

Upper Valley Rowing Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2012
Murray Meeting Room, Howe Memorial Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Rowan Carroll, Erika Dade, Jennifer Friend, Paul Gross, Dick Grossman, Liz Marshall,
Louise Moon, Win Piper, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Kevin Cotter, Beth Kelley, Rosi Kerr, Dartmouth Rep

Call to order at 5:45 pm

1. Executive Committee Summary - Jen

2. Review of Minutes

Minutes of March 7, 2012 approved with deletion of item 4 c.

Motion moved by Win, seconded by Rowan, approved unanimously.

3. Housekeeping items - Louise

Contact info needed by this weekend

4. UVRF/LHS Youth Rowing - Carin

Chieftan agreed to put in dock at end of week so a workday will be scheduled on Sat.

Handout by Carin: *Memorandum of Understanding*

Carin met with UVRF and Lebanon High School

- a. Continue the Lebanon crew as a UVRF program rather than a high school program as it is mutually beneficial for the Lebanon and UVRF programs, and costs and equipment usage can be shared. This will also allow the program to open to non-Leb kids as well.
- b. Carin will work with UVRF to prioritize needs and decide what is fair in regard to finances, who owns equipment, sharing of equipment.
- c. Budget - needs more tweaking
- d. Raising funds - Prouty. There will be an option to row for the Friends of Lebanon Crew or Friends of Hanover Crew. A donor will provide matching funds for both.

Membership fee would cover the year - they would not have to pay more for summer, fall.

5. Budget Report - Paul

Review of budget report.

Income: Would like to see more income contributions. Hopes that Beth will help come up with that – perhaps through some a fundraising campaign - and also that there will be funds from Prouty matching money this year.

All programs except adult sweep show a surplus. Adult sweep rowing program could have a shortfall of \$3,000. Masters nationals will probably be more expensive. Might do better than predicted but there is not a huge margin of error. May save some money by not using trucks; using one coach per three boats.

Equipment is okay but it would be better to have more of a cushion for this. We should not go overboard on equipment spending. Sculling equipment is in pretty good shape with the purchases just made. We should set money aside to replace trailer and outboard, and keep in mind that oars will be more expensive.

Need to decide if we should subsidize the masters nationals, and/or raise money for the gap. Boat replacement cost is built into the fees but we need to make sure we are meeting the depreciation.

Cash reserve - \$20,000

Motion to approve the budget seconded and approved.

6. Sweep program update – Erika

Interviewed Michigan State person – does not meet standards we need for coaching.

Rosi and Erika will pick up coaching if can't find someone else.

Still needs to know times – Jen will push Dartmouth contacts.

Establish the swim test date

Reserve tanks – Erika

Next year – learn to row in tanks for whole spring term? Get word out early – good intro to summer rowing on river

National learn to row – 1st Sat in June (Rowan) Need volunteers (experienced rowers) earlier

7. Equipment update – Dan

Dan bought Zephyr, Fluid double, Hudson – still waiting for parts.

Posted Dirigo on Row2K

We still want to purchase a Peinert racing single

Dock equipment (Liz) – may have to get new I-bolt, new chain part (3rd chain). Will try to get group together this weekend to take care of this.

8. Minimum age for sculling (Jen)

Should be the same age as sweep minimum age (14) unless a special exception is made

9. Website update (Janet)

Proposal to go with League Athletics to host the UVRF website was approved by website majority vote of board members on March 22, 2012.

The new website is in test mode now but hope to set up the club banner and move to live status by end of week.

The content is similar but we can become more creative, add photos to gallery, edit, etc.

10. FOHC update – Jen

The Hanover Select board will review the proposal for Fullington Farm next Monday. Letters of support are important – and due by email by this Friday at 4 pm.

Jen will summarize talking points and Janet will email them out.

Meeting adjourned @7:45 pm.

Next Meeting:

Monday, May 7, 2012, Murray Room, Howe Library

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Moon, Secretary