

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 5, 2010  
DMS Conference Room

**Board Members Present:** Dan Ruml, Peter Davenport, Jen Friend, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Paul Gross, Brenda Sirovich, Heidi Lange, Karen Sluzenski, Win Piper, Liz Marshall.

**Board Members Excused / Absent:** Dick Grossman, Dartmouth Rep, Buzz Congram, Bob Haynes.

*Call to order: at 5:50 PM. A quorum was not present until 5:55 PM.*

1. **Executive Committee report.** Met once per usual Executive Committee schedule, re: planning for current meeting. No specific decisions made at the meeting. However, one time-sensitive decision (Tuck request) was made by Executive Committee via email since the last Board meeting (see Informational Items).
2. **April Board Minutes.** Peter D **moved**, Liz M seconded, the Minutes were approved unanimously with one abstention (Elizabeth due to previous absence).
3. **Informational Items.**
  - Dartmouth contract is imminent (pending agreement about porta-potties).
  - A Boat Use Request that had been made by a terminally ill friend of Club member and approved at the previous meeting was successfully realized.
  - Tuck Request – Students at Tuck who hoped to train for an MBA regatta and had previously rented boats from Dartmouth had hoped to support UVRF by renting equipment from us. Although we wanted to help them, the logistics were a bit prohibitive. The Executive Committee determined that any possible arrangement was probably not worth the trouble, that the Tuck students had a viable alternative. We thanked them for thinking of us.
  - Rack Update (Deferred until later in agenda).
  - Men's Program - A question about the number of days the men's summer competitive program will be operating was determined: 4 days / week. Further discussion deferred to programming.
  - Hanover Zoning Board report – A summary of the scope of UVRF operations would be helpful to FOHC.
4. **Sweep Programming.** Programming (Sweep) is a "click away" from ready on Ronin.
  - Coaching – The Programming Committee interviewed 7 coaches this year. Positions have been offered to and accepted by the following: Jason Cottingham (U AL) is moving to Dartmouth lightweight crew staff – will coach women's and men's 3 days/week, with Rowan filling in one day/week for men and Brian one day/week for women. Tiffany Mathews will coach for Advanced. Liz Harrison will coach a two-week intermediate program in August (if enrolled). Carin Reynolds will do 6-week novice/intermediate. One additional applicant coach was highly qualified but availability was unpredictable, but was interested in substituting.
  - NCAA – We are trying to come up with a way to continue compensating our coxswains in a way commensurate with maintaining their amateur standing. The Board went into Executive Session.  
*[Executive Session.]*
  - National Learn To Row day – is June 5. Karen has communicated with USRowing to get us on their website as a participant. It sounded as if they may supply materials, suggestions, etc. A Committee to be formed. Leslie will be running an After Hours Program (10 am – 1 pm) the same day, and we would like to combine that with our Open House and Learn To Row day (12:30 PM – 3:30 PM). Unfortunately, none of our "full time" coaches will be available on that

day. Brenda, Jen, Liz, Heidi, Karen, Leslie will serve on the Committee. There may be a slight conflict with a FOHC fundraising the same day.

- Publicity for this event – Our audiences include potential new rowers, returning rowers, Dartmouth After Hours participants. Various possibilities were reviewed: Posters, newspaper, VT sports, row2k, town listservs often allow advertising specific events (National Learn To Row day), HS parents email list (via Julie).

5. **Sculling** –

- Sculling Only Fee – The question has been raised: To whom does it apply? Currently, anyone participating in a Sweep Program or pay a Rack Fee doesn't have to pay a Sculling Boast Use Fee. Sculling Program participants do have to pay the Sculling Only fee although this was not clear in the original posting to Ronin. For people enrolled in Sculling Clinic prior to the date we made the change (May 3), the Board agreed to the following: explain to these individuals that we made a mistake, other members who choose the Sculling Only option will be paying an additional \$175 Boat Use fee, that we will honor our agreement with them but would greatly appreciate a contribution of up to \$175 to help defray our club sculling costs – this holds unless they will be participating in a sweep program or renting rack space.
- Swim tests – Swim tests will be held at the Dartmouth Gym (we will leave a general note at the front desk, +/- names of members expected to participate, to allow UVRF members in). Each member pays the lifeguard \$10 at the time of the test. The lifeguard forwards the names of individuals who have passed the Swim Test to UVRF. We will offer a single group Swim Test on the first day of Learn-To-Row.
- We still have to figure out who has signed up for spring Sculling Programs (starting May 18) but hasn't yet signed up as a member. This year we have changed the website linkage; however, it is still possible to sign up for a program without having signed up and paid as a member. One possibility for the future: providing a membership confirmation number in order to be able to sign up for a program or rackspace. The Board resolved to: Insert a question at the outset of programming for next year: "Have you signed up for membership yet?" – if NO, they get bounced to Membership sign-up. Liz M will explore feasibility for this year.
- Outside rack space – Various possibilities were presented in light of the \$2750 price tag on getting 3 new racks of 5 outdoor spaces each. How many spaces do we need full season? The feeling of the group was to maximize the rack space that we can. We have 19 club sculling boats. A number of member scullers went to the Chieftain last year; we are hoping to lure some of them back to UVRF. Karen S made a **motion** to spend the \$2750, it was seconded, and passed unanimously, for 3 sculling racks that house 5 boats each, and we have approval from Dartmouth to put them there. **Contingent** upon timing of delivery.

6. **Work Day Planning** – We have 2 upcoming work days: First: May 8 (to move 3 club doubles from Fullington down to Fuller) – we need a) a place to put them (we can use the green rack), and therefore b) to move some stuff away from the sides of Fuller, c) a combination of tall people and climbers. We will be car-topping them, and may be able to borrow a rack from Dartmouth. One motor and one launch needs to come down from Fullington. Bob H will take responsibility. We need to tether it upstream from the HS boats. Second: Big Workday is June 6 (Sunday) – 1 PM. We may be able to get a trailer from Dartmouth to use, since they sometimes have trouble storing them.

7. **Scholarship** – Four revisions were made to the UVRF Scholarship Policy revision proposed by the Scholarship Committee. Heidi **moved** the revised version. Paul seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There has been a total of \$3050 allocated to scholarships since 2006. In the absence of records on the awarding of any of these scholarship funds, the Board is stipulating that no funds have been dispersed, and establishing that there are currently \$3050 of

Scholarship funds available. This stipulation was **moved** and seconded and passed unanimously. What dollar limit to place on Scholarships awarded for the 2010 season? Paul **moved** making available \$1500 , Heidi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Board Member Vacancy** – Noted, nominations solicited. Deferred.
9. **Sculling fleet maintenance** – A request was made for \$100 to help maintain Starzinger and Sleznick. Bob **moved**, Karen Sluzenski seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
10. **Outstanding / deferred business** – Board vacancy; “Four issue” TABLED; FOHC joint Board meeting; Multi-year equipment acquisition / turnover plan (Finance Committee → July Board mtg); Quad usage policy (deferred to Sculling Committee → June Board mtg); Policy regarding use of club sculling equipment at races (Sculling Committee → June Board mtg); Safety subcommittee formation, Safety update.

Adjourned approximately 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Sirovich  
Secretary