

Upper Valley Rowing Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2015

5:45pm

Coldwell Banker Redpath, 8 West Wheelock Street, Hanover

Board Members Present:

Dan Ruml, Dan Haedrich, Terry Harwood, Rowan Carroll, Carin Reynolds, Erika Dade, Jennifer Friend, Elizabeth Jones

Excused:

Sean Healey, Liz Harrison, Eric Brooks, Jonathan Edwards, John Tunnicliffe,

1. Motion to approve November minutes - proposed by Jen Friend, seconded by Erika Dade, minutes universally approved
2. Board Nominees
 - Peggy Sadler – interested in Jonathan's role - Rowan to get bio and photo
 - Nat Pierson – website – Carin to get bio and photo
 - Beata Randall – treasurer – Dan R to get bio and photo
 - Maria Laskaris – programming – Erika to get bio and photo
 - Tim Rooney – programming – Dan H to get bio and photo
 - Meg Sheehan – possibly interested for 2017, or to do more volunteering
3. Ann Kraybill – Ann would like to come and talk to us about a possible Veterans Adaptive Rowing, possible grant from US Rowing. Suggestion to set up a separate meeting for people interested in the program – Carin to follow up with Ann and schedule a meeting in 2016.
4. Fundraising – Terry – Carin, Erika and Terry met to discuss equipment needed. Ideally we would raise \$30,000 to both purchase another eight to match the Resilient and to repair the eight donated by Hanover that would match the Dawn Treader. Four donations so far for a total of \$3150, we have a possible \$15,000 in matching donations. Many of the masters rowers had already donated to the junior fundraising drive. If we do not raise this money do we need to consider adding back equipment replacement in to the program cost? In general the sweep programs do not make money over and above the cost to run the program.
 - Fundraising – Carin – raised \$11,000 so far. Bought a new Vespolti 4 and a quad from Dartmouth. Carin will do a further fundraising push in February and write more grants. We can allocate some of this money over to the masters sweep fundraising once we know the final total.
5. Reminder – review volunteer opportunity google doc – aim is to have a sign up genius for volunteer jobs next season.
6. Use of calendar on our website – set up use of the calendar on the website (in 2016) to show all programs to avoid overlap of equipment use
7. Search for Boats – Dan – trying to get a jump on knowledge of second hand Vespolti eights coming on the market. None that he can find yet, but he is still actively searching.
8. Possibility of changing day of meeting to second Monday of each month – everyone happy with first Monday of every month, so no change.

9. Dan H and Rowan to complete email about boat usage for meeting on February 24th, 2016. Email to be sent to the Board for review prior to sending to membership.
10. How should non-program boats pay a trailer fee? There could be a fee per seat, so if the boat is being used three times the boat would earn three trailer fees. OR we could have an optional charge of \$\$\$ to pay upfront for trailer usage. OR we could charge per seat once per journey. Potentially ask Peggy to take on this role, collect money for trailer use and hand as one lump sum to the treasurer. Discuss further in 2016.
11. Programming – Head of Charles entries, coaching costs and trailer costs to be removed from sweep programming costs and to be paid by the athletes. Masters Nationals entries to be removed from the sweep programming costs, each entry to be paid by athletes, trailer and coaching costs to be included in programming fees. Awarded fall scholarships for the competitive sweep program will include the Head of the Charles. Awarded summer scholarship for the competitive sweep program will include racing at Masters Nationals. People who do additional races that are not covered in the race fees will pay for those prior to racing once the coach sets line ups. Sweep programming committee to collect fees for additional races. Website to be updated with descriptions of payments when programs updated.

New Business:

1. Dan R – Club accounts at Mascoma Savings Bank – Dan suggests setting up a savings account that needs multiple signatures in addition to the current account. Suggestion to put some money in 11 month CDs or other savings accounts rather than keeping all of our funds in the current account.
Current signatories are Rowan, Dan R and Jen.
Dan, Jen and Beata to meet in December and discuss club finances moving forward, which accounts money should be in, the operating costs of the club, and present to the Board.
Dan proposes that we put approximately 80% of money immediately into a savings account that needs two signatures – proposal universally approved, Dan to set up account this week.
Dan cancelled "special note" in account allowing previous board members to be allowed to view account details.

Meeting adjourned at 7.17pm.