

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2012
Murray Meeting Room, Howe Memorial Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present: Jen Friend, Paul Gross, Dan Ruml, Rowan Carroll, Erika Dade, Janet St. Germain, Louise Moon, Rosalie Kerr, Win Piper

Board Members Excused: Kevin Cotter, Liz Marshall, Dick Grossman, Elizabeth Meyer, Dartmouth Rep

Call to order: at 5:45 PM.

1. Introductions and orientation. Members introduced themselves and presented background information about rowing and other interests.

2. Resignation of Dartmouth Rep on Board. Jennifer contacted Dan Rook to discuss the fact that the Dartmouth representative was usually absent at UVRF Board meetings and the possibility of changing to a non-voting membership for the rep. Dartmouth representative agreed to this proposal.

3. December and January minutes. December minutes were approved by email ballot subsequent to the January meeting. January minutes were approved by quorum through present members.

4. Election of Officers - approved

Motion to accept election of officers was made and seconded: approved. Officers for 2012: President – Jen Friend, VP – Dan Ruml, Treasurer – Paul Gross, Secretary – Louise Moon.

5. Assignments. Members were asked if the proposed assignments (see excel sheet provided by Jennifer Friend) were acceptable.

- Erika asked for clarification of assignments in Sweep Programming. A note should be sent to Dartmouth coaches re rules of payment. Flip program responsibility will be moved to Community Rowing and Rowan will continue to work with the FLIP program and summer program for women.
- Janet asked about monitoring emails. Others can check if she is away.

6. Discussion of where we have been and where we are going.

- Rethink volunteer vs paid position(s). Consider a part-time paid position to reduce overload of work for some members. Board recommended paying coaches for one or two extra sessions to rig boats.
- There was agreement that the programs could be more focused and that we should partner/join forces instead of starting new programs. For example,

rowing program at Lebanon High School can be mutually beneficial, leasing/using UVRF boats rather than having to purchase boats.

- Summer juniors program can increase the pool of participants and equipment, and increase parent and other support
- Review how to pay for using the boats
- Find ways of getting younger rowers into the club

7. Volunteer work as requirement for membership

Track volunteer work more closely as a requirement for membership. Rosalie talked about system at Riverside in Cambridge as an example of required volunteer work. Require (?four) hours of volunteer work. Emphasize the fun aspect and teamwork. Set up work days and task list for members to sign up, such as cleaning boathouse, maintaining equipment. Assign discrete tasks and/or set up signup online. Have shorter shifts for work days so some don't stay for hours while others leave early. Reach out to community to volunteer for a specific project.

8. Hosted Website

Find a way to get hosted solutions for tasks, tracking, scheduling, doc storage, registration (now use Ronin), push to Facebook, updates, etc. Steve McAllister has recommended several options and will help us set up a test site.

9. Set schedule for important upcoming events

- ~3/7 Meet with Dartmouth to propose schedule (when we can start; changeover; finish/ footprint for racks)
- 6/2 Learn to Row
- 6/3 Hanover Invitational
- 6/10 Dartmouth graduation
- ? 6/11 Need to determine date for work day. Erika would like to begin the summer competitive program on 6/11 if possible.
- 9/10 Dartmouth term begins earlier – will have to reduce UVRF footprint at Fuller earlier than in previous years.

10. Friends of Hanover High School

Presenting to ZBA on 2/16/12

11. Reschedule UVRF Board meeting dates

Next board meeting will be on Wednesday March 7, 2012.

The current Wednesday night schedule might be difficult for Beth Meyer and most members can attend Monday meetings. Louise will find out whether first or second Monday of the month will work for her and let Jennifer know.

Meetings will be rescheduled for Mondays on either first or second Monday of month.

12. Budget/Finances

Paul will have the budget done by next board meeting.

Paul requested permission to move \$1000 to each of the sculling, sweep, and motor/trailer reserves. Jen suggested the sculling fund was adequately funded and proposed that these funds be added to the sweep equipment. The board approved moving \$2000 into the sweep reserve and \$1000 into the motor/trailer reserve.

13. Other committees:

Sculling equipment: Jen, Paul, Dan, Janet, Peter Kermond

Sweep: Erika, Carin, Dan, Rosalie

Scholarship: Rowan, Win

Website: Janet, Liz, Jen

14. Other

Equipment prioritization: vote to buy new set of oars for sweep rowing moved and seconded – approved.

15. Motion to adjourn @ 7:45 PM, seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Moon, Board Member