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1. The Board is responsible for coordination between the LBRA and its lessee organizations, the CSULB Crew, Long Beach Junior Crew, CARP and Powerhouse Fitness. As a Board member how would you help to coordinate use of the facility and equipment between these organizations?

As a new member of the board first I would endeavor to gain a greater knowledge of the nature of the interaction between the users of the rowing facility. First & foremost drawing on the years of experience available from fellow club members. The most important thing that I will try to bring to discussions with other entities is a attempt to understand the issues from both parties perspective. It will be my goal to find persons in these organizations with whom productive discussions can be held on a frequent basis. Simply communicating facility usage by posting the hours of erg classes, College & Junior training hours in addition to the email blasts would help.

I also think that a critical group not mentioned above is the City of Long Beach. We must continually reinforce a positive image of the club in the minds of city officials. Every event we host at our facility should be an occasion to invite the Mayor, City Council persons, Park & Rec and Marine Bureau officials to our facility.

If we have excellent rapport with the city perhaps we could argue for additional hours of stadium usage and an accelerated schedule for dock replacement.

In addition we should make sure that competitive successes by Club, College and the juniors are publicized in local papers.

2. Membership in the club is growing by leaps and bounds primarily due to Learn to Row Day and the new lesson programs that have grown out of that effort. How do you propose to keep those new members happy and continue their development as rowers and effectiveness to the club as new members?

Our high performance boats are important but our core members deserve well maintained Peinert Zephyrs, 26 and X25. One possibility is moving the sign out sheet for these boats to the 5th bay so that users could specify the exact boat that they are using. With this data we would know what weight classes are used the most and be able to provide appropriate additions to our fleet of club boats.

I see many club boats used and stored without the care that this equipment deserves (I know our coaches teach proper cleaning). We need to make a continuing effort to instill proper cleaning of boats after each use. Perhaps we should have regular boat cleaning events when all the boats are washed and waxed by the membership.

Our boat captain is frequently overwhelmed with .quantity of boats needing repair. We must provide qualified assistance to him.

3. As the club continues to grow so does the need for space and ongoing issues over boat storage, use of ergs and other equipment. How can the club continue to manage its existing storage and needs in the future?

I believe that the board could create a definition of an active boat user. If the member does not meet this criterion and extenuating circumstances don't exist - the boat should be moved to derigged storage or perhaps we could get permission to install an additional storage container in the gated storage area north of boathouse road.

4. What is your perspective on paid staff? Should or shouldn't the club hire a manager or regular coaching staff? Why or why not? Pros and cons?

I do not have sufficient information to answer this question. We should send out surveys to our membership at large on a regular basis to determine their needs prior to making major changes.

I also feel that we also need to understand the satisfaction of the current coaching staff with the status quo.

5. The LBRA fleet is aging and new boat purchases are ongoing and will continue. How should boats be prioritized for purchase in the future? What would you suggest we do with our older boats?

First the board should know quantitatively how much use our current inventory is being used and the condition of the boats. Then there are several criteria that could be used to select what boat should be purchased

Is there an underserved group of members that do not have an appropriate boat?

Is there a group that has demonstrated a commitment to rowing and a continuing improvement in technique?

If multiple groups are requesting competition boats we should evaluate their performance as well.

6. LBRA has typically hosted 2 -3 regattas per year (Christmas, Spring/Solstice and Beach Sprints). There have been concerns with the organization of the events by prospective officials and other clubs who might participate in our events. What are your suggestions or thoughts on how to improve our regattas?

The board should have Regatta Committees selected at least 9 months prior to the event. If the We need several persons to coordinate:

- A. with the city
- B. with USRA & officials
- C. scheduling and registration
- D. recruiting race day personnel
- E. Assisting A.C. with course preparation

I would like to see our regattas return to an excellent experience for all involved and producing a larger revenue stream to the club.

I confess that I do not have experience in these matter but am willing to contribute time & effort to make our regattas a success both for competitors and the club finances.