

**Buzzards Bay Rowing Club General/Board Meeting
May 25, 2011**

Meeting began at 6:10 PM at the Sail Loft

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

Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer, Barbara T announced that paid membership is at 101. All bills are current and the cash balance stands at \$12,282.07. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Task Force and Committee Reports

Cook Books: Cooks books are selling well and sales are anticipated to increase around the holidays.

Scholarships: Four scholarships have been awarded so far, with only New Bedford High School not having yet to name a recipient.

Clean-up Day: Everything went smoothly and there was a good turnout by members. Using power washers in lieu of the car wash was discussed and decided against due to the convenience of not having to clean up our site afterward.

BBRC Open Water challenge: A big buoy from West Marine will mark the turn and be more visible. All three BBRC boats will be entered and there has been a positive response from the Gloucester Gig crew.

Fishing for a Cause: The event is to be held on June 18. Our role is still not clear and with our other events looming, it's probably a no as far as participation goes.

Yard Sale June 25: A truck is needed to carry over stuff and to haul away leftovers. Ed Macedo, perhaps?

Upcoming Events:

IDWR. Heidi has been approached by Charlie Smith from the Whaling City Club to possibility join forces to set up competitive races between the two clubs. This is not an option but some sort of mixed Club races would be acceptable. The event will be held this year, July 6, when many members will be away to the Azores participating in an International Regatta. Heidi will send out an e-mail to see how many would be interested in a joint effort.

Blackburn: No interest has shown for this July 23rd race.

Old Business

Reimbursements: None are owed

Thanks/get well: A get well will be sent to Ann Porter.

Sail Loft/Boat/ Trailer /Dock/Oars

Sail loft has been cleaned.

There are some new **dents in one of the boats** that need to be attended to.

One **steering oar** has been completed and the painting of the others will be moved to Sue Cunningham's as it is a more convenient location at which to get the other two done

Trailer: John Mc Coy will be contacted to find out the status of the trailer being purchased from him. Two **oar covers** have been completed and are in service. There is one more to go.

Medals: Medals for the upcoming race have been ordered and are reportedly en route. John M will contact Barbara T upon their arrival.

New Business

Whaleboat Mold: The mold needs to be protected. Shrink wrap may be the way to go for lack of a facility to house it.

California Rowers: The group has been running hot and cold regarding having a boat built here.

Boatsteerer Classes: Classes will be scheduled around the Open Rows which will be taking place 9AM and 11 on Saturdays; Mondays at 6 PM; and Tues at 7 PM starting after the June 4th races. The 6 AM open row has been and will continue to be ongoing.

Scheduling: There have been some changes. Naked Crabs have not been using their time slot, nor have Margaret's and the Dragons. Inquiries will be made to see if they intend to make use of the time.

Clam Bake: Ray has made several contacts and reported on prices for a few locations. He will continue to investigate. Diane Tomesetti has volunteered Baggins End for the bake, or a cook out, provided there is no wedding booked for the day.

Marieke Visser-Reis Request: Marieke has asked if her father (here from Holland and who has 30 yrs experience) can steer for the Hurricane crew in the June Race. The Board sees no problem provided he becomes a Club boatsteerer (no membership fee) and submit the appropriate paperwork and waivers

Memo from Nancy Barrett: This memo was regarding practice for the Azorean races being done in BBRC boats. Seeing that all the crews in the boats were BBRC members this was not seen to be a problem.

Reminders

Free boatsteerer membership will be revisited.

Minutes will be added to the Website.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger