

Upper Valley Rowing Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2013  
Murray Meeting Room, Howe Memorial Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Eric Brooks, Rowan Carroll, Erika Dade, Jonathan Edwards, Paul Gross, Beth Kelley, Rosi Kerr, Liz Marshall, Louise Moon, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Christopher Bordeau, Kevin Cotter, Joanne Hayes, Sean Healey

**1. Review of January 9, 2013 Minutes (Louise)**

Motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded and approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of nominated officers (Nominating Committee)**

Proposed slate of officers:

President:	Dan Ruml
Vice President:	Rowan Carroll
Secretary:	Louise Moon
Treasurer:	Paul

Motion to approve the recommendations submitted by the Nominating Committee, seconded and approved unanimously.

Proposed Executive Committee:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Erika Dade as the Programming Committee representative

Motion to include a programming committee representative (Erika) on the Executive Committee – so moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

**3. Introduction of new members and current board**

Brief introductions were made by all present

**4. Schedule for upcoming UVRF events**

The board reviewed major season events for planning purposes (handout provided). Schedule is conditional on Dartmouth ramp work.

There is a question of whether to bring back the After-Hours program and/or to expand Learn-to-Row. Erika will ask Leslie, who was a major help in doing this in the past, what she thinks about these.

Further discussion of upcoming events and dates will be continued at the next meeting.

**5. Access to Dartmouth dock in summer due to boat ramp improvements (Dan, Rosi, Erica)**

This should be manageable if we have access to the dock before July 20 and don't offer a 2-week club extension program; can store at least 2 racing eights in the big Dartmouth boathouse from July 19 until they finish the work; and if we launch our 4s from the sculling dock. This would allow the Adult Novice, Club, and 2 Junior programs (also, the construction would overlap with the 2-week break for Masters). Rosi discussed the Dartmouth project with Frank Roberts, Richard Whitmore, and Brian Austin. It may be possible to put 8's in the Dartmouth boathouse. We will check with Dartmouth coaches and should know more following discussion at the next meeting with Dartmouth representatives.

**6. Assignment of tasks and subcommittees (handout from Louise)**

Deferred to next meeting

**7. Future meeting dates**

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 5:45.**

Some board members expressed a preference to meet on Mondays rather than Wednesdays. Louise will email those not present during the discussion to make sure there is a consensus to change the meeting day BACK to the first Monday of each month, starting in **April**.

**8. Other**

- a. Since Jen Friend is no longer president, a corporate resolution is needed allowing us to add Dan Ruml, as new president, on the checking account.

Motion to approve the resolution to put Dan Ruml and Paul Gross on the UVRF checking account, seconded and approved unanimously.

- b. Quads/fours (Erika)

The masters may run the four-day program over five days, so that men and women have one separate day per week.

Erika asked if the masters can use converted quads twice a week?

Matt Ruggles, who is coaching the masters programs, is comfortable having quads in addition to eights.

There is a question of whether there are enough sculling blades and it was decided that we should purchase more if needed.

There was board agreement to use the boats in this way, i.e., Thing One and Thing 2 rigged as quads, and to purchase new oars as needed so that there remain enough for the club singles and doubles.

- c. Coaches should have updated CPR certification (Rowan)  
Jonathan recommended the Hanover Fire Department and will contact them to see if this can be set up for at least 6 people.
- d. Dock monitors  
Nancy Carter is not going to coordinate dock monitors this year. We will need to decide how we will set up and manage the dock monitoring. See also 9(f) below.

Further discussion deferred to future meeting

- e. It was suggested that the sweep to scull classes be scheduled earlier in the summer than last year. There was agreement that this would be better so that those who take the class can use the club sculling boats sooner.
- f. Expansion of UVRF membership, particularly for younger masters (Rosi)  
It would be great to attract younger rowers and there are a lot of interested rowers around, including Tuck students; however, money to pay for rowing programs is a barrier. What can we do to make the sweep programs attractive to them?

One possibility, in addition to asking for volunteers from the membership and paying for dock monitors, is to allow younger rowers to be dock monitors in lieu of or toward those fees.

We have also discussed lower fees and targeted fundraising to fill the gap between lower fees and the need to still cover the costs of depreciation, and maintaining and purchasing needed equipment. Expansion of membership would also allow us to be more competitive with larger clubs.

- g. Website (Liz)  
League Athletics handles registration now and credit card payments can be set up as an option in addition to checks. Janet has set up the Lebanon Crew registration pages. More to come regarding signing waivers...

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm, seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Moon, Secretary