window to be announced.

Last year we raised $3,300 with half the team participating. If every rower/every family participates we can raise $5K. Low price point for purchase makes these easy to sell.

Answers to Questions

* Crewpons can only be redeemed at Vienna and Fair Lakes locations. Can only be redeemed in store, not online. Expiration date is June 30, 2023. These will be great gifts!
* There is no sign up. Information will be distributed to the team. Your/ rower’s responsibility to reach out to friends and family.
* Please reach out with any questions or suggestions.

**TAG Day**

Rowers are required to participate in one day (no service hours). If rower participates in the second day, service hours will be awarded.

Parents in any volunteer position (driving, counting money, found donations) earn service hours.

Saturday 8AM arrival followed by breakfast and briefing (food needs to be delivered at 7:30AM), 9AM rowers depart on assigned routes; home by 4PM

Sunday – Start is moved up one hour, home by 4PM.

Answers to Questions

* TAG Day Sign Up posted in fundraising channel yesterday.
* Parents receive credit for any shift worked.
* Younger siblings can not participate in TAG Day.
* How to add an additional driver – Jackie Beck can help for carpool. Hard copies of driver information form will be available at TAG Day (also student permission slips)
* TAG Day is our biggest fundraiser. Rowers go door to door in surrounding RSS neighborhoods, as a team, asking for donations. Band and Football also do this fundraiser.
* Bridal Show – All slots filled; will check if more can be added
* Service Hour Requirement (again):
* Novice families – 25 hours
* Returning families – 75 hours (returning families have been accruing hours since last February).