

Upper Valley Rowing Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2015, 5:45 PM
Howe Library, Hanover, NH

Board Members Present:

Eric Brooks, Rowan Carroll, Erika Dade, Jonathan Edwards, Paul Gross, Dan Haedrich, Terry Harwood, Annette Kennedy, Louise Moon, Carin Reynolds, Dan Ruml, Janet St Germain

Board Members Excused:

Kevin Cotter, Sean Healey

1. Review of December 1, 2014 Minutes

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

2. Annual Meeting, February 4, 2015

The board reviewed the checklist of annual meeting tasks and agenda. Tasks were assigned, including:

Janet will send out an invitation to UVRF members

Erika will set up the projector so that the slide show from Brenda can be shown

Carin will ask Blair about an FOH update

Presenters of various reports and prizes were assigned

Awards:

Rowan has solicited suggestions for the awards and recipients. The following will be presented:

Starzinger (recipients of this award are added to a plaque that Paul made)

Rowan will send a list of nominees to board members for a vote and will announce the winner at the annual meeting.

Oars on Fire

Recipient – Lynn Fisher (working thru bionic knees)

Presenter – Carin or Liz

Prize – fire duct tape or UVRF t-shirt

Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipient – Charlie Falkner

Presenter – Jonathan

Prize – UVRF t-shirt

Novice Award

Recipient – Nat Pierson (jumped into single, loved it)

Presenter – Carin

Prize – UVRF t-shirt

Volunteer Award (new award)

Recipients – Quad: Mark & Cindy Winberry, Todd Balise, Dave Muller

Presenter – Rowan

Prize - UVRF t-shirt

3. Nominating Committee Report (Carin)

Names of proposed new board members were presented to the board for approval.

Motion made to approve the slate of nominees for the ballot was seconded and passed unanimously.

Carin will send a note to the nominees, asking them to send a short bio and photo to Louise. Louise will prepare the ballot, send to Eric to create a fillable pdf, then send to Janet to include with the other details for the annual meeting to be sent to UVRF members.

4. Fundraising Report

Terry did a great job with the initial and follow-up fundraising letters. There have been 26 donors to date and donations exceeded the goal of \$5,400 by an additional \$1,980. All the money will go toward the boat and motor fund except for \$100 each for the sweep and sculling equipment fund, with the remaining \$1,780 to be used for additional equipment purchases.

It was suggested that Dan Haedrich talk to Jason regarding the price of the two used launches sitting on the dock. Jason left a message before vacation and Dan will follow up with him.

The equipment committee will reconvene to discuss additional equipment needs, which include a cox box and a set of oars. These and potential use of extra funds should be made clear to donors.

It was suggested that we put motors on a replacement plan. Dan Haedrich pointed out that motors in the future may use deep cycle batteries rather than gas; they are simple, quiet, less expensive, and there is little or no maintenance. We can reassess in the future.

This has been the most successful end-of year fundraiser ever. Having a specific goal and a “donate now” button have made a difference.

5. Budget Report

There is not much change from last month. The end-of-year budget is in good shape and is better than expected, especially in overall fundraising. We had budgeted for income from the Prouty but received more than budgeted.

Motion made to approve the budget presented by Paul and his recommendations for allocations of funds, seconded and approved unanimously.

6. Other

a. Carin will meet with Becky Smith on Friday regarding expansion of the rowing program in the spring on Kendal property. The competitive men's program is interested!

b. Rowan will talk to Dartmouth coaches about the summer program and whether they would like to make any changes.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Moon, Secretary