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Board Size/Composition

From Scott Noble

The 2003 season is just about finished up and what a year it's been. We had record membership numbers, a huge Intermediate program, and a very successful competitive group. We bought a couple nice new boats, and had a little fun while we were at it. Sure, there are a few things I'd do differently, but all in all it's been a good season.

Organizationally, we're going to try a few different things next year. When I first started participating on the board back in 1997 or so, there were only about ten voting members. Over the years, as we added more programs and more volunteer positions, we added more voting seats on the board. This year a lot of board members felt that the board was too big. We responded to that by reducing the size from 18 to 9. This brings us back to where we were a few years ago. Next year the emphasis will be primarily on working positions with one spot still reserved for an At-Large member. I will expect voting members to attend most meetings and provide substantial input into club direction and policy.

We also decided to have several positions take on a more managerial slant. The equipment manager will be in charge of both boats and facilities. I'll expect this person to maintain a list of work to be done, and direct a staff of volunteers to ensure everything gets done. I want to avoid a situation where everything comes crashing down on one person.

We're looking to take a similar approach with our instruction programs by having a board position for an overall program manager. This person will coordinate with the individual program heads and the coaches. Big job, but I hope splitting up and delegating responsibilities will make things go smoothly.

I'm looking forward to trying some new things next year along with continuing what worked this year and in the past.

After extensive discussion, the board developed and approved a new board structure as outlined below. Some of the following positions have been provisionally filled.

If you are interested in any position, filled or not, please contact Vanessa Ott at:

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Board Positions (Voting)

1. **President (Scott Noble)**
2. **Vice-President (Linde Howell)** - For next year, this position will also involve Fundraising efforts.
3. **Secretary (Open)** - This position will involve keeping minutes of board meetings and distributing them to the voting board members and assistants by email shortly following each meeting.
4. **Treasurer (Mark Groshek)**
5. **Membership (Jenn Brown)**
6. **Boathouse Manager (Open)** - This board member will *oversee and manage* a group of volunteers who will repair and maintain all equipment and facilities (includes boathouse and dock). The manager will be responsible for maintaining a punch-list of all work that needs completion, and will need to delegate this work to the volunteer riggers. In addition, the Boathouse Manager will serve as one of three members on the Equipment committee (which will also include a coach and a club member in good standing). The equipment committee will evaluate equipment needs and make purchase recommendations to the board.
7. **Program Director (Open)** - This board member will oversee and help coordinate the lessons and coaching programs. The structure of coaching programs will be discussed in more detail at a later date, but it was suggested that each individual coaching program will also have a "director", and those individuals will work closely with the coaches and the program director.
8. **Volunteer Coordinator (Open)** - This person coordinates with the other board members to help recruit volunteers for various jobs including fund raising, boat maintenance, Sprints workers, and program assistants.
9. **At-large**

Board Assistants: These are **non-voting** positions but Board Assistants are *strongly* encouraged to attend board meetings.

1. **Newsletter (Andi Tomany)**
2. **Directors** for individual coaching programs (e.g. competitive, intermediate etc.). (**Open**)
3. **Coaches**
4. **Sprints Organizer (Margaret Whelan)**



