

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board and General Meeting

April 3, 2012

Meeting began at 7:07 at the Sail Loft

Present: Nancy Anderson, Nancy Barrett, Barbara Belanger, Jodi Duval, Heidi Hacking, Ray Kelley, Louise LeComte, Barbara Traban. **Members:** Michael, Suominen, Lee Socorro. **Absent:** Leslie Therrien

Minutes of the March meeting were read and **accepted**.

Copies of the Clubs **finances** were distributed by treasurer, Barbara T, who reported the available balance to be \$13,878. A discussion regarding how much the Club should hold in reserve in the event that any of the following should occur ensued; major boat repairs, loss of a boat/trailer, loss of meeting place. A conservative figure of at least \$20, 000 was offered which sparked further discussion on the need to have a couple of fund raisers. Ideas mentioned were an event at Rose alley, or Dublin's, where percentage of the take on the food consumed would be donated to the Club. Lee Socorro offered to approach the manager/owner at Dublin's. **The report was accepted.**

TaskForce/Committee Events

Annual Meeting. The meeting was well attended and many positive comments have been received. Approximately 90 members renewed their memberships. The date set for 2013 will be the last Saturday in March.

Scholarships. Ray Kelley will begin contacting the schools.

Upcoming Races/Events

5/19 Head of the Cove. John Sousa will head this event which will take place at Clark's Cove and is a fund raiser for Community Boating. Since there will be multiple heats more than two teams from the BBRC may apply. Teams expressing an interest are the Lorelei, Hurridames, Whalers, Crabalots. White Caps will enter as a gig team.

5/19 Essex Heidi will send out information re: this event.

6/2 Open Water Challenge. The early portion of the challenge will be the sprint competition with room for 5 teams. The latter part will be the 3 ½ mile race.

6/30 Yard Sale. Louise LeComte will chair the event which will be held at the same location on William Street.

Spring Clean-up. The date decided upon is April 21st. Both the boats and the Sail Loft will be targeted. Rain date is April 28th.

Clam Boil. Ray needs to book by May 31st. A check of Baggin' End's calendar will be made to set a date for August. Ray will check to see if there will be an alternative menu available for those not interested in clams/seafood.

Old Business

Towing Reimbursements/Thanks. There are none.

Sail Loft. The Loft has seen heavy use this winter and needs cleaning as lots of work was done on the oars. Materials have been carted in an out for events and need to be resorted and packed.

Boats. Repairs on the boats have been completed. Michael reported that one the boats in need of a small repair in the gunnels area but wasn't sure as to which boat it was Kanawha/Flying Cloud. Jodi will check it out

Dock. The fenders are still not doing the job and need further adjustment. Also, the lines are in need of protection from chafing. Old hose was suggested. Ray reported that there is a screw that is protruding about 1/12 inches. Michael asked what the portion of the dock under water was made up of but no one knew. If wood, does it need to be maintained? Someone will check with Fairhaven Shipyard.

Trailer. The new trailer needs a dry run and will be used during the clean-up process transporting boats to and from the parking lot. MJ Mc Manus was suggested as a driver.
The tires on trailer #1 need to be checked for the possibility of having a slow leak.

Oars. All the rowing oars have been updated with sleeves and collars. Blades have been repaired. Wooden oars are being varnished. Once finished the work crew will begin the steering oars. Michael reports that the plate for steering oar on the Phoenix needs tightening.

Cover. The third cover is now in use. Being of a lighter weight, it is much more manageable than the others.

New Business

Fairhaven to Penekise. On hold.

Fairhaven Bicentennial. Nothing really new.

Boat Mold. Sue Cunningham reports someone may be interested in using the mold to build a whaleboat. No definite information, just speculation.

By-Laws. There is no reason to rush through them as the summertime leaves little opportunity to get the members together for a vote on any changes. It was suggested to wait a month or so to begin reviewing them.

Reminders.

Boatsteering. Instruction will resume when Jodi returns from Carolina.

Open Rows. Heidi's are 9-10 on Saturday. Mary Ann Walker, 6-7 Fridays.

Gear. Heidi will send out a message regarding the new shirt with a color chart and will begin taking orders.

Schedule. Jodi has e-mail teams for confirmation on present rowing times and days and giving an opportunity to chance rows.

Neighborhood News. Barbara t will contact Beth (editor) in a couple weeks regarding the OWC.

AMHS Donation. The BBRC will donate a Club membership to the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society for their wine tasting fund raiser.

Fund Raising. While the BBRC is not short on funds, it is prudent that an amount be set aside for unexpected emergencies. Heidi will send out an e-mail seeking ideas from members as to what we can do to get a little ahead with the emphasis on FUNd raiser.

Meeting adjourned 8:45. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1st.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Belanger