Alumni Foundation Meeting 4/9/2017

Attendees: Karl Harshe, James Hughes, Kevin Vermeesch

1. Old Business
   1. Prep for mailer
      1. Got a hold of Menoch’s contact and RAR list
      2. Karl is working on it - Accomplish by Tuesday
         1. Can send pictures from Bryan
      3. Track down physical addresses for everyone we graduated with
      4. Identify individuals from each novice class to be responsible for reaching out to those who they rowed with
   2. Get in contact with Eric and others
      1. Pip and Karl have spoken
      2. Menoch has more contact info
         1. Will take some time to find all of that
      3. Reach out to Bailey as well for the list he started
         1. Make sure to avoid contact with past fundies
   3. Order polos
      1. Has the mock up - will order once we know how many people will be attending Vails
   4. Discuss alumni driven coaching searches
      1. Novice coach has been an issue for years
         1. Need to find someone who has experience and the ability to coach on their own without having Bryan stretch thin to cover both squads
            1. $17.5k - $20k would be necessary
   5. Reach out to MSU for the addresses of people who have donated to the Development Account - get them through Ben
      1. Jimmy will reach out now
   6. Schedule a meeting with the board for Dad Vail/the summer with the board
      1. Apart from the team, some time to discuss upcoming issues, what we can do to help, and what they can do to make things better
      2. Attendees:
         1. Laurissa will be back in Michigan
         2. Karl is going
         3. Kevin is 90% on attending - has to iron out new job PTO
         4. Dave is a toss up
         5. Ask Pyzik
         6. Ask Alyse and other women - makes a difference
2. New Business
   1. Current Balances
      1. Total: $4,423
      2. Trailer fund accounts for $2,668 of that
         1. End of December, trailer account will be over $4000 with interest
   2. Dock Issue
      1. Current arrangement no longer sufficient with the Women’s Team and relations with LRC are poor
      2. Need a new dock - current financial situation does not allow for a new dock at this time
      3. Need to see if we can get something simple done until we can raise enough money to get a connect a dock
      4. Made contacts to Accudock, Connect-a-dock, Karl/Dave will reach out locally
      5. $2000 to help the team out with a new dock soon
   3. Discuss with Bryan/the board about transitioning donors out of MSU to RCRF
   4. Discuss budget and a better understanding of “barely skating by” so that we know if they are truly low on funds or just operating at a loss this year
   5. CRI Gift - Karl’s got it covered
   6. Feedback on boat naming fundraiser
      1. Was a good idea, not executed all that well
         1. Give more heads up and hold the donation period open for longer
         2. Don’t put the notification in the bottom of a newsletter
         3. Should probably go through the alumni board rather than the team at the start to better publicize it
         4. Promote the whole process throughout
            1. Facebook, website etc
   7. Some alumni have expressed interested in helping out
      1. Pat Lyons and Stephen Taruc
         1. Reach out at Vails
3. Next meeting will take place on May 7th, before heading to Vails
4. Future Business
   1. Topics to cover with new board while at Vails
      1. Call Paul in the next week or 2
   2. Discuss response to postcards
   3. Cover dock pricing
   4. What can the team/the board pay for a novice coach
      1. Need to understand what the team is paying now, what they pay in dues, and if they are financially stable
         1. After understanding that, we can discuss what the alumni board can contribute to a novice coach