

Date: November 10, 2016

2016 MINUTES
11TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MICHIGAN ROWING ASSOCIATION
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016, 9:00 P.M.- 10:30 P.M.
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Attendance: **Patrick Finn**
Tony Sifuentes
Ian Gilbertson
Ted Matherly
Stephen Lanham
Jacob Siddall
Wesley Vear
Gregg Hartsuff

M11.1 Call to Order, Opening Remarks Ian

M11.2 Adoption of Agenda

Prior to the meeting, the agenda is set as follows:

- A. Gregg's Indoor Training Facility Update
- B. President / Officers Updates
- C. Fundraising / Class Challenge Update
- D. Treasurer and Secretary Vacancies
- E. Other

M11.3 Next Meeting

M11.2 A Gregg's Indoor Training Facility Update Gregg

A lot of enthusiasm around an indoor training facility following the Head of the Charles alumni event and 40th anniversary weekend. Justin Ham and Gregg Hartsuff took a tour of the 327 E Hoover Avenue property which seems like a very attractive candidate. The building itself is probably not ready as is to become an indoor training center. There were several questions that Gregg posed to the Board as well. We need to figure out what kind of taxes would we need to pay and would that hold up a sale?

Importantly, MRA will need a full assessment of financial, environmental, insurance, liability responsibilities which will likely require outside assistance.

The building that the women are going into is on schedule for Fall 2017.

When we look at the MRA 10 Year Plan (which is a work in progress), we are looking to identify what it means to, "increase the competitiveness of UMRT". Pat outlined three options he sees:

- 1) Create opportunities to duel race top programs funded through MRA
- 2) Prioritize a large, competitive event like Henley to dominate
- 3) Look to move into varsity status to compete regularly with all the top programs

We are going to need to find contacts to help with a potential property assessment. Gregg has identified some friends of the team who may be helpful and that's a place to start.

M11.2 B President / Officers Updates **Patrick**

Nothing additionally.

M11.2 C Fundraising / Class Challenge Update **Josh / All**

Nothing provided at this meeting. On October 18th, Josh sent out an update on the Class Challenge:

Thank you all for your generous support through 2016. At the close of September, the MRA Class Challenge has raised a total of \$61,647.06. In September 2015, the Class Challenge had raised \$25,035.57. The significant boost in our third quarter Class Challenge numbers from last year is due to a particularly successful Henley fundraising campaign, spearheaded by a few large donors. Class Challenge contributions towards MRA's general fund through September 2016 has generated approximately \$26,500, which is slightly ahead of last year's record totals. Please take a moment and consider making a donation towards the Men's Rowing Team.

M11.2 D Treasurer and Secretary Vacancies **All**

With Joe Dertouzos stepping down as Treasurer and Board member, the Board moved to replace this vacancy. Patrick, in accordance with Article III, Section 4 of the MRA Bylaws, moved to replace the Treasurer position with Ian Gilbertson. The motion was seconded by Tony Sifuentes. A vote was held and Ian was unanimously accepted as the new MRA Treasurer. With Ian's move to Treasurer, there became a vacancy at the Secretary position. Patrick moved to replace the Secretary position with Wesley Vear. The motion was seconded by Tony Sifuentes. A vote was held and Wes was unanimously accepted as the new MRA Secretary.

See MRA Vote 11.10.16 for additional details.

M11.2 E Other **All**

None

M11.3 Next Meeting

December 6, 2016