

BUZZARDS BAY ROWING CLUB BOARD/GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 4 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Heidi Hacking at 6:18 PM at the Sail Loft

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

Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved

Due to the absence of Barbara T, treasurer, there was **no financial report**. It was reported that the membership has increased by two.

Task Force/Committee Reports

Calendar. Jodi announced that the calendar is finished and will send it to the printer to have it in time for December.

Upcoming Races/Events

Halloween Haunt. The new format proved to be successful and will be repeated. Jodi did a reprise on Nov 3 for members who had missed it.

Turkey Row . The event will take place on Thanksgiving morning. , Nov 26, beginning at 8 AM. Heidi will send out an email to members for sign up.

Holiday Hope. The Club will be sponsoring a single mom who has four boys. Heidi will get out the information for those who are interested in participating in the project.

Cookie Swap. Last year's event was poorly attended. Heidi will send out info to see how many are interested in participating this year. If not at least a dozen, or so, the event will not take place.

New Year's Day Row/Brunch. Heidi will contact Gail regarding the event.

Open Water Challenge. Nancy announced that the event will take place June 4, 2016. Notices will be sent to clubs which have participated. Ray added a new group he was in contact with during races in Hull.

New Business.

Vacancy. Nancy Barrett has resigned from the Board and a discussion took place regarding how to fill the position. There is still a year remaining in her term. It was decided to leave the position open until the annual meeting at which time it will be advertised as a one year commitment.

Also Barbara B has resigned her position of secretary. Louise LeComte volunteered to take over the job. Barbara, in turn will remain on the board serving out the remainder of Louise's term which is up in April 2016. Thus it will not be necessary to appoint replacements for remainder of either term.

Sub List. The new sub list is out.

Winter Boat work. It was decided that the *Phoenix* will be the first boat to be taken out of the water in January. When its work is completed, weather permitting, the other two will rotate out.

Old Business

Getting organized. The organization of Club business continues to be a work in progress.

Reimbursements. If checks have be written for Gloucester and Slocum tows, there are no others needed.

Thanks and other cards. All are up to date.

Tow Boat. A gift card has been sent to Tow Boat for their on the water support during our races.

Maintenance.

Dock. Shipyard has been contacted regarding the dock and Jodi met with rep. Repairs will be made. Meanwhile it's ok for now.

Check list. Lorelei has completed inspection and has found nothing major. Ray will take November.

Winter upkeep. Barbara B will contact Chris Parks to see if she is still interested in sharing boat bailing and snow removal during the winter months.

Reminders

Boatsteerers will be reminded that they must sign out teams.

Insurance. All up to date.

Scholarship. Ray will be in contact with Fairhaven High to find out whom to contact to make sure the scholarship is awarded.

Other.

Indoor Rowing. There have been inquiries re the ergs. Heidi will look into an event called Iron Oar which benefits veterans and was held for the first time last year. Unfortunately, we found out too late with few details. A few members have expressed interested using the ergs during the winter months. Barbara B is will open the Sail Loft and supervise use on Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sat mornings for those interested. Only rule that applies is that there must be two members present...safety factor. Heidi will send out Barbara's contact information. There may also be an evening opportunity one night a week while oar maintenance is ongoing.

Working Waterfront Festival. There will be a press release on November, 9, that the Festival will not take place this year. However, we have assurances that the coordinators will help the BBRC to hold races as usual. They will assist in securing dock space and getting the necessary permits. They plan to resume the Festival in 2017, and then every other year thereafter.

Meeting adjourned 7:23

Next meeting January 6 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Belanger, Secretary