SRA monthly meeting minutes - November 25, 2019

Present: Kevin, Lou, Bryan, Desiree, Reese

* Mt. Shasta chapter is snowed in and haven’t been able to reach their boats to inspect, Reese suggested they remove riggers to keep corrosion minimized asap.
* Boat yard excavation work at Keswick completed, mini excavator rental was $775 and Gene Parham charged only $250 for 2 days of his time to operate and transport it back and forth. Website renewal due now: $306 for 3 years. SRA is basically broke now. Everyone was asked to chip in $100, but not everyone did. We know who you are. Frank Saylor, not even a rower, chipped in $200.
* Gates from Whiskeytown obtained and hung at new boat yard, and extra set of gates exist.
* Need to get the racks from Whiskeytown and install. Only access to Whiskeytown boat yard is by boat, Reese volunteered his boat to get the racks.
* Someone stole an old wagon and sandbag from the Keswick boat yard that Reese donated. Wagon was used to transport 5 gallons buckets of water for cement mixing & sandbags to simulate a cox when rowing a straight 4 or quad.
* A rack of 4s stored at Reese’s house blew over, causing damage to two of the 4s obtained from HSU men.
* Lou came over and inspected the boats and agreed to take one of the slightly damaged HSU fours to his house for repair.
* Right now, SRA only has 3 rowable boats – two 4s and a quad. We have so many boats and they all need some sort of work or are missing parts. Reese’s house looks like a graveyard of rowing shells (and I’m getting tired of looking at this junk). We cannot accept any more gifts that are not rowable or are missing riggers, seats, etc. It’s costs $40 to take an 8 to the dump, not to mention the time to cut it up and haul it – at least 2 trips are needed.
* Strategy discussed how to populate new boat yard with boats. One idea is put the junk boats in the yard as logical distractors. Vandalism is a big concern.
* Bryan mentioned new cost to join USRA, it’s way too expensive at this time ($1875). We will struggle having no insurance with FREEZING cold water and teaching new people WITHOUT a launch.
* Desiree flipped a scull on Keswick and survived the ordeal, fortunately wind was blowing toward the dock. She could have died, as water temp is in the low 50s – coming out of the bottom of Shasta Dam. She is one tough lady & we’re glad she found us.
* Desiree, being an illustrator, is working on a new logo. She also will draft a new sign for the gate that is friendly & hopefully dissuades people from jumping the fence and vandalizing or stealing equipment.
* Discussed ideas how to use the 6 studs on the mining concrete foundation found at the Keswick boat yard for an oar locker. Reese found nuts that fit 5 of the 6 studs.