

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2014, 5:45 PM
Murray Room, Howe Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Eric Brooks, Rowan Carroll, Jonathan Edwards, Paul Gross, Dan Haedrich, Terry Harwood, Annette Kennedy, Louise Moon, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Kevin Cotter, Erika Dade, Sean Healey, Carin Reynolds

1. Review of August 4, 2014 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded and approved unanimously.

2. End of club sculling workday – September 14

Workday will be on Sunday at 4 pm so club members can row one last time. We don't need a lot of people; five people could row the boats up to Fullington; five additional people should be at Fullington to derig, clean the boats, label the rigging, and put away in the barn.

Rowan can take a launch up and drive people back to Fuller in a launch. Other drivers can take rowers back as well.

We are not sure where we will put the quads if we lose the current space – Dan Ruml will find out.

Janet will send out the workday message with signups.

3. Google Group

There is nothing to report as Eric has not had a chance to look into this further.

4. Complimentary membership for Dartmouth coaches

The board agreed to Dan Ruml's suggestion to offer complimentary membership for the three Dartmouth rowing head coaches.

Membership will allow them to receive emails about the long row, time trials, the skiing event, and other rowing news and events, and involve them in the local rowing community. Dan will notify them.

5. Sweep Program

Dan gave an update since Erika was not able to attend the meeting. The numbers for sweep rowing are impressive. Men and women stepped up and signed up. Thirteen men and sixteen women have signed up for a full program, plus 5-7 women who want to do a club/3 days per week program. We feel this is due to having good equipment and coaching. We would love to

have enough enrollments to put two men's eights out there.

We still have a problem getting enough coxswains with summer coxswains returning to school. We have two new ones – they are inexperienced but should be okay.

Terry repaired a step on one of the trailer steps. Those belong to Hanover. UVRF uses them and repairs if needed.

We got the motor back that had fallen off the launch earlier in the season. The bearings are shot and the electronics are not working. Since we lost Lebanon's motor, we should pay for a replacement.

We need to make a decision about what launches and motors to have/purchase but we need Carin's input before any final decision is made. We probably need four launches for Lebanon. The small launch would not rescue an eight or four, therefore, we need a bigger launch. An automatic start would be really nice to have. If we were to keep the small launch, we would also need to get a used motor for it.

The board's preliminary decision pending Carin's input: get a used full-sized launch and a new full-sized motor for it. Give up on the little boat. Offer the small launch for FREE on the Norwich Listserv, possibly with a suggestion that any donation for the launch would go to the UVRF Junior Program. It is not difficult to get a decent used boat but obtaining used motors can be a problem.

We need to maintain the motors more often and put numbers on in the fall – it is too cold in the spring!

We should contact Dick Grossman also – he would be a good resource for finding what we need.

6. Sculling Update

UVRF purchased two more sets of blades. This brings us up to 18 sets of club sculls plus four more for the quad, so we are better supplied for next year. One morning we needed them *all* for a time trial.

A deposit was made on a Peinert 25 from Craftsbury.

Blue Bayou and Blew By Who will still be available after the club season closes but will be available only to those who are certified to bow the racing doubles, not to all club members; the quad will still be there and anyone on the approved list can row them.

The Intermediate Classes (4, 8, or 12 lessons) were very popular. There was a wide range of abilities.

Dock monitors: the morning dock monitors could help more proactively, especially when the dock is busy, to keep things moving more quickly. Sweeping the steps and sloshing the dock would also be helpful so that dirt doesn't get on socks and in boats. But the morning dock monitor coverage has been fantastic thanks to Carin's recruitment and training for this.

Evening dock monitors are not consistent at all, however. We need more coverage by volunteers.

7. AED/CPR

Paul had communication with Dartmouth EMS in May to arrange an AED class. They finally responded last week, offering a class in the next two weeks of September. Rowan already booked a class on November 20 for up to 12 people. Therefore, the coaches will be covered and there are 6 more spaces available for UVRF members. This will be at Rowan's office. They will give a break in the cost.

The original plan for the AED was to just have a simple AED class rather than the whole CPR class so that we can learn how to use the AED *before* it is actually needed. Dartmouth will service the AED. Dan Ruml will get back to the people he talked to last year for the specific AED class.

There is probably a Youtube instruction. We could have a class at a practice that would cover 30 people. Paul will see if he can arrange this.

8. Budget

Paul reported that the budget is great. More people signed up for sweep than expected and UVRF received extra money from Prouty. We still need some additional unrestricted money but the club is in good shape. Most expenses are paid except for fall coaches. The budget status at this point is similar to last year. We would like to get a sweep boat but will not get one until we have all of the money on hand. The financial status of UVRF is looking much better than it looked at the beginning of the season.

9. Fundraising

Our primary goals at this point are to get a Peinert 26, a motor, and a launch. Club scullers in particular might be willing to donate, given the number of times they are out on the water using the club boats, and understanding the advantage of having good boats to use. The estimated cost for a new Peinert 26 is \$5,200.

We have not named the second quad yet. Carin will ask Jane McLaughlin for a name.

10. Other

a. Nominations for next year: Louise's and Janet's first terms expire and they are not seeking a second term. Paul believes his second term expires so we will need a new Treasurer (Paul was re-elected on 2013 ballot).

Possible names were discussed for new board members and board members will begin outreach now.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Moon, Secretary