

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2014, 5:45 PM
Murray Room, Howe Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Eric Brooks, Rowan Carroll, Kevin Cotter, Erika Dade, Paul Gross, Dan Haedrich, Terry Harwood, Carin Reynolds, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Jonathan Edwards, Sean Healey, Annette Kennedy, Louise Moon

1. Review of June 9, 2014 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes without changes, seconded and approved unanimously.

2. Sculling Policy

There was general approval of the sculling policy and all the work done to revise it. The one issue that was discussed was whether or not launching from the middle of the dock should be among the requirements. In the end, there was a consensus that it should be included. It was agreed to remove the flow rate restriction for quads.

The policy will be posted to the website under the sculling section. Carin and Dan Ruml will revise the list of qualified rowers. That will be added to the website under documents.

Terry moved that we vote on the sculling policy, Dan Haedrich seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

3. Google Group

There was a consensus that it was fine to go live with the Group with the only guidelines being that postings should be directly related to rowing. Carin suggested that the invitations to members should include instructions on how to receive messages in the digest format. Eric will come up with a proposed introductory message and run it by the board. He will then try to determine whether all members can be invited at once without having to use the Google tool, which is limited to 10 invitations at a time.

4. Club Regatta/Picnic

It was decided that we would hold the annual club BBQ and regatta on Thursday, July 31. This was deemed far enough from the last BBQ that people will be hungry again. It was suggested and agreed that we should try to work toward getting more participation from the competitive group. Carin and Rowan are organizing the regatta/BBQ as they have in the past.

As part of this discussion, Carin said she would like to come up with names for our new boats. Janet is going to solicit suggestions and will need them by July 18. It was agreed that we would make dedication of the new boats a part of the regatta.

5. Sweep Program

Erika reported that 12 people have signed up for the club extension program and that this was fewer than had been hoped.

Erika expressed concern about the number of women who might participate in the fall competitive program this year and said she was thinking of ways to try to bolster that number.

Terry brought up that we need a cover to protect the new Resilient. It was determined that this would cost around \$1,000. It was suggested that we order it right away to protect the boat and our investment in it. Paul indicated that we had the funds in the budget to make this purchase. A motion was made by Eric that we authorize this purchase, Paul seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

6. Sculling Update

Carin said she has had excellent enrollment in the Junior Sculling Clinics. They have had 7, 4, 7, 6, and 5 rowers participate. Nine people have signed up for the Coached Sculling sessions. Six Learn-to-Scull programs have been fully subscribed.

We have an all-time high of 44 junior members this year and that's not including the Lebanon crew kids. Carin suggests there be a reduced cost for junior sculling.

Carin also reported that we will have to find a more durable solution of labeling oars as the labels recently applied were already coming off.

7. Budget

Paul sent the budget to board members and reported that finances seem to be in good shape.

8. Other

- a. Janet mentioned that someone had approached her about the club getting involved in a rowing program for little kids. There was a consensus that we are not interested in doing this.
- b. Dan and Dan discussed having a cabinet for club equipment. Dan Haedrich said that Dave Muller will build one for us. Dan Haedrich agreed to construct an additional oar rack.
- c. Dan Ruml initiated a discussion about the possibility of the club buying Bob Haynes's double, known as Flameless.

- d. Carin gave a summary of the Prouty, saying that the event was a fantastic success and fundraising was great this year. She estimated that there were perhaps as many as 240 rowers participating. The landing stop at Wilson's Landing was highly visible and worked well.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Brooks
for
Louise Moon, Secretary