

**Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board/ General Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM at the Sail Loft

Present: Nancy Anderson, Nancy Barrett, Barbara Belanger, Heidi Hacking, Ray Kelley, Louise LeComte, Leslie Therrein, Barbara Traban

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

Barbara T, Treasurer, gave an update on the latest **Club finances**. A question was raised regarding the CBB \$5000 grant, specifically, as to whether or not it should be counted as income or something else. Barbara will check it out. For the time being it will be regarded as income but will be part of a separate fund dedicated to boat replacement. The BBRC has received a request for a donation for the Bishop Stang scholarship event raffle. Barbara also reported that Club membership now stands at 132. Financial Report was **accepted**.

TaskForce/Committee Reports

Upcoming Races/ Events

Calendars. Half the 2013 calendars have been sold. Twenty-five remain unsold.

After Holiday Holiday Party. No word yet from Gail Isaksen and there is a question as to whether or not it will happen this year. In the event that is cancelled, Heidi suggested an alternative event to be held at Dublin's Pub sometime in February.

Old Business.

Reimbursements. None are owed at this time.

Thanks, etc. A condolence card will be sent to the family of long time member Jane Isaksen Paquin who passed away over the holiday. A thank you will be sent for Gail who did the New Years Brunch.

Maintenance. Heidi has sent out e-mails seeking volunteers who, using the newly generated check list, will choose a month to go over the boats. However, there has been some confusion and some volunteers thought they were signing on to shovel/bail the boats after inclement weather. Heidi will clear up this misconception with a follow up e-mail. Meanwhile, another request will go out for anyone who wants to be part of a group who will see to the boats when bailing/shoveling is needed. Barbara B volunteered to make the calls to set up times during the day when this can be best accomplished. Leslie and Louise volunteered to fill in on weekends.

New Business

Low tide Yacht Club. The group has decided to remain in their present location and will not be moving to the Sail Loft. They are planning some kind of combined rowing/sailing event. There will be more information regarding this event later.

IRS. The IRS post card has been taken care of. Heidi will keep it on the agenda so the Club will keep up to date thus maintaining our non profit status. It must be done yearly.

Using Subs. Nancy B, who is not currently a permanent team member, mentioned that in speaking with other subs, and, particularly with new members, that they are disappointed not to be able to get in more rowing opportunities. It seems the present teams use the same subs and do not call upon the newer members. Ray attempted unsuccessfully last year to solve this very problem. Once again, Heidi will request that those who wish to sub, submit their names and times of availability. A list will be compiled which will be made available to teams. Leslie will also try to match them with open rows.

Membership Dues/

Replacement Boat Account. To keep up with increases, the goal will be to accumulate at least \$20,000 dollars in a fund to replace a boat, or, to add another one. Ray suggested that the Club raise the membership dues from \$100 to \$110 dollars with the additional \$10 going into the fund. A lively discussion ensued with three proposals being offered. #1. The Club dues be increased this year to \$110 dollars. #2 Members be asked for a voluntary increase with the stipulation that the dues will increase by \$10 dollars in 2014. #3 A section be added to the 2013 membership application giving the option of a volunteer donation. The decision of whether or not to increase dues in 2014, would be deferred to later in the year contingent on the response of volunteer donations. Proposal #3 was the one garnering the majority of votes.

Special Rowing Days. It was agreed that Club events take precedence over regularly scheduled rows since all members can opt to sign up for a seat in the event. Examples of this would be Club races, holiday rows, etc. Rules will be checked next meeting.

2013 Schedule. As of Jan 1 two boats remain in the water. The third boat is scheduled to return early March if weather allows. Teams will be responsible for working out arrangements in cases where three boats share the same time slot and Jodi will keep track of the changes.

By Laws. Heidi has had only one member comment about the by-laws. The deadline to voice an opinion or concern has now passed. The comment was from Sue Schwager whose concern regarded term limits. Heidi was unsure as to whether or not Sue was making a proposal regarding limiting numbers of terms, making a comment, or asking a question. Heidi will contact Sue to ask. If Sue is making a proposal then it must be voted upon at the General Meeting. The Board discussed the issue and came up with the following. Directors (elected Board members) serve a two year term. These are staggered so that continuity is assured. A compromise might be to limit these positions to two consecutive terms after which a hiatus of one term be taken before being eligible to serve again. As for officers, they serve a one year term and can be voted upon yearly so it is not really necessary.

Meeting adjourned 8 PM. Next meeting February 6 at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Belanger