

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board and General Meeting Minutes **April 13, 2011**

Meeting began at 6:11 at the Sail Loft

Present: Nancy Anderson, Nancy Barrett, Barbara Belanger, Jodi Duval, Heidi Hacking, Ray Kelley, Barbara Traban. **Members:** John Mc Coy, Michael Suominem

President Heidi Hacking welcomed the newly elected Board Members, Nancy Barrett and Ray Kelley.

Minutes: After pointing out the typo in the spelling of California, the minutes were accepted

Treasurer, Barbara T, reported that the Club has received 92 paid applications. She distributed copies of the financial report and after a few questions for clarification, and the turning in of seat money by John McCoy it was accepted. Available funds are approximately \$15,000. Ray Kelley posed the question as to why the membership list isn't listed alphabetically and Barbara T explained that she lists the members in the order in which they join. Nancy B volunteered to type an alphabetical list. A lengthy discussion ensued when the question came up as to why boatsteerers, who do not row, are exempt from any membership fees. Heidi gave several reasons and tabled any kind of a decision, or change in policy, to later in the year since it is too late to make a change for this year. Perhaps, this needs to be a Club wide decision and go before the body.

Task force and Committee Reports

Cook Book. So far the sale of cookbooks has generated a sum of \$680.00 and requests are still coming in for additional purchases.

Upcoming Races and Events

Annual Meeting: Saturday seemed to be a good night for the meeting. Feedback for the event can be submitted to Jodi. The entertainment provided by the Crab-a-lots was a success. All in all it was a good time.

Sean Bercaw: The slide show featuring Sean's family sailing trip around the world was a huge success and very well attended. As Captain of the Amistad, he will be doing another show at the Whaling Museum this spring.

Scholarships: Amanda Petersen's schedule doesn't allow her to continue with contacting the five local high schools to offer the annual BBRC scholarships. Ray volunteered to take over this task. Amanda's list of contact people will be made available to him.

Spring Fling: It was decided that with so much going on this spring it is not feasible to plan for the Spring Fling and, instead, maybe something, perhaps, a clam bake might be planned for the summer.

Essex Race: So far no teams have signed up for this May 14th event.

BBRC Open Water Challenge: Chair, Nancy A, reported that all is on schedule for June 4th. John Mc Coy announced that the enameled version of the special BBRC medal had been chosen by members.

Labels with the date will be attached to the back and the place indicator will be on the ribbon. Barbara T and John will see to the ordering of the items.

Fishing for a Cause: This event is a fund raiser for the Schwartz Center to be held on June 18. Since it was unclear what role the Club would play no decision was made as to whether or not we would participate. However, we **are** open to participating,

Yard Sale: The event is planned for June 25th, at the same location on William Street co- chaired by Louise LeComte and Leslie Therrien. Once again, profits will be shared with the Fairhaven Animal shelter.

Blackburn Race: Race day is July 23 for this 22 mile circumnavigation of Cape Ann.

Independence Day Race: July 2or3? No advertisement had been published for it so far.

Old Business

Reimbursements: A check will be mailed to Joe Pelczar for towing trailers to and from maintenance. Work is to be completed by May 7th.

Thank-you's etc. Three were sent. None are needed currently.

Boat, Oars, Dock, Trailers.

Laura Anderson has volunteered to coordinate a maintenance schedule. A log will be kept regarding what was done and when for boats and trailers. If any problems are spotted, they should be reported to Heidi who will then inform Laura.

Life saving rings will soon be available for the boats. These are an improvement over the cushions which are ineffective for hauling a person in the water to the boat for rescue. Laura will purchase the rings and attach lines.

Two of the boats have **repairs** that need to be done. The Flying Cloud has a pinhole that allows water to enter the boat. Another has a crack above the water line that needs to be fixed. These repairs will be scheduled.

The **steering oars** need varnishing and the boats are due for cleaning and painting. Ray suggested the Club try to get at least one trailer back before May 7 so the club can schedule this as soon as possible. Two dates were then proposed for **cleaning and** painting, April 30th and May 31st.

The **pink sleeves** on the oars need to be adjusted.

The **third trailer** will be purchased from John Mc Coy when it is road ready.

The **dock** is soon to be fitted with larger fenders to protect the end boat from battering during high winds.

Oar covers. One boat has been fitted with oar covers. Jody Smith is making two more of a lighter material to go on the other two boats.

New Business

Whaleboat Mold: John Mc Coy, who has been researching boat builders, reported that the \$6000 price previously quoted was only for the hull and that the men at the former Edey And Duff will complete the boat for an additional \$2000 (under the table) plus rails which brings the price up to about \$11,000. This doesn't include oarlocks nor does it include shipping or the Club "mold fee". Michael suggested looking to Cape Cod Boat Builders in Wareham and Ray Kelley, suggested looking out of state in Rhode Island to get other quotes. John will take all suggestions under advisement. Heidi will contact California to keep them posted on the latest in their quest for a Beetle whaleboat. Heidi reminded the group that we are still in need of a shelter to house the mold.

Boatsteerer Classes: Jodi will get to it as soon as she can.

Scheduled Boat Time: Teams have been contacted. Jodi has included an updated copy of the schedule in the meeting packet.

Clam Bake: Ray has raised the question re having a clam bake sometime this summer. Heidi suggested that he talk to Richard (downstairs) who provides equipment for clambakes. Jayne Morrison's name was brought up as another possible contact for setting up such an event.

Deficit Budget: Ray had some questions regarding some figures in the proposed budget but Barbara T was able to answer all questions satisfactorily.

Outside race Participation: Ray had questions on the policy regarding participation in away races. Specifically, if a crew participates in a race, can members of that crew participate in the next race? The answer to that is, yes, individual members of the crew can participate if invited by **another** group. No member of the original crew can **organize** a team for a subsequent race.

Clean-up Program: A question was raised regarding doing a public service clean-up project. Heidi said that one had been done a couple years back at the Fort organized by Mary Ann Amoroso with the town picking up the trash collected. No decisions were made to do a project.

Other

Towing Reimbursement: It was made known that certain members are concerned with the amount that is being paid for reimbursements. Heidi pointed out that the questions regarding the amount to be paid as stipends had been revisited not too long ago and the present amount (25 cents/mile) voted upon by Club members. However, with the current rise in gas prices, that amount may be increased accordingly. The amount paid will continue to be based on mileage as computed to and from the event and not by the amount of gas used by individuals.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Respectfully submitted

