

Buzzard Bay Rowing Club General/Board Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2011

Meeting began at 7:14 at the Sail Loft

Present: Nancy Anderson, Nancy Barrett, Barbara Belanger, Jodi Duval, Heidi Hacking, Ray Kelley, Louise LeComte, Leslie Therrien, Barbara Traban. Member: Michael Suominen.

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

Treasurer, Barbara T, reported membership stands at 111. Ray Kelley asked how the numbers compared to other years at this point in time but that information was not available. Barbara distributed the financial report which showed cash balance of \$12, 587 before the final tally from the Open Water Challenge, and went over some of the current expenses and incomes. The report was accepted.

Task force and Committee Reports.

Cook Book: Sales of the cook book have been encouraging and are expected to pick up as the year progresses. Inquiries will be made regarding getting some copies into Gail Isaksen's store and, perhaps, the Whaling Museum.

Scholarships: All five scholarships have been awarded and thank you notes have been received from some of the recipients.

BBRC Open Water Challenge: Feedback for the event has been positive especially in regard to the expediency of announcing the awards and, as usual, the hot dogs.

Fishing for a Cause: The Club did not participate in the event due to the lack of specific details as to what role the Club was expected to play.

Yard Sale: Due to a lack of interest on the part of members, evidenced by non replies to Heidi's e-mail, the event has been cancelled for this year.

Upcoming Races/Events:

IDWR: The event is scheduled for July 9th. Ten have shown an interest in participating in the event whose format will include a scramble to form race teams with cookout to follow the races.

Coast Guard Whaleboat Race: A letter has been received from Ms Baumgartner of the Coast Guard inquiring whether or not the Club would be interested in participating in whaleboat races with crew members and cadets from the Coast Guard's *Eagle* which will be in New Bedford from July 29th to Aug 1st. This invitation met the Board's approval and a meeting will be set up with interested parties to organize and hammer out details.

The Blackburn Challenge: Information regarding the July 23rd event will be e-mailed

Gloucester/ Bird Island Races: These two races lack information at this time but it will be forthcoming.

Old Business

Reimbursements: None are needed at this time.

Cards: A card of condolence will be sent to Jayne Morrison.

Doc: Repairs are needed for the corner which appears to have been hit. Large fenders are to be installed. Jodi, Ed Macedo, and Jackie Duval will help set them out.

Trailer: There is no indication as to when it will be deemed road ready and available for purchase.

Oar Covers: Jodi Smith is looking for a suitable softer material for the oars of the third boat.

Medals: It was agreed that since the medals are in three different metals, the most practical method of distribution would be to using all of one “color” for a particular year.

New Business

Whaleboat Mold: Inquiries will be made at the shipyard regarding shrink wrap to protect the mold.

Boatsteerer: Ray asked if a list of boatsteerers was available. A complete list can be found in the Annual Meeting pamphlet. Heidi will copy it for Ray who volunteered to call the each boatsteerer for the purpose of determining who boatsteers exclusively for a individual team and who is available to steer, on request, for any team in need.

Boatsteerer Classes: Jodi schedules classes as needed.

Scheduled Boat Time: In the past when scheduled time is not used, it has been the practice to inquire as to the intent of the team currently assigned to the spot so as not to deprive others who may be interested in using that time. (ex. Anjos do Mar) It has been brought to the Board’s attention that Margaret Oars and the Dragons have not been using their Saturday time slot. An email will be sent to each regarding their intent and possibly to reclaim the time slot. An offer will be made to use open row time to practice for the WWF races during the month of August.

Clam Bake: A considerable amount of time was devoted to discussing the many possible options regarding an August clam bake/boil. The major issue appears to be whether it should be an outdoor or indoor event. Ray, who has done a yeoman’s job in exploring possibilities for each option, as well as, presenting menus and prices will check out cancellation policies before a final decision is made on provider, date, and location.

Other

Race Results Delay: The results for the OWC met a slight delay since Jodi, who sends them out, was away. She uses a complicated HTML system to do this. It was noted that Jodi has always gotten the results out the same day of the event.

Azorean Activities on BBRC Website: Complaints have been voiced that Azorean Club activities are being advertised on the BBRC website. Barbara T defended this practice since women of the BBRC make up a large portion of the population to whom these events are of interest. A suggestion was that the list of members holding dual membership in the Azorean club and BBRC should be updated to include current members only and that only they receive the messages.

Ladder on State Pier: Ray was assured that the ladder on State Pier which is used during the WWF will be in safe condition in time for the races. It is redone every year for the event.

Working Waterfront Festival: The time has been extended to 6PM on Saturday and in lieu of a big get together, it is suggested that individuals who want to rehash the event mossy on up to the Catwalk for appetizers and drinks at their leisure. More to come on this later.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara Belanger