

Upper Valley Rowing Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2013
Murray Meeting Room, Howe Memorial Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Eric Brooks, Rowan Carroll, Erika Dade, Paul Gross, Joanne Hayes, Liz Marshall, Louise Moon, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Christopher Bordeau, Kevin Cotter, Jonathan Edwards, Sean Healey, Rosi Kerr, Carin Reynolds

1. Review of September 4, 2013 Minutes (Louise)

Motion to approve the minutes, seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Long Row

The Long Row is scheduled for November 9 with a number of non-UVRF members participating. There is some concern about safety issues, particularly since we are sponsoring the event. After discussion of various safety measures, it was decided that since all of the boats will be doubles or larger and people will be rowing in groups, they can bring a life jacket or flotation device, but wearing life jackets will not be required, even if the water temperature is below 50 degrees F. It is also recommended that people take clothes and cell phones in dry bags. We will get at least one, perhaps two launches to sweep on the way up and back. Whoever is driving the safety launch (s) should sweep behind the boats, however, not ahead because they create too much wake.

Also, the plan is for people to swap seats at some point. Carin is making the seating arrangements so participants should let her know if they do not want to do that.

Rowan will email Fred and Matt to ask them if they are willing to drive a launch.

3. End of Season Rowing

This is scheduled for Saturday, November 23.

Rowan has leftover food from another event so we will have a BBQ at Fullington – condiments, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks.

We need to confirm if boats will be stored in the barn at Fullington. (The free-standing rack is at Alice's.)

Juniors will be finished after the NH Championships; Masters are done after the Fish. It is hoped that sweep people will help.

We should check lights and inspect equipment and supplies before putting away, and take the batteries out. Rowan will buy 4 large tubs in which to put items for each launch and we should store them in Rowan's basement or some other designated location so that they are not mixed up and are ready to go for the next season.

Janet will send out a SAVE the DATE email to members.

More details will be discussed our next meeting.

4. Sweep Programs (Erika)

The Tuck program will be finished this Saturday. They would like to row in the spring if we can get out on the water earlier.

There was damage to the Hog II. It looks as though someone might have done a chin-up on the rigging but no one reported damaging the boat.

Equipment purchases – a subcommittee should meet to discuss. A new Vespoli four is on the way (medium) which was ordered by Carin for Lebanon.

Juniors went to the Textile River Regatta and are going to the NH Championships.

Kendal has been great (Becky) about use of the dock. We need to help them get the dock out and stow it there. Kendal will organize. More UVRF members need to learn how to do this. There is a Kendal person who has created written instructions.

5. Sculling updates (Liz)

A couple of members have moved out of Fuller.

We are all set with sculling oars – we have 9 pairs and they are all matched and indoors in the great racks that Dave Muller made.

There are matched quad oars (blues) that we bought for either quad as a set. They cannot be used for any other boats – only the racing quads. The white blades with no tape are for general club use.

6. Fundraising

Fundraising is a pressing issue and many ideas were proposed. We need to get some help with fundraising. A subcommittee (Liz, Joanne, and Eric and hopefully invited club members Annette Kennedy and Cynthia Crutchfield) will meet to draft a letter and discuss strategies, and report to the board at the next meeting. Fundraising will be a major topic at our next meeting.

7. Other

Rosi and Dan met with Martha Beattie to discuss recreational rowing with UVRF and Dartmouth in response to undergraduates and graduate students interested in rowing who do not want to or are not eligible to be on a college crew team, such as Tuck students. Martha will speak to Wendy about the idea.

We have the coaches, equipment, oars that would not interfere with Dartmouth although the college might be interested in loaning/leasing older boats for this purpose.

Dan will also talk to Richard Whitmore.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm, seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Moon, Secretary