



Upper Valley Rowing Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2016 5:45pm
King Arthur Flour, Norwich, VT

Minutes

Board Members Present: Peggy Sadler, Tim Rooney, Rowan Carroll, Erika Dade, Nat Pierson, Liz Harrison, Terry Harwood, Elizabeth Jones, John Tunncliffe, Dan Haedrich

Excused: Carin Reynolds, Beata Randall, Dartmouth, Maria Lazikarius

Meeting call to order – Erika

1. February Minutes amended, Motion to approve February 2016 minutes, approved and seconded unanimously
2. Interim meeting scheduled for March 21st at 7am, Coldwell Banker Office, Hanover, NH –Note early meeting time, 7:00am
 - a. Change April 4th and May 2nd meetings time to 7am and meeting location to Redpath office.
3. Check in with board members and what's on their list, do we feel that we are able to contribute in a meaningful way to the club and board activities?
 - a. Nat – Possible transition of website, League Athletics has been purchase by Sports illustrated, upside may be lower cost and more robust features.
 - b. Peggy- yes, duties will increase as season progresses
 - c. Liz – yes, plenty on her plate.
 - d. Dan – Yes, moving target, managing 3-5 boats, purchase and label all new and existing equipment. Add content to website.
 - e. John – yes,
 - f. Elizabeth – yes, feels good about current role.
4. Safety Officer up-date
 - a. Safety first topic each month, top of the agenda
 - b. Checking that all coaching staff is current w/CPR, licensing
 - c. Terry would like to get more involved w/Swim tests
 - i. Jonathan has agreed to lifeguard for swim tests to save \$'s
 - ii. Google doc is available to check for renewal dates for member swim tests.
 - d. Safesport, Terry has reviewed- no changes needed.
 - e. Need to keep track of Safesport policy, ensure that it has been updated and approved by Board each year.
 - f. Send letter to members to recommend that hi-visibility clothing be worn while training.

5. Boat Use meeting
 - a. Meeting went very well, with 19 members attending.
 - i. Determined that issue w/4x last season for Fish, was due to bad communication and likely not going to happen again – more communication needed - just do it better.
 - ii. See form/policy drafted by Rowan.
 - b. Motions to approve policy for non program boats approved and seconded unanimously.
6. Oar Painting
 - a. Well under way, help from parents
 - b. Decals coming, 3 sets sweeps, 10 sets of sculls – motion to approve purchase of decals for \$1000.00 approved and seconded unanimously.
 - c. Accepted a set of sweep oars from Dartmouth.
 - i. Use as is and don't bother to paint with club colors, paint white or sand oars.
7. Leb. Crew and Kendall
 - a. All going well
 - b. Scholarship fund is almost depleted. Jasmine Rodgers Scholarship
 - c. Signups to date are good.
8. Terry -Fundraising Goal met, 1st threshold met for match
 - a. Motion to approve Dan R. to purchase men's 8+, 20K, approved and seconded unanimously
 - b. Verify that new boat fits in the correct weight range, prior to purchasing. Some question as to whether the Empacher from Dartmouth Men's' program may be too big for the average weight of the men's masters program.
9. Maria and Tim
 - a. Spring plans, Kendall access, Chuck available to coach, numbers are promising.
 - b. Schedule a work day.
 - c. Additional coaching for masters program is being solidified.
10. Communications- Rowan
 - a. Keeping each email separate
 - b. Rack rent will go out soon
 - c. Swim tests
 - d. Prouty scheduled for July 8th- 9th.
 - i. Encourage members to join friends of Leb. crew.
11. Liz -Tanks Scheduled
 - a. Participants needed for novice tanks., Leb. and Hanover
12. New business
 - a. Open meeting each March, encourage full club participation- pick a new topic each year to discuss. Add to calendar Feb/March.
 - b. Docks in?

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tunnicliffe, Secretary