

BUZZARDS BAY ROWING CLUB      BOARD/GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 2, 2014

Meeting was called to order at the Sail Loft by President, Heidi Hacking at 6:10 PM

**Present:** Nancy Anderson, Barbara Belanger, Jodi Duval, Heidi Hacking, Ray Kelley, Louise LeComte, and Leslie Therrien **Absent:** Nancy Barrett, Barbara Traban

**Minutes** of the March 2014 meeting were read and accepted.

**Financial Report.** The report was not available due the absence of treasurer, Barbara T. A question arose regarding the membership of new member Peter Kavanaugh who had paid full dues in October but was never called to row. He paid full dues again in April. It was decided to refund the October dues in full. Member Ann Porter notified the Club of her new e-mail address. No count was available on the number who had joined, or, rejoined at the Annual Meeting. Heidi will send a reminder that as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, dues are due.

**Taskforce /Committee Reports**

**Annual Meeting.** All went well and the entertainment by Johan Gundersen and Nancy Quintin was well received.

**Upcoming Races/Events**

**Spring Clean-up.** A date of May 3<sup>rd</sup> was proposed, weather permitting. Only one boat needs to be painted. The Sail Loft is also on the list for clean-up and decluttering.

**Open Water Challenge.** Once again hats will be given to those who sign up . Color will be light blue with navy lettering. All permits have been taken care of by chair, Nancy A. Nancy will ask Barbara T to order plates for the reverse side of the medals.

**Old Business**

**Reimbursements.** None are due

**Cards, etc.** A card will be sent to Lisa Windsor.

**Maintenance.** Check List. Jodi has had most of the months assigned. The Squareheads will take April. Jodi will go over the check list with those who have volunteered.

**New Business**

**Light the Bay.** Planning is underway for the August 26<sup>th</sup> event. Heidi had asked for a volunteer to oversee the event...she and Jodi would help...but there were no takers.

**Scholarship.** Ray is getting started with the schools for this year. He has already had inquiries.

**Insurance Update.** D and O has been paid.

**IRS.** No report.

**New Gear.** Heidi gave the results of the voting on the design for the tank tops. The winner by a wide margin was the design by Cecelia Junier. Other ideas will be held for future use.

**Using Subs.** There has been no progress on getting a list together. Jodi will begin to contact the new members and generate a list of who is available and when so they may get rowing as soon as possible.

**ROWNortheast.** Heidi has not heard any more from them.

**Getting Organized.** Goals: With the rapid growth of the Club certain aspects such as membership, finances and leadership tasks have become too large a job for one person to handle comfortably. This is especially true for those who have demanding jobs. Therefore, after a lot of discussion and brainstorming, it has been proposed that some of the jobs be divided. For example, Board member, Leslie, will help Barbara T with membership organization and mailbox business which frees up Barbara to concentrate on the financial aspects of the Club. Also discussed was the acquisition of a Club laptop so that all Club business could be available when needed. As it stands now, finances are in one place, minutes in another and miscellaneous business and event plans with Heidi and others. Also, it is important that certain data be backed up. Nancy A has put her event planning on disks which makes the plans available to whoever takes her place in the future.

Also discussed, was the idea to begin a sort of “internship” as a form of back up where new people work along with those who are experienced; the goal being that they would find a niche which they would feel comfortable enough to take over, thus, infusing some new blood and ideas into the mix. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**Evaluations.** Nancy A passed around the evaluations which were all positive.

Next meeting was set for May 6 at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger Secretary

