

## **Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Minutes**

**May 6, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by President, Heidi Hacking at 7:06 PM in the Sail Loft

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

With the change of *Peter* Kavanaugh to *Patrick* Kavanaugh, the **minutes** of the April meeting were accepted.

**Financial Report** was put on hold as Barbara T was not present. Barbara sent word that there is \$27,000 in the bank which includes the \$700 donation from the Lorelei fundraiser. There is no membership count as yet.

### **TaskForce/Committee Reports**

**OWC.** Planning for the Open Water Challenge, taking place on June 7<sup>th</sup>, is right on schedule. Some suggested changes were distributed by Nancy A, event chair.

Hats have been ordered. Leslie will see to Tow Boat for support. Next meeting June 2<sup>rd</sup>. Teams in for the sprint include the Lorelei, Norwegian Squareheads, WAV, a combo of Orioles/Merilees, and the Crabalots.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Spring Cleaning.** The Cleanup will take place May 17<sup>th</sup> rain or shine. Only one boat needs attention but the Sail Loft is in need of a big clean up and organization. There will be no open row that day. Rowers will be instructed not to use the *Phoenix*. There will not be a cook out but lunch will be served possibly sandwiches.

**Waterfire.** June 14th is the date. New procedures are in place re putting boats in. If the Club participates, we will insist on no more than two torches per boat as, last year, more proved to be hazardous. Club participation is questionable at this time.

**Charles B Morgan.** There is to be an informal greeting of the ship as she enters New Bedford Harbor. It will be spur of the moment as arrival is dependent on weather and a number of other factors. Heidi will work with Mary Kay from Mystic. Also, there is to be a formal parade, July race skills challenge and other events. Those who wish to participate in races, etc., should email Charlie at Whaling City Rowing.

### **Old Business**

**Reimbursements.** None

**Cards.** One was sent to Lorelei thanking them for their donation. Also a card was sent to Lisa Windsor.

**Maintenance.** Due to numerous cancellations the NSH team did not carry out the boat check list monitoring in April. Mid Life will do it in May. Chris Parks suggests looking into the

purchase of an electric bilge pump. John Sousa has made the similar suggestion but for a non electric pump. Heidi will check it out.

### **New Business**

**Organizing.** Leslie will help Barbara T this month with membership as she is tied up with her mother's illness. Ray has volunteered to help her out with financial matters. This will be discussed with Barbara when she is present next month. One goal for organization is to get all Club business on flash drives. This includes finances. At next meeting the Board will discuss the purchase of a laptop.

**Insurance update.** Heidi will check with Barbara T to see if all is current.

**New Gear Design Results.** Jodi, or Heidi, will contact Cecelia Junier whose design was the winner of contest.

**IRS.** Heidi will set up appointment with Steve Reale.

**Using Subs.** Jodi compiled a list which has gone out. Further additions will be referred to Nancy B.

**ROWNortheast.** Heidi has had no contact from group since the initial meeting.

**Scholarships.** Ray is in process of dealing with schools. VT has already responded.

**LYC.** Ed from Low tide Yacht Club reports that their group needs to change their meeting place and would like to share Sail Loft. Heidi has referred him to Gail.

**Light the Bay.** Plans for the event are ongoing.

**Next meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM**

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger, Secretary