

Upper Valley Rowing Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2013
Murray Meeting Room, Howe Memorial Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Eric Brooks, Rowan Carroll, Jonathan Edwards, Paul Gross, Joanne Hayes, Rosi Kerr, Liz Marshall, Louise Moon, Dan Ruml

Board Members Excused:

Christopher Bordeau, Kevin Cotter, Erika Dade, Sean Healey, Beth Kelley, Janet St Germain

1. Review of May 1, 2013 Minutes (Louise)

Motion to approve the minutes, seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Ramp work and UVRF Schedule (Dan)

Dan reported that work on the ramp is projected to begin in August. It should not take too long but still might crowd our sweep program. The summer competitive sweep program will finish on August 9. Non-competitive club sweep programs will end by August 1. This opens the possibility for an extension program.

Dan Ruml met with Dana Metes. The lease with UVRF and Dartmouth has been signed. Club boats are out of the barn. A small group will set up sculling racks, hopefully this evening. Work Day for sweep boats and to rig and clean sculling boats will be set up this weekend at 9 am on Saturday. Sweep boats, two quads and two doubles will need to be rowed to Fuller from Chieftan.

An email will be sent asking for people to volunteer.

3. Sweep Program Update

People are still signing up for programs. We have a full 8 and potentially another.

Sweep coaches are still working out combinations of 8s, 4, quad, and doubles.

4. Sculling Update

Learn to Scull is fully subscribed. We need to offer more sessions. A request was made for an evening session which Jonathan offered to do.

Dock monitors – Carin is coordinating the morning monitors and everything is under control. We need evening monitors. An email will be sent out asking people to volunteer; Sign-up Genius will be used for the signup.

Racks (Liz) – There are just enough indoor and outdoor rack spaces available for those requested. We will need to make sure everyone complies with membership requirements and fees.

Name for Fluid quad – no agreement has been reached yet.

5. Website update

Janet sent a report for this board meeting via email :

Registration numbers are strong so far, but still below capacity. LTS and S2S classes are almost full. Janet is working on scheduling additional LTS classes – she is just waiting to firm up coaches for the classes.

A very small % of people had issues with the online registration system. For some, there was confusion that they had to create a new password and that they couldn't use their existing Ronin log in. For others, there were some system errors. Most signed up with no reported problems. The new registration makes everything very easy on the administrator side of things, so any problems are easy to go in and fix. If unable to register via the web, people can mail a check and we will do the registration for them.

To date:

Membership: 75

Coach (free) membership: 2

Indoor rack fees: 20

Outdoor rack fees: 13

Novice sweep: 12

Club sweep: 7

Competitive summer: 15

Junior tech I: 4

Junior tech II: 2

Club sculling: 3

6. Budget (Paul)

There have been no major surprises regarding expenses. The final budget status is up in the air depending on donations, and membership, program, and rack fees. Paul will have a better indication of where the club stands next month.

We are getting some new memberships, some from the tanks programs.

Prices can be prohibitive for some; there are scheduling issues for others. We do have scholarships for which prospective members can apply.

7. Fundraising

The fundraising letter is all set but has not gone out yet. Rowan has it and she just needs to know who to mail it to. Liz will send Louise the membership list from the past three years so that Louise can create the labels and give to Rowan. Janet has the new membership list.

8. Other

Learn to Row

The turnout on June 1 was excellent and the weather was great. About 40 visitors went out and the boats filled up so quickly that we had to turn some away. In general, things went smoothly and having a designated instructor for the ergs (Mike van Beuren) was a big help.

Next meeting: Monday, July 1, 2013

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm, seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Moon, Secretary