

Community Outreach Committee Meeting
Minutes December 11, 2017

Attending: Kathy Keeler, Jim Beck, Trina Abbott, Peggy Gelin, Bets Kent, Jane Morse, Elisabeth Hopkins, Ellen Parker, Harriet Hofheinz, Janet Solomon

The meeting was informally called to order.

Bets Kent was introduced and welcomed as the new committee co-chair.

We reviewed the Minutes of the April 20, 2017 Meeting which included a year-to-date review of Outreach projects both old and new.

Peggy Gelin brought us up to date on volunteer opportunities at the high school level. The high school is beginning to put together a study hall type program for athletes who may be falling behind, particularly in math and sciences. Once it is established a bit more, the school will be looking for tutors/helpers during or after school hours. As more information becomes available, we will pass it along.

Jane Morse gave a brief overview of the two avenues of Community Outreach:

1. creating programs at the club for members of the community. These are focused more on rowing and use of our facilities;
2. reaching out into the community in a volunteer capacity and creating opportunities within the club for donations to organizations in the community.

There was a brief discussion about trying to create some continuity as well as turnover in the lead of some of the reoccurring outreach projects in order to avoid burnout. Kathy Keeler has been leading the Putnam Learn to Row program for several years and is looking toward recruiting the next lead person. In addition, Natasha Strom has been leading the Cambridge Senior Brunch for several years and may also be looking for the next lead person.

Bets Kent has been instrumental in establishing CBC craft night and the baby hat knitting program for newborns at Mt Auburn Hospital. The donations have been warmly received and greatly appreciated.

Attendees were thanked and the Meeting was informally adjourned.