

Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Board Meeting
March 14, 2012

Meeting began at 6:17

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

Members: Robert Bruce, Kathy Frey

Minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer, Barbara T reported a **cash balance of 11,132.96** with some bills still outstanding. Barbara will check with Gail regarding property taxes.

The Fairhaven Post Office is offering an e-mail alert service to notify box holders when they have mail. Barbara will sign up for the service.

A letter was received from Mass State Lottery regarding raffle tax for 2008. They will be contacted to inform them that we have not had a raffle.

The D and O insurance payment is due. A check for \$667 will be mailed. Membership is up by one.

A thank you was received from New Bedford Port Society in regard to the Club's donation to the Seamen's Bethel.

Task Force and Committee Reports

Annual Meeting. Everything is all set. Set up help will be needed Sunday noon. Materials are ready to move to the hall. Members checked out new give-a-way calendars and other goodies collected by Barbara T. Jody went over notes for last minute preps.

Upcoming Races/Events

Wednesday night get-togethers are finished due to lack of interest.

Old Business

Reimbursements for towing. Checks will be sent to John McCoy and Joe Reis for the Snow Row. Bill Anderson will donate his tow stipend to Holiday Hope.

Thank you/Get well. Thanks goes to David Souther for his time and efforts epoxying the oars.

Trailer. The trailer has been made road ready and just needs to be tested with a boat.

Boat Repairs. They have been completed

Oars. They have been epoxied, painted; sleeves have been replaced and new buttons installed. Also stripes have been painted nearer the blade. A suggestion was made to color code them to each individual boat. Jodi and Sue Cunningham will do it when convenient. Because the oars are now in good shape, the order for new blades from Crocker in Australia has been postponed.

Oar Cover. Jodi Smith has completed the cover and is to bring it to the Annual Meeting.

Dock. Ed Macedo has installed ropes but they did not fit the eyes. He will lower the ropes slightly,

Dock. The fenders that are on the dock have been deemed to be ineffective under extremely windy conditions. Jodi will talk to someone at West Marine for suggestions to remedy the problem.

New Business

Fairhaven to Penikese. Heidi has had no further word from John Sousa.

Fairhaven Bicentennial. The club will participate in the Maritime Days on July 7 by giving rides, as we do in New Bedford, from the boat ramp. The Club will also participate in the parade by towing a boat. Several ideas were discussed regarding this undertaking.

Open Water Challenge. June 2. Chair, Nancy Anderson, has been working on permits and needed a charity for our donation. No one has come forward with a request, so it is to be the Seaman's Bethel again.

Yard Sale. The yard sale will be held June 30 at the same venue on William Street.

Clam Bake. Ray will make a presentation at the Annual Meeting. He will also check to see if chicken is an option for those who don't like seafood. Heidi will ask for a show of hands to see if we have enough for the even as 50 participants are needed for the price quoted.

New Team Row. Ray will be available to sign up those who would like to have an established crew/team. This is particularly directed to new rowers who want regular water time.

By-Laws. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the creation of a section dealing with finances. Nancy A had come up with some ideas and Ray had also worked on this section but Heidi did not have a copy of Ray's contribution. It was decided to not open the discussion at the Annual Meeting as the Board didn't really have the time to discuss the suggested changes and additions and put a package together for a membership vote. Nancy A will look into a rule regarding notifying the state when By Laws are changed to see if it applies to our situation.

Other.

Meeting will take place Tuesdays during the summer months. The next meeting will be April 3rd at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara Belanger