

Buzzards Bay rowing Club General/Board Meeting October 6, 2015

Meeting was called to order at the Sail Loft at 7:08 PM by President Heidi Hacking.

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

Minutes of the September meeting were read approved.

Treasurer, Barbara T reported that the Financial Report was basically the same of last month and did not have a hard copy available. Ray brought up the topic of transferring the Boat Replacement/Repair Fund monies into a separate account from the general funds, perhaps into a money market. Heidi added that it could be easily done and Barbara T will look into the feasibility of doing so. Membership has increased by two.

Task force/Committee Reports

Trailer Maintenance update. The Club has purchased a used trailer for the sum of \$450.00 to replace the one which has rotted out. It is a little shorter and it is recommended that it be used to haul the boat earmarked for storage out of the water at the year's end and leave it and the boat at the Pleasant Street winter location. The replaced trailer is to be stripped for parts and the remains scrapped. The Club once again has three workable trailers.

Sub List. Nancy Barrett has resigned from the Club. Heidi will take over the sub list for the present.

Working Waterfront Race Wrap up. The event with its record number of teams went smoothly. Jodi claimed that having on the water radio communication was an asset especially with the errant Fishing Boat which was problematic for the first race.

Upcoming Races/Events

Halloween Haunt. Participants are slow to sign up. Planning and assignments are on schedule. Committee will meet after club meeting tonight.

New Business

Copyright. The Plymouth Club has chosen to use the "Open Water Rowing Challenge" as the name of their race. Can this be construed as an infringement on our rights to the name? Ray has looked into it and reported that there are many steps to be taken for it to be considered it a violation of our right to use that name exclusively. After some discussion, it was decided to take no action at this time.

Resignation of Nancy Barrett. Nancy B still had a year to go in her term as Board Member (2017) and the question is how to deal with it. Procedures in article 9 section 5, allow the Board to appoint a member to fill the position for the remainder of the term. However, there are some other options. Barbara B is ready to resign as Secretary and could replace Nancy for

what remains of her term. Louise LeComte, whose term as Board member ends in 2016, is willing to take on the secretary position until then, and then run for the Secretary position at the next Annual Meeting in 2016. Another option is to leave Nancy's position vacant and have someone run for it in 2016. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Rower Logs and Waivers. Ray suggested that a(third) separate binder, clearly marked, "a Membership Forms" be added to the Dock Box where there already are binders for Daily Logs and Free Rows. Some new rowers in open rows are using the back of membership forms for waivers. The new system will be less confusing for boat steers who are signing in new people. His suggestion was agreed upon. As well as, adding a notation on the membership binder that applications must be mailed in to the PO Box in Fairhaven.
Old Business

Getting Organized. Karma has arrived and the organization of Club business shall begin.

Reimbursement. A check will be written to the member who towed the boat to the Gloucester Race and to MJ Mc Manus who towed a boat for the teams racing in the Slocum Regatta Challenge.

Get Well /Thanks Cards. Notes have been sent to those volunteering for the WWF Races and to Joe Pelczar.

Maintenance.

Steering Oar. Final two coats and it will be complete.

Dock. Ed Macedo is looking for an affordable solution to securing it where needed

Checklist. Lorelei Team has the inspection for this month

Scholarship. Ray will check with Fairhaven High Scholarship to find the person in charge of scholarships.

Meeting adjourned 8:24

Next meeting. November 4.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Belanger, Secretary