

2013 Annual Meeting

Join us for the Upper Valley Rowing Foundation all-member annual meeting and potluck!

Please note: Everyone is welcome, but you must be a current member to vote. (Details on voting and potluck are below.)

February 6, 2013
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Richard W. Black Recreation Center
48 Lebanon St
Hanover, NH

What's on the agenda?

See full agenda on the UVRF website: [Agenda](#)

6:00 PM Pot Luck Dinner
6:30 PM Annual Meeting convenes

- President's Welcome
- Nominations and Voting
- Reports:
 - Programming
 - Equipment
 - Membership
 - Fundraising
 - Finance
- Friends of Hanover Crew Update
- Lebanon Crew Update
- Presentation of 5 UVRF Awards
- Voting Results
- Door Prize!
- Adjourn

Pot Luck Dinner - talk winter training techniques with your fellow rowers! Read on for what to bring.

Voting on New Board Members

UVRF is an all volunteer organization that works to make rowing accessible to all in the Upper Valley. Each year we as members have the opportunity to vote for our board of directors. They are a hard working group trying to offer a wide variety of opportunities for area residents to row on the Connecticut River. Please come to the meeting to vote!

See board nominee bios on the UVRF website:

[Board Candidates](#)

If you are unable to attend the meeting, our absentee ballot procedures are as follows. Members wishing to cast an absentee ballot shall make their request in writing to the Club Secretary, Louise Moon, at Upper Valley Rowing Foundation, PO Box 419, Hanover, NH, 03755. The signed ballot must be returned by postal mail no later than January 30th. There is a copy of the ballot attached to this email.

[Year in Review & Update](#)

Hear about all the wonderful things UVRF accomplished this year and what's planned for next.

[Award Presentations](#)

The club will be presenting five awards - Starzinger, Lifetime Achievement, Oars on Fire, Rookie of the Year, and Best Dressed. Come cheer on the recipients ... who knows it could be you!

[What to Bring:](#)

UVRF will provide lasagna (veggie and meat). Please bring a dish to share:

Scullers: Dessert

Sweep Rowers: Salad/Side

Coaches, Coxswains, and the Confused: Drinks

[Door Prize!](#) - Must be present to win! One winner will choose from the following:

1 season UVRF rack space

1 UVRF membership

1 UVRF sweep program

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting!

Best,

Rowan Carroll, Kevin Cotter, Erika Dade,
Jen Friend, Paul Gross, Dick Grossman,
Beth Kelley, Rosi Kerr, Liz Marshall, Louise Moon,
Win Piper, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain
(current board of directors)

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2013 UVRF Board Member Nominees

Eric Brooks



On a sunny Saturday in August of 2009, I innocently participated in a Learn-to-Row program offered by the UVRF in conjunction with Dartmouth's After Hours program. Little did I know what I was getting in to. I got off the water that day in such a state of euphoria that I knew this sport was something I had to pursue. The following June I joined the next available novice program and I have been thoroughly enjoying both sweep rowing and sculling ever since. Being able to discover the many pleasures of rowing, especially amidst such a great group of people, has changed my life in the best possible way. I'm very grateful to be given the chance to serve on the UVRF Board. I would hope that my perspective and enthusiasm could benefit the organization. It would be most satisfying to do my part to ensure that the UVRF, just as it has enhanced my life, is able to continue to enhance the lives of others and our community.

Jonathan Edwards



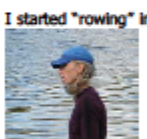
I began rowing in the fall of 1965 as a freshman at the University of Massachusetts Crew, mostly in the bow seat. At Chapel Hill as a graduate student, I joined and later became captain of the Carolina Crew. Rowing was brand new to the South in those days, and finding other crews to race was always a challenge. Then a summer in Boston, where I learned to scull, followed by a year in Regensburg, Germany, where I sculled on the beautiful blue Danube and in 8s on the Bavarian circuit. After that, I pretty much neglected sports of any kind for many years until we moved here, and I finally resumed rowing. UVRF has enabled me to stay in shape, hone my skills, enjoy our serene and sumptuous river, and get to know many excellent people. Now that retirement gives me new opportunities to use my time and talent for good purposes, I would like to return to the club a measure of what it has given me. Because I relied on the club fleet for several years before I got my own boat, and as I have, so far at least, rowed not competitively but recreationally, I think these perspectives could be useful to the club.

Paul Gross



I learned to love rowing as a 105 lb. freshman at Dartmouth in 1969, when I was chased across the Green by the freshman crew coach looking for a cox. As it turned out, I hated coxing and really wanted to row, but at my (freshman 20) maximum 125 lb. was just too small. Luckily, in 1977 Chuck Nagle taught me to scull at the Dartmouth summer community program, and I've been a fanatic ever since. I didn't start racing until 1998 when I was closing in on 50, and have enjoyed racing in sculling and sweep boats for 15 years now. I'm currently Treasurer of UVRF, and have been involved as treasurer or finance chair with non-profit boards such as Vermont Public Radio, WISE, and Northern Stage. Professionally, I'm a designer/goldsmith and owner of Designer Gold in Hanover for the last 35 years. I live in East Thetford with my (also fanatic rower) wife Peggy Sadler and our Brittany, Luke.

Joanne Hayes



I started "rowing" in the tanks at Yale University while attending graduate school 1995-1998. We did eventually get out on the Housatonic and even raced against other graduate schools. Our goals were simple – let's row all eight! Since my first time rowing, I had the sensation of "Oh this is the sport for me!" After graduate school, I moved to Boston and learned to scull at Community Rowing and rowed in a double with my now-husband Charlie out of Riverside. We moved to the Upper Valley in 2003 and after my kids were able to walk and talk, I did a couple of rowing sessions in the summer. I have been rowing with Competitive Women's Sweep Program since 2009. I also still get out in a double from time to time with Charlie and rarely in a single. My goal and hope for being part of the UVRF Board is to create more collaboration, communication and team spirit between the sweep and sculling programs. I would also love to recruit some new rowers!

Dan Ruml



I started crew as a coxswain in 1963, first rowed from Fuller 46 years ago and switched to sculling there in 1975. My morning rows on Lake Quinsigamond were replaced with cycling when I moved to the Arizona desert in 1992. After a business career managing troubled companies I returned to the Upper Valley in 2003 and built my home in Strafford. I am a very frequent sculler and occasionally go racing in my single or a mixed double or Quad. A broken bow and a missing rigger at UVRF lofted me into my new business at Riggerous Boat Work. The focus of my volunteering at UVRF has been facilities and equipment. I want to serve my second term on our Board and continue working to keep club rowing accessible in Hanover and extend the reach to even more juniors and masters in the Upper Valley.

UVRF 2013 Board Ballot (Vote for Five)

- Eric Brooks
- Jonathan Edwards
- Paul Gross (re-elect)
- Joanne Hayes
- Dan Ruml (re-elect)
- Write In _____