



**Upper Valley Rowing Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, April 4, 2016 7:00am**  
**Coldwell Banker –Redpath Office, Hanover, NH**

**Minutes**

**Board Members Present: Peggy Sadler, Tim Rooney, Rowan Carroll, Erika Dade, Nat Pierson, Liz Harrison, Terry Harwood, Elizabeth Jones, John Tunnicliffe, Dan Haedrich, Carin Reynolds, Maria Lazkaris**

**Excused: Dartmouth Rowing**

Meeting call to order – Erika

1. March Minutes amended (Correct spelling for Carin) Motion to approve March 2016 minutes by Erika, seconded by Rowan approved unanimously.
2. Safety discussion, Paul Gross joined the meeting to add to the discussion around cold water safety and the wearing of life vests. We are working across two areas, Fuller and Kendal and want to ensure that club members, including guests and the high school programs are fully aware and adhere to the guidelines in our club policy manual.
  - a. Language will be changed in club policies to reflect whether items are rules or guidelines.
  - b. It is the personal responsibility of members to be aware of club rules and guidelines.
  - c. Peggy – review all language to remove the “must wear” to “recommended to wear” in reference to lifejackets. Language will also be amended for 8+, 4+ to carry lifejackets.
  - d. Terry – will amend language to recommend that 2x, 4x, 4+. 8+ also carry lifejackets during cold water rowing.
  - e. Carin – recommended that 10 lifejackets (inflatable) be purchased for club members to use.
  - f. Nat – Safety guidelines will be made more prominent on UVRF website.
  - g. Motion to revise cold water rowing guidelines and strongly recommend that guidelines are followed. Motion to approve (Terry), seconded (Rowan), Beata abstained, approved.
3. New 8+ on it’s way to arrive on April 14<sup>th</sup>, check will made out to Vespoli, Chuck and Terry will inspect the boat prior to handing over the check.
4. \$600 is available to repair Uwe.
5. Terry and Tim, update on fund raising, both expressed that members may be feeling some “donor fatigue”.
  - a. Peggy suggested that smaller, more sustainable donations be considered.
6. Beata – Finance
  - a. Understanding of what is needed to transfer to reserves, helpful to see year 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
  - b. Fund the NH unemployment reserve at 3.7% (\$1100)
  - c. Recommend that we have a day’s cash in the bank.
  - d. As we get bigger we are not spending more in our operating account – positive
  - e. Board designated reserves- recommend that it be moved to operating expense.
  - f. \$6500,
  - g. Dartmouth donation, \$6K reduction in rent, based on donation of sweep programs. 2k goes back to team Friends of Dartmouth rowing. Donation to be made at the end of 2016 season

- h. Motion to take undesignated funds to put it towards sweep program \$4400 remainder towards sweep lights and sculling lights, and safety vests. Beata, Terry seconded, approved.
7. Dan- Launch update, 3 launches are in the water, one motor not working, 2 boats uninspected – but will be complete with the next round of inspections. And lighting upgrades are being reviewed for all launches and shells.
8. National Learn to row day, volunteers and logistics are being worked out.
9. Peggy – Sculling programs (2) changes programs will run 8 weeks instead of 6 weeks, and beginner and intermediate will not be grouped together.
  - a. LTS – two programs ready to start.
  - b. Need to send out request for coaches
  - c. Team boat sculling- addition of self organized Saturday training/racing.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:15am

Next meeting scheduled for May 3, 2016 at 7:00am – Coldwell Banker, Redpath office, Hanover, NH.

Respectfully submitted,

John Tunnicliffe, Secretary