

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club General / Board Meeting July 26, 2011

Meeting began at 7:09 at the Sail Loft

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

Minutes were corrected for typos/spelling changes and **accepted**.

Treasurer, Barbara T, reported the membership stands at 110. She then went over the expenses and income. Cash balance was reported at \$13,129. It was decided that only the cost of the actual medals awarded at the Open Water Challenge would be figured into its expenses which will increase its profit margin significantly. A vote was taken to contribute \$200 to the Seaman's Bethel. Nancy A, as chair for the race, will send a letter and a check, to the organization to inform them of the gift.

Task Force/Committee Reports

Cook Book. Nothing new in sales to report. Jodi will approach Gail Isaksen about selling the books at her Euro store.

WWFR A meeting is scheduled for Aug 2, for members interested in planning the September Club races. Heidi has some Catwalk information regarding a post race get together

Halloween Hunt A time needs to be set up to plan the event which will take place on October 29. Since all three boats may be used for the Hunt, none will be available for away races.

Upcoming Races and Events

IDWR The scramble with Whaling City Rowing was fun and had a good turnout. However, the feeling was that the number of participants (which was limited to 30 from each club) be increased since a number of the BBRC rowers who would have liked to participate were away. Had they been here, the Club would have exceeded its quota.

Coast Guard Whaleboat Races The July 31 event will be run from Baggin's End Bed and Breakfast in Fairhaven. So far 50 have signed up but with the crew of the Eagle, this number will escalate. Time is 10AM-2PM. Three clubs, BBRC, WCR and the AMHS will be co-hosting the event.

Bird Island The annual race will take place on August 14 in Wareham. One team, the Rowmones, has expressed an interest and will be participating.

Gloucester Harbor Race Heidi will send out information regarding this September 10th race.

Slocum River Race The event is scheduled for September 17. Heidi will send out info.

Old Business

Reimbursements None are needed at the time.

Get Wells/Thanks A get well was sent to Michelle Blumetti and one will be sent to Ann Porter. Heidi asked that Kevin McLaughlin be sent a thank you for the shrink wrap on the boat mold.

Maintenance Topics

Trailer No word yet from John Mc Coy regarding the third trailer.

Dock Jodi has been researching fenders for the dock and will take measurements to ascertain what size and the number that will be needed to complete the job. She will check with Laura Anderson

New Pump A hand pump has been purchased for bailing the boats.

Lines. Some of the cords on the oarlocks are frayed and need replacing. This is true also for some of the docking lines.

Life rings The lines for the rings should be checked with each outing to make sure they are free from tangles and can be readily accessed and deployed in case of an emergency. Jodi will see that boatsteerers are informed and made aware of the importance of this procedure.

Boatsteerers. Training has been on going and a couple trainees are nearly ready to take the test.

Heidi gave Ray a list of present boatsteers and he will make contact to find out which are 1) willing to go a sub list to steer for teams whose boatsteer cannot go out at a particular time; 2) are willing to take on an open row and/or go out with new rowers. In the case of the latter, an attempt will be made to match new rowers with available boatsteerers. It was suggested that a list of boatsteerers with contact information be made available to teams who are in need of someone willing to take them out.

New Business

Whaleboat Mold The mold has been shrink wrapped.

Recruitment/Retention A list of members, current, and from 2010, was distributed and the Board went over each member who has not rejoined and, if known, offered an explanation health, etc. Ray and Nancy B will call those for whom no explanation was known to inquire as to why he/she has not rejoined. Up to now no active recruitment efforts have been made and Ray is interested to learn why some drop their membership. If lack of available rowing times/or putting together a time compatible team/crew is an issue, there may be a satisfactory solution to the problem.

Minutes to members After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to keep the method of distribution as is for the time being. That is, to distribute the minutes of the previous meeting at the next Board/General Board meeting, for approval, and then publish them on the website when the volunteer manning site has time. Members who want minutes sooner will be advised to attend any meeting where they can find out, on the spot, what is going on or, to contact the president. Board and General Meetings are open to all members.

Clam Bake. Due to the heavy fall club schedule, it was decided to reschedule the Clam Bake for 2012 when it can be scheduled with adequate advance notice. Ray will keep all information.

Reminders

BBRC Facebook. 32 “likes”, says Jodi

Meeting adjourned at 9:02

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger