

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board and General Meeting

June 4, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Heidi Hacking at 7:08 PM at the Sail Loft.

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

Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer, Barbara T, reported that the membership now stands at 127. She then went over the items in the report. The total income to date, minus bills for the OWC event is, \$22,839.10. This includes \$6,055 in the boat account. Four of the 5 scholarships to the local high school have been awarded. Ray brought up the question of two signature checks. Sue Cunningham, past vice president, must go to the bank and take her name off the officer list before this can proceed.

Task Force/Committee Reports.

Open Water Challenge. The event was successful despite the rough water conditions. Coast Guard Aux. had an issue with some kayak participation, however, paddlers had been warned and were given the option not to go out. They were at no time on their own as Ed Macedo and others were close by in chase boats. It was suggested that, henceforth, a one hour limit will be enforced after which kayakers out on the course would be towed. Another suggestion was that cell phones be used for communication between chase boats and timers to help line up the whaleboats and gigs. Negatives were that the stanchions were not removed early enough and boats needed to be carried to the shore, (a case of miscommunication?) also, the bathroom facilities were nasty. Hot dogs and toasted rolls received a thumbs up as usual.

Upcoming Races/ Events.

Waterfire. The Club will be participating with three boats at the June 8 event in Providence to celebrate Gaspee Days. Boats will be taken out Saturday morning. Participants will meet at the Sail Loft to set up car pools and group will proceed in a caravan to Providence.

Yard Sale. The sale is scheduled for June 29 at the same location on William Street. Volunteers are needed.

Pursuit for Courage. BBRC has been asked to participate in this first time event to honor "Wounded warriors" which will take place on June 29. John Miller will be organizing the BBRC rowers who are being asked to give whale boat rides for about 90 minutes from Popes Island. Those interested in participating are to call John directly. One boat will be used.

Whaleboat Scrambles. This popular event will be held June 30th. Those who are interested should contact Charlie Smith of Whaling City Rowing.

Maritime Day . On July 13th there will be a boat parade. BBRC has been asked to demonstrate whaleboat rowing.

Old Business

Reimbursements. None

Cards. One will be sent to Terry Saunier on loss of her brother and one to Michelle Gifford on the birth of her son. Thank yous will go out to OWC volunteers.

Maintenance. Three boats will be available following Waterfire. Two boats will be cleaned for the WWF races and then painted in the fall. Maintenance check list procedure has not yet gotten started but will, starting this month, with Gone Rowing for June and Crabalots for July. Buttons on *Flying Cloud* have shifted and need adjustment.

New Business

Lighthouse Regatta. Still a work in progress. Low Tide Yacht Club would like to have a liquor permit. Heidi is looking for a vendor.

IRS. Barbara T has not been in touch with Steve Reale.

Using Subs. Nancy Barrett was not present to give an update on the plan.

2013. Schedule. Barbara T will look up some of the dates for upcoming races.

Reminders. Jodi will look over what's in stock . Members have requested singlet type shirts. Jodi and Heidi have ideas for a logo. More to come.

Next meeting will be July 9, at 7PM

Other. Clam Boil. Not this year.

Meeting adjourned 8:24 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger