

Upper Valley Rowing Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012
Murray Meeting Room, Howe Memorial Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Rowan Carroll, Kevin Cotter, Erika Dade, Jennifer Friend, Paul Gross, Dick Grossman, Beth Kelley, Liz Marshall, Louise Moon, Win Piper, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Rosi Kerr, Dartmouth Rep

Call to order: at 5:45 pm

1. Executive Committee Summary

Authorized purchase of 2001 BBG double for \$3,100. In great shape.

Unload Dirigo/Starzinger. Sell at least one of the two Vespolis. We now have 3 boats we can take to races but still have older boats for less experienced (repaired Hudson and Slesnick (Vespoli).

Adjustable shoes have been purchased to try to accommodate those with larger and smaller feet. Large adjustable shoes are in the Fluid.

Jen has a list of those who have asked to row in the new doubles and are approved. A password will be sent out to those approved, so that they can sign up online to schedule a time to use a boat.

2. Review of Minutes of April 2, 2012

Corrections:

Item 4d - Raising funds – Prouty. Change “Hanover team” to “Friends of Lebanon Crew and Friends of Hanover Crew” match...

A donor will provide matching funds for both.

Motion to approve the minutes seconded and approved unanimously, with corrections noted.

3. Workday planning and program schedules

The Masters program will start on June 11.

Find out when Hanover takes their boats away.

Jen will ask Dan Roock about trailers and when Dartmouth will allow us to bring our boats down.

We need to determine which boats are not in use and which need to move down to boathouse. Rowan will work with Carin regarding which boats can be rowed downriver.

Club sculling opens on June 18.

Learn to scull program – end of June, beginning of July.

Workday – June 16, weekend after graduation at 3 pm

A work party of 20 should suffice. Meet at Fullington. Liz and Dan will have a plan of where boats will go.

4. National Learn to Row day

June 2, Saturday, 10:00 – 12:00, with volunteers needed at 9:30 am – Rowan is organizing
Use signupgenius for volunteers to select times and tasks

Selected details:

2 launches for 2 eights

Sessions for half an hour on the water, 3 experienced rowers per boat

Need experienced coxswains!

dock monitor

make sure volunteers know what to do – volunteer assignments

Liz will bring oar-master to use but won't be there

Put ergs on the dock

Waivers – bring copies of waivers for participants to sign

Advertising – Valley News and sign up sheet with email addresses of last year's participants (Janet will ask Brenda for the email addresses)

Posters from US Rowing

Feedback from people who come might be useful. We can follow up with emails to participants, thank them, tell them about the programs, and ask what they thought of the event, would they sign up...

5. Carin's Memorandum of Understanding

Make sure donors and membership are clear on where contributions are going.

Restricted donations towards equipment should be considered in the Leb/UVRF cross-usage.

Item#1 of memorandum. Change "Lebanon High School" to "Lebanon Crew."

Item#2 of memorandum. Make contribution (check) to UVRF with memo line to Lebanon crew, especially with the Prouty so that we get matching funds.

Co-purchasing does not create a problem because there is no conflict of boat use with Lebanon - we use boats at different times.

Lebanon Crew (not Lebanon High School) funds any fixes. UVRF owns boats. Leb Crew rows under UVRF.

This is a multi-school crew program subject to availability of coaches and boats.

Discussion re possibly charging different depreciation (rental) rates for different condition boats (the V1 should be a different rate than the Kakela, for example).

Add further discussion with Carin about UVRF/Leb Crew memorandum to next meeting agenda.

6. Ronin

Links are set up now and running.

We are waiting on club sculling link which will begin June 18

Ronin is supposed to be working with US Rowing for a more direct feed of waiver information for membership and programs, instead of someone from UVRF collecting and sending to Ronin every week or two for US Rowing.

7. Sweep program update

All programs are posted on the UVRF website

Liz Harrison will do Adult Novice

Liz and Janet are working on Learn to Row day, with flyer to hand out at novice class.

Tom has sent out information to masters women about how he is going to do selections.

We have more coxswains than we need

Advertising – high school email; Liz and Janet’s letter

Erica asked about ordering a cox box? – Yes per Paul

Cambridge Boat Club for relay race: \$600 cost for sweep; need 20 rowers, an 8, 2 fours, ...week after Prouty. Will charge participants \$30. Equal men and women. Age handicapped.

Permission to send \$600 – moved, seconded, approved.

8. Equipment update (Dan)

All small boats are purchased.

9. Other

Nancy Carter will oversee dock monitors this year.

Learn to Scull Program – Jen will oversee.

Dan is doing Flip/getting back in boat

Question was raised about whether we should structure a curriculum (no decision)

Suggestion was made that we put events on a calendar, e.g., practices, races – Learn to row day, picnics, or link to an events calendar

Meeting adjourned @7:25 pm

Next Meeting:

Monday, June 4, 2012, Murray Room, Howe Library

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Moon, Secretary