

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board/General Meeting Minutes July, 11, 2012

Meeting began at 7:06 PM

Present: Nancy Anderson, Nancy Barrett, Barbara Belanger, Jodi Duval, Heidi Hacking, Ray Kelley, Louise LeComte, Leslie Therrien, Barbara Traban. BBCR Member: Michael Suominen. Phoenix Rowing Club members, Margaret Ishihara, Janice Foley, Carolyn Mc Gonicle.

The first order of business was to discuss a request by the Phoenix Club regarding sponsorship for a temporary use of the BBRC non-profit status. Ms Ishihara began by introducing her board members and giving some background information on the mission of their club, and the reasons they are in need to “piggyback” on our 501C3 status. They have applied for their own non profit status but they have a need to upgrade/rent/ purchase rowing craft and are dependent on donations which, without 501C3 status, are non deductible “gifts” by their donors. (a sizeable donation of \$5000, was mentioned). Since awarding of the status could take up to 6 months, they had hoped to expedite the process by using the BBRC’s and, thus, be able to take advantage of incoming donations this year.

Briefly, how it would work is that any donations gifted to them would be given to our organization and then paid out to Phoenix. Since the BBRC keeps a minimal amount of cash on hand and does not have to deal with payroll taxes, filings and such (unlike them we are an all volunteer Club) this would complicate our financial standings. And, as someone pointed out, could possibly jeopardize our tax exempt status if something went wrong.

Heidi has researched the issue and Barbara T had much to say about taxes and such. Any decision would have to go before the entire membership for approval and Heidi, said that she did not want to lead the Phoenix crew on but it did not look promising. She also assured them that the Club would support them in other ways and would get back to them as to our decision. They left and the rest of the meeting followed the printed agenda but not before the Board unanimously agreed not to sponsor the Phoenix Club in their request.

Minutes were read and **accepted**.

Treasurer, Barbara T, reported that we have four new members which brings the total up to 124. An effort will be made to get waivers signed for those members who, for whatever reason, have neglected to do so.

With most of the bills paid, there is \$12, 728.85 on hand. The report was **accepted**.

Task Force/Committee Reports

Scholarships. All five schools have awarded the BBRC scholarships. It was noted that one of the recipients at the WRC Jumble thanked the Club.

Parade wrap-up The Bicentennial parade was impressive and the Club’s entry of a boat with Moby Dick characters, singers and white whale was well received.

WCR Scramble. BBRC had 32 members take part and, with the 60 total for the event, comprised more than half of the participants.

Upcoming Races/Events

Clambake. So far about 36 have sign up for the event which is to be held on Aug 5th. A question was raised as to whether the 50 plates required all had to be the seafood entry or did it also include the chicken. Ray will find out. Soft drinks will be served. So far donations of tables and chairs are adequate for at least 50 some odd diners.

Old Business

Reimbursements. Bill Anderson will donate his to the Holiday Hope Fund. MJ McManus is to receive a check for the Waterfire Event and also for towing in the parade.

Thanks. Notes are to be sent to MJ, Ted Silva, for use of his vehicle for towing, and also to Johan Gundersen, Fred Belanger, and Vi Taylor for their musical additions to the BBRC parade entry. A wedding card is to be sent to Michelle Bradley. Ray will e-mail Barbara B the address of the newlyweds.

Maintenance:

Sail Loft. The computers and accessories no longer needed are to be discarded. Louise will check it out as to how and where.

Trailer. The McCoy trailer has been adjusted and was ok in the parade

Oar Update. Steering oars will be painted one by one during the rest of the summer.

New Business

Community Rowing. The group is planning another race. The date is September 22nd. Discussion was put on hold.

Low Tide Yacht Club. Heidi is still in discussion with Gail in re to sharing our space with them. They (LTYC) are not organized and have not yet come up with an acceptable plan.

By Laws. The Board read through *Articles I and II* and offered no changes.

In Article III, Section 1, a suggestion was made to separate individual and family membership guides.

Sections 2 and 3 were left as is.

In Section 4. The term "coxswain" will be changed to "boatsteerer".

Section 5, no change.

Section 6. There will be a change in the order of the provisions but basically the context will remain the same. Nancy A will retype the changes for the next meeting.

Due to the late hour, further work on the By Laws will be taken up at future meetings.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting is schedules for August 7 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Belanger