

**Buzzards Bay Rowing club      General / Board Meeting      Minutes**  
**February 11, 2015**

Meeting was called to order in the meeting room at Dunkin' Donuts (due to snow cover at Sail Loft) at 6:10 PM by President Heidi Hacking.

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

**Minutes** were read and accepted with the addition of a slash/ condolence card to Guido Coucci in lieu of a thank you card.

**Financial Report.** The report was distributed and read. Treasurer, Barbara T, commented that it only covered 2014, with the balance on hand, at the end of the fiscal year, at \$27,531.56 which included an estimate of bills outstanding. Barbara also reported that there are presently 152 members in the Club.

The report was accepted.

**Task Force/Committee Reports**

**Boat Maintenance.** Jodi reported that the boat on the trailer in the lot on Pleasant Street has accumulated so much snow that the stern end is almost touching the ground. She will organize a team of volunteers to help get it straightened out before the next storm. She mentioned that it looks as though it does not need any repairs, just cleaning at the car wash.

**Computer Update.** Heidi has purchased a computer and software for approximately \$880. A 23 inch screen, it comes with mouse and keyboard. Also purchased was a pay as you go Hot Spot for internet access called Karma. It will take 8-10 weeks for the hot spot to arrive. With this plan you need only purchase data as you need it and it does not expire. Once set up organization of Club's business will begin.

**Open Water Challenge.** The event will take place June 6. Chair, Nancy A, will be going to the Park Commission soon. As to whom to donate half the proceeds, it was decided to stick with the Fisherman's Tribute monument for another year. Barbara T pointed out that although a check was written to the Fisherman's Tribute monument to purchase a memorial brick, from the 2014 OWC, Nancy A is holding on to the check because the group is in the process of finding a new vendor to complete orders for money already taken before they accept money for new bricks, Nancy will follow up on a monthly basis with the group to check on their progress.

**By Law Addition.** Nancy A suggested an update to the by laws for consistency in the Officers and Directors Articles as well as revising the "Vacancies" section to allow the Board to fill a vacancy on an interim basis. She suggested the changes be made and presented for approval at the Annual Meeting next month. The following will be proposed for approval:

*The Board of Directors may appoint an interim Officer/ Director to complete the unexpired term of an Officer/Director who died, resigned, or was removed prior to the expiration of his/her term until the next annual meeting of the membership.*

Included under the “compensation section in the Director Articles:

*No Director shall for any reason of his/her office be entitled to receive any salary or compensation.*

Since changes require a 14 day notification to the membership before the Annual Meeting, Heidi/Nancy will send one out. The deadline for rebuttal will be February 28.

### **Old Business**

**Getting Organized.** Process will begin as soon as the computer is set up. First will be minutes etc. followed by financial info.

**Water Bill.** It has been taken care of.

**Painting.** Jodi reported that three photos are in the final selection phase and it will up to the artist which he will select. Prints will be available as a fund raiser through the club who will order directly from the artist.

**Thank you , etc.** None at this time.

**Boat Check List.** It has been done for January. Feb will be skipped since the boats are iced in and full of ice.

### **New Business.**

**Steve Reale.** Ray will provide Steve with the final figures of 2014 for tax purposes.

**Scholarship.** Ray has already had inquiries from a school re the BBRC high school scholarships. He will begin to contact the other schools to inform them that they will be awarded again in 2015.

### **Reminders**

**ROWNortheast (ROW)** Heidi attended the organization’s recent meeting and will fill the Board in at the next meeting.

**Annual Meeting.** Due to the last meeting being canceled because the Sail Loft was not accessible it was decided to combine the Annual Meeting business with this February meeting. The following items were discussed:

**Ice breaker.** Several ice breaker balls will be distributed among groups with informational question regarding the players.

**Theme.** Ten (tin) Years

**Table decorations.** Tin cans with labels removed and punched out in patterns thru which the light from votive candles will shine. Question...are candles allowed. If not, fake ones will do. Check prices.

**Silver, blue, white balloons.**

Louise made **white milk and dark chocolate small whales** ...tasted good. Approved for giving out in small baggies.

**Gifts.** Mini calendars, water bottle, aqua clips, stemless wine glass

**Special recognition** to 10 year members. Pins? Decorative tin box?

**Entertainment.** Vi Taylor and Jean West will provide background music during the cocktail hour. Nancy Quintin is seeking a partner since Johan Gundersen will not be attending the meeting to pair up with her in their annual "old salt" skit. She inquired as to whether Ed Macedo might fill in. Leslie suggested he could be billed as the "old salt substitute"!

**Superlatives.** Heidi will notify past Volunteers of the Year regarding the choice of this year's recipient. They will meet to go over attributes of candidates which have been suggested thru emails to Heidi. Nominations for Ro Ho were discussed.

**Gail appreciation donation.** This year a monetary only donation will be made to shelter of her choice. Supplies will be an option but not actively sought after.

Heidi will send out notices of the Annual Meeting and get folks thinking about the pot luck dishes.

With that said the meeting adjourned at 8:10

Next meeting will be March 4 at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Belanger Secretary