

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board Meeting January 11, 2012

Meeting began at 6:08 at the Sail Loft

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

Minutes of the November meeting were read and, after adding Leslie Therrien to the present list, were **accepted**.

Treasurer, Barbara Traban, distributed the financial report and reported the membership to be at 130 members. Cash Balance \$14,225.61. Some expenses still remain from recent events.

Property tax is due soon and Gail Isaksen will be contacted. Report **accepted**.

Special topic. Deb Gabriel has requested a membership donation to a fund raiser being held for her daughter who just suffered a life threatening illness after giving birth and who cannot yet return to her job. After a lengthy discussion regarding donation requests it was decided that Deb' s request falls under a criteria with which the Board feels comfortable in honoring such requests. Nancy Anderson will write up the guidelines that were agreed upon by the Board. Briefly, they are as follows: each request will be evaluated on an individual basis; the petitioner must be a member (conditions of membership long term , in good standing, to be determined further); the request must be from a local source, falling within our member jurisdiction; when of a personal nature, it must be for an immediate family member; the circumstances must be of a catastrophic nature and, in the case of a non-profit request, it must be an organization with which we are mutually supportive. A unanimous vote approved the request for a donation to the fund raiser for Deb' s daughter.

Task Force/Committee Reports

Calendar. The calendar sales have gone well and there are only 12 left.

Holiday Hope. The response was great. Ray Kelley has had questions as to whether a new charity might be chosen next year, Wounded Warriors being one mentioned. The Board sees no problem and encourages someone who is knowledgeable of the group to organize a means to provide whatever help is needed.

Cookie Swap. The number of participants was down this year but not the cookies it seems, and those who did participate were pleased with the results. Heidi will take it under advisement as to whether or not to run the event next year.

New Year's Day Row. Great day weather wise brought out a number of people to participate in the row and 60 attended the brunch which followed.

Upcoming Events/Races

Wednesday Nights. These get togethers will become a regular weekly event until further notice.

After Holiday Holiday Party. The party will take place at Elizabeth's on January 23. The menu is to be determined but the cost to party goers will be \$15.00 to cover costs. A Yankee Swap will add to the entertainment and those who wish to participate may bring a gift with the value between \$10 and \$15. So far 30 have signed up.

IROC. The date has not yet been set for the Indoor Rowing Championships but it will take place in the spring. Barbara B is willing to open the Sail Loft for training purposes whenever it is convenient for those who wish to try out the ergs and undergo training sessions. Heidi will make this known to members via an e-mail.

Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting date has been finalized and it is to be Sunday, March 18th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mattapoisett. There will be meeting January, 18th to begin the planning for the event. Seeing as we had a difficult time with securing a Saturday date this year, the Board decided to set a date for 2013. Proposed date is Saturday, March 23rd. Jodi will book it.

Snow Row. The exact date is not known but it is coming up soon. Barbara T will find out exactly when.

Old Business

Reimbursements. Bill Anderson who towed the trailer to Bibeau's will donate his to the Holiday Hope Fund.

Cards, etc. None were sent.

Maintenance Topics.

Sail Loft. Committees will be formed to head the cleaning up of the building, the oars, boats, and the dock. Is it possible to power wash the dock, or, do laws prohibit it even if only water sans soap is used?

Dock. Leslie is waiting to hear from Kevin from the Shipyard regarding safety line, rails, whatever, on the walkway leading to the ramp and dock. Ray reports that the boards were very slippery one day this week.

Jodi has been moving fenders around on the dock to account for their shifting. Chafing guards may be added.

Trailer. Ray is in the process of registering the trailer being purchased from John Mc Coy for \$584.00. It will require \$200 to get it to road readiness. Barbara T wrote two checks, one to John M and one to the Registry for \$40, the fee for a 2000 pound trailer. She will also forward the name of the Club insurer to Ray.

Boat Repair. Ron, from the Shipyard, says the repairs to the *Kanawha* will amount to about \$1800 for the extensive work that needs to be done. Seeing that there is room inside at this time it can be done now. A delay will move the work to warmer weather because it will have to be done outside. They will try to match the gelcoat the best they can. The Board is in favor of doing it now, however, there is a question re a possible amendment that was voted on to limit the amount of money the Board can spend to \$1000 without a vote from the membership. Heidi will send out an e-mail to have members come in next Wed between 6-8 to approve the expenditure.

Heidi would like to create some kind of fact sheet regarding boat stats to be displayed at the Annual Meeting. It would include such things as maintenance topics and prices of parts that are routinely replaced. Hopefully, it will make members more aware and careful when using the boats, especially when conditions like ice are a consideration.

Maintenance Book. Heidi will ask Nancy B to take over the recording of repairs, etc in the boat Maintenance Book now that Laura Anderson has given up that task.

Oars. Sleeves are about to be replaced on some of the boats. The Club has on hand some of the pink sleeves which have been found to be shifting, and has recently acquired some black sleeves that are used by Whaling City Rowing. These are much easier to put on but their durability is questioned. They are much longer and can be cut to fit the oars.

Supplier is Frank at Flapper Hydraulics.

Some yellow buttons will also be replaced

A suggestion was made to put the identification stripes closer to the handles as they tend to get covered by the sleeves when they shift. Point taken. Jackie Duval will begin work on the oars soon and will be able to fill in some of the cracks on the blades and shafts.

Work will take place on Wednesday nights to start.

Covers. Louise has given Jodie Smith the go ahead for the Sunbrella oar cover for the third boat. It will be of a lighter and more manageable material.

New Business

Clarks Cove Race. John Sousa has proposed a race in Clarks Cove and is requesting help. Unfortunately, it falls on the same day as the Ragnar Relay and the Essex River Race which limits the number of members who can help out or participate.

Open Water Challenge. The date for the event is set at June 2nd.

Reminders

Clam Bake. Someone will check with Diane Tomassetti to see if she has any Sat weddings scheduled. That way we may be able to come in on the coattails and make use of the tent and Port a john facilities at no cost to the Club.

Scheduled Boat Time. Saturday 8AM has combined the Squarehead and Seabiscuit teams to accommodate for the removal of one boat. Nine o'clock teams will be on a

rotating schedule until it comes back. There are no problems this month with Sunday rows as one team is not rowing until February.

Other

Nominating Committee. Nancy A will chair the committee. She asked if officers are willing to run again and received a yes reply. Louise and Leslie's terms are up this year but they, too, are willing to run again.

Sean Bercaw. Barbara T asked if Sean would be doing another slide presentation this year for us on his travels on the Amistad. Heidi will see if he's willing and Barbara T will look into the same venue if he is..

Meeting ended at 8:15

Next meeting is February 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Belanger