

BUZZARDS BAY ROWING CLUB
June 3, 2014

BOARD/GENERAL MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at the Sail Loft by President Heidi Hacking at 7:13 PM

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

The **minutes** of the May meeting were read and **accepted**.

Treasurer Report. Barbara T distributed copies of the Financial Report and noted that two donations were received; one for \$40.00 from the Day of Portugal Committee, and one from the Lorelei team for \$700. These are to be deposited in the boat fund. She also reported that the volunteer donations from membership renewals exceeded the amount collected in 2013 by \$300.00. These, too, are earmarked for the boat fund which now stands at \$7,498. The operating account is \$18,988.06.

Thank you letters were received from Bishop Stang High School in appreciation of the donation of two Club memberships for their auction; the Animal Shelter for contributions of needed items and cash given in Gail Isaksen's name; and the Lite the Lighthouse restoration group, money generated from the relay co-sponsored by the BBRC and Low Tide Yacht Club.

Taskforce/Committee Reports

Open Water Challenge. June 7, 2014. Nancy A, event chair, went over the list of volunteer slots still open and reported that the sprints will have 6 teams, rather than the usual 5, and the long race, 3 BBRC teams. Barbara T mentioned that the Azorean boat will be going into the water and may field a team. Nancy has obtained a food permit and has touched base with the person in charge of ordering a clean Port a John and removing the stanchion allowing visiting boats clear access to the beach. Applications from outside Clubs and individuals have been coming in.

Upcoming Races/Events

Spring clean-up. A satisfactory number of volunteers showed up and everything looks great. The *Phoenix*, whose cleaning was postponed due to the weather, will be cleaned and painted at a convenient date later.

Waterfire. Too much is going on the week-end of the 15th, and since key people who tow and participate are not available, the BBRC will not take part this year.

Morgan Events. Heidi went over some of the events surrounding the arrival of the *Charles B Morgan* which is to arrive in New Bedford the end of June. Upon its arrival, boats are invited to greet it (informally) as it enters the Harbor. Since there is no definite time, whomever is available will be welcome to row...teams who happen to have a scheduled time slot, will not be displaced, but will be able to row their hour as usual. On the 29th there will be a formal parade. The BBRC with 3 boats and a bow rider will have room for 21 participants. The Board will have preference, seconded by those 26 individuals who signed up when the notice went out. The Azorean boats will be participating and many members may row there, as well as, in the gigs. This increases the opportunity to be a part of this special event for a number of members. On July 5 there will be races and a skills contest, and the next day sail races between the Azorean boats and *Morgan* whaleboats. Whaling City rowing is organizing the whaleboat races. The *Morgan* will leave New Bedford July 7th.

Old Business

Reimbursements. None

Cards. A sympathy card was sent to the Family of Kathy Knutsen. A card is to be sent to Cecelia Junier to congratulate her on winning the t-ship design contest.

Maintenance. The May check-up was done by the Mid Life Crisis team. Barbara B will reschedule for January. Oars are being re taped by Jodi. There is a possibility of selling the broken steering oar as an ornamental object.

New Business

Steve Reale. Heidi was unable to make contact. Barbara T will try again.

New Gear. Ray inquired about the cup holders he's seen and asked if we could give them as gifts. Reply was that they may be considered for the tenth anniversary. Colors for shirts are now being considered

Using subs. Nancy B. not present; no update.

Scholarships. All have been awarded except for New Bedford High school's.

Light the Bay Regatta. Due to a conflict in dates, the event has been cancelled.

ROWNEast. No contact, no action.

Getting Organized. Heidi explained that certain offices and Club business needs to be backed up in the event that the person holding that position becomes unable to carry on. The President is backed up by the Vice President and the Secretary's job can be easily reassigned. The Treasurer's job, however, is very complex and, with the addition of membership responsibilities, is really too much to expect of one person holding down a full time job. Therefore, the following changes have been suggested;

Leslie will back up membership and be responsible for keeping track of memberships, sending out welcome letters to new members, including those who are only in the Club two years or less. Information such as rules, schedules, events, etc. will be included.

Ray will back up Barbara T who will tutor him in her methods of keeping track of and entering financial information.

All Club information will be stored on flash drives which will be kept in a central location to be accessible when needed. Louise will meet with Barbara B to obtain minutes from past years which will be put on flash drives.

The Board will discuss, next month, the acquisition of a laptop and printer for the exclusive use of Club business.

Other

Jodi will contact John Sousa regarding the pump he has suggested the Club purchase.

Heidi will contact those who are rowing and who have not yet renewed memberships.

Next meeting July 1 2014 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger, Secretary