

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2011

Murray Meeting Room, Howe Memorial Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present: Jen Friend, Brenda Sirovich, Rowan Carroll, Heidi Lange, Dan Ruml, Karen Sluzenski, Win Piper, Paul Gross, Penny Sirjane, Dick Grossman, Erika Dade, Liz Marshall.

Board Members Excused: Peter Davenport, Kevin Cotter, Buzz Congram, Bob Haynes, Dartmouth representative.

Call to order: at 5:45 PM.

1. **Executive Committee report.** Decisions made: Task Force request for donation for UVLT auction granted by EC; waivers required for participants. It was agreed that Strategic Planning would be the focus of our next meeting, if possible. All Board Members will be included.
2. **July Board Minutes.** Suggested edits were proposed. Plan: Table the Minutes pending revisions.
3. **[Executive Session].**
4. **Doubles Policy.**

- **Racing Double Policy.** Dan presented the dilemma of allocating the use of the new racing Double acquired last fall. The original restriction of the use of the boat was for racing only; however, this has not been felt to be equitable. Dan will forward text of proposed policy, which includes avoidance of debris. Verbiage suggested regarding debris: "It is incumbent upon rowers to avoid rowing the boat on days when the likelihood of boat damage is elevated (e.g. more than normal debris, fog, or reduced visibility)." Those who would like to use the boat need to contact the Club President for permission. There needs to be a objectively agreed upon list of those who are permitted to use the boat. Also, the policy must include a procedure for obtaining permission to use the boat generally, and to use the boat for specific races. We will need policies regarding conflicting requests, individualized rigging. Some of these requests may require individualized decision-making. "In the event of a conflict, resolution will be at the discretion of the Board (not first-come first-served)." Replace President with "the President or his/her chosen designee".

[Liz Marshall arrived late, as expected, at 6:35 PM.]

- Using Doubles as Pairs. Dan's recommendation is No, related to Pair / Double fluidity (or lack thereof), Safety. When we did have a Pair rigged, hardly anyone used it. We did have one instance of a Pair rowed with sculling oars. Once you rig a boat as a Pair, it is no longer available as a Double. Doubles are among the most popular boats the Club owns. A Coach would be required, given our policy regarding unaccompanied Sweep Boats. Doubles do provide good practice for rowing in Eights and Fours. The Board resolved that we would not presently allow for a Club Double to be rigged and used as a Pair.

5. **Boat Naming.** Brenda proposed to solicit nominees for names for the two Club Fours and the new Club Eight from Board members, nominations due date one week away. Voting for the winner for each will be among Club members.

6. **Private Sculling Lesson Policy.** Suggested revision: "must be approved *prior to use*, by the UVRF Board of Directors." Same thing for #2. For #4: Change "strongly advised" to "expected to". Correct title. #3. Change the language to clarify that the coach must fill (but not pay for) the gas. Raise \$ amount per session that the private coach must pay to UVRF to \$15, in order to adequately cover the Club's expenses (including gasoline). Do we want to designate which launch private coaches must use? Only that all Club programs, whether Sweep or Sculling, running in an overlapping time slot, take precedence. It was agreed to change language to require Programming Committee approval for launch assignment (under #4). Sophomore sculling program is now using sculling boats and launches. Win **moved** to approve the Policy with changes as noted, Rowan seconded, approved unanimously.

7. **Sculling Proficiency and Fall Sculling.** (*Heidi*) We have a safety Policy that we approved last fall. It requires for Fall sculling that scullers have passed the Captains' Test. It is now planned that we will have several levels of Captains' Tests. Kevin circulated a proposal for requirements for different levels of Captains Tests. What we need to decide is: what the requirements for Fall Sculling will be; what boats will we have available to Club scullers; how long into the fall will we make club sculling available. Our records of who has passed the Captains Test are not optimal. Fall sculling involves greater risk to participants and no Dock Monitors. Jen also brought up the question of implementation and enforcement. Dartmouth requires us to reduce our footprint the third week in September; next year it will be the second week in September. Doubles, however, are typically available. Proposal is as follows:
 - Remove the singles when Dartmouth returns. Rowing in Club Doubles BY PERMISSION ONLY thereafter.
 - Dock monitors will be gone in the morning starting in September; will continue in the evenings (if possible) until Dartmouth returns.
 - Doubles need to stay through the Long Row. Permission to use these only by a Committee of Three. Dan, Win, and Liz will be the Sculling Committee.
 - Change the combination on the oars.
 - A FLIP experience will offered in August by Mike van Beuren.
 - Jen will find out the date of the Dartmouth return.

8. **Updates and follow up items:**
 - North Country to be used by Masters Comp Women this coming weekend.
 - Dick will try to re-splice the wiring on the bailers
 - Scholarship Committee report to Board deferred.
 - We need to accumulate policies and figure out where to post – these include Private Sculling Lessons, Scholarship, Unaccompanied Sweep, Club Sculling Boat Use.
 - Refunds policy, as finalized in 2010, continues to be used and enforced in 2011.
 - 'Stuff' accumulations in front corners of Fuller that needs to be cleared out. We need to send out a note to Scullers to clean out the stuff 'or else'. Win has eyeballed it.
 - Board Membership: Two potential resignations are possible among current Board members.

- Website – *deferred*

Liz moved to adjourn at 7:35 PM, Rowan seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Sirovich
Secretary