

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board/General Membership Meeting August 30, 2011

Present: Nancy Anderson, Nancy Barrett, Jodi Duval, Heidi Hacking, Ray Kelley, Louise LeComte, Leslie Therrien, Barbara Traban and Kathy Frey

The meeting began at 7:10 PM at the Sail Loft.

Minutes

There was one change to the 7/26 minutes. In the BBRC in Facebook section, "not may likes" was changed to "There were 32 likes on Facebook". The minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Traban reported membership stands at 112 members. She reviewed the expenses and income on the Treasurer's report. For the Open Water Rowing Challenge, the expense for the medals was changed to the 61 medals used this year, bringing the total net proceeds from the race to \$1,032.41. The expense for the remainder of the medals (\$1,013.65) will be an expense on the Club's books. Income since the last meeting comes from miscellaneous gear sales, some cook book sales and registrations for the WWWR. The YTD cash balance is \$13,337.40. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Task Force/Committee Reports

Cook Book - The cookbooks are still selling. We have 151 left and it is anticipated that we will start selling more as we approach the holiday season.

WWWR - The races will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Nine teams have registered to date, and five teams are in the process. The Captain's meeting will be held on September 23rd. Jodi will e-mail Barbara Traban with what is needed for medals and ribbons.

Halloween Hunt - Details still remain top secret. The Halloween Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th.

Upcoming Races/Events

Gloucester Harbor Race – scheduled for September 10th. The Rowmones have entered.

Slocum River Race – scheduled for September 17th. Two teams have entered – the Lorelei and Barbara Belanger's pick up team.

Old Business

Reimbursements – None due at this time.

Thank you/get well notes – None to be sent at this time. The Club received three thank you cards from the students who received scholarships. The Club received a congratulations letter from the City of New Bedford for the successful Open Water Rowing Challenge.

Trailer – John McCoy said the third trailer is all set. We will need a bill of sale to purchase. The next step will be to insure the trailer and then register the trailer. Barbara Traban has received the renewal insurance policy for the first two trailers.

Dock – The Club purchased four fenders and covers for the end of the dock. Ed Macedo has volunteered to help install them. Discussion followed regarding purchasing four additional fenders and covers for each side of the dock. Jodi is still able to get the 4 fender price of \$155.00. The price for four covers is \$109.00. The fender covers are necessary to prevent boat chaffing. Since some of the dock lines are chafing, we will also need to purchase some good quality heavy lines.

Pink Sleeves/Collars/Blades – We will begin a regularly scheduled boat maintenance program in the spring. Laura Anderson will log all work in the boat maintenance folder. The steering and rowing oars should be refinished twice a year – once in February and once in July. We currently have 7 pink sleeves and will order 8 more. This will give us the ability to change out 10 sleeves and have 5 extra. We need to check if we need new yellow buttons that go on the collars. Several of the blades need repair/replacement. Before we order, Jodi will check prices for 8 pink sleeves, 10 collars, and 5 blades and handles (for back up).

Boats - The Rowmones volunteered to clean the boat they are using after the Gloucester Race. The other two boats will be cleaned before the WWWR. One boat will be taken out of the water right after the New Year's Day Row.

New Business

Ray questioned if John's gig was covered under the BBRC insurance policy. It is not.

Ray reported that he has revised his plan to help organize teams for new rowers. He will first contact the newest boatsteerers to see if they are interested in coxing a new team, and if so, will check their availability. It was agreed that it works best if the boatsteerer doesn't manage the team - each team should have a designated captain. Ray will get a list of all boatsteerers.

Ray asked Barbara Traban to explain the tabs on the Membership Roster. If names on the 2010 list are not highlighted, they have not renewed their membership for 2011. Barbara does a "copy and paste" from the 2010 list for the 2011 membership list and then highlights the names on the 2010 list that have renewed for 2011. This will help Ray and Nancy Barrett in contacting 2010 members who have not renewed their membership for 2011.

Boat usage during scheduled time was brought up and will be discussed further at the September meeting.

BBRC received a flyer from the EPA asking rowers to avoid the heavy equipment and vessels supporting the EPA cleanup, as well as the contaminated shoreline soil during low tide. The notice will be posted on the Club bulletin board.

There will be no September Board Meeting. The October meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th @ 7:00 PM. Starting in November, meetings will be held on Wednesday nights. The November meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 9th @ 6:00 PM. There will be no meeting in December.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Anderson