Buzzards Bay Rowing Club Minutes General/Board Meeting November 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 Pm at the Sail Loft

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

Minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted. Barbara Belanger's name was added to the names of those present.

There was no **financial report** due to the absence of Treasurer, Barbara T.

Task force and Committee Reports.

Upcoming Races/Events.

Calendar. Heidi has almost completed the 2013 calendar.

Holiday Hope. Many donations have been received and Jackie Duval is moving right along with the shopping. Heidi will advise members of the wrapping date which will take place November 28th.

Cookie Swap. This popular event will take place on Wednesday, December 19th, from 6-8 PM..

Turkey Row. As always, this event has received a good response and three full boats will take part at 8AM, Thanksgiving morn.

Old Business.

Reimbursements. Heidi will direct Barbara T to mail a check to Joe Reis for towing a boat for the Slocum River Races.

Thanks you/Get well. Two get well cards were sent. Daisey Morin is to be sent a going away card as she and husband are moving to Ohio. A card will also go to Tom Zipoli.

Maintenance. Heidi, Ed Macedo and Sue Cunningham and going over the boat maintenance check list. The boat mold needs to be covered. Heidi will ask Leslie to make contact.

New Business.

Low Tide Yacht Club. No word has been received from the organization, however, they will be having their annual meeting soon and, perhaps, a decision regarding to move or not to move to the Sail Loft will be made at that time.

IRS. Steve Reale has offered to file the mandatory "post card" to the IRS if Barbara T hasn't done so already. The last one was sent inn 2009?

Buzzards Bay Coalition Bonanza. The BBC has awarded the BBRC \$5000.00 for their advocacy in promoting recreational use of the New Bedford Harbor and Buzzards Bay. The Board approved Heidi's suggestion that the this money be held, in escrow, as a first installment to a fund to be used for the replacement of a boat or, a new boat. Extra money will be added from time to time until the sum of \$20,000 dollars, (present replacement value of a boat) is reached. Heidi will make the announcement to the Membership.

Other.

Disaster Team_In light of the recent storms, and their damage to local towns, Ray put forth an idea of establishing a disaster team which could be deployed in our area when needed, to help meet the needs of those affected. The idea met the approval of the Board and Ray will put together a plan with guidelines as to how such a team could be activated and the role Members could play.

Boatsteerers. Lisa Windsor is back and will be training as a boatsteerer.

Holiday Party etc. Heidi will talk to Gail Isaksen regarding the time of the place of the after holiday holiday party and also about the New Years Day brunch.

By Laws. The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to completing the tweaking of the By Laws. Articles XI-XV were the focus. Nancy A will type up the changes and will send them out to the Board for final scrutiny before sending them out to the membership. Any changes/commentsadditions by the Members must be received by January 1, 2013. The By laws will then be voted upon at the 2013Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM January meeting will take place January 2nd with the 9th as the alternative date.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger