



Upper Valley Rowing Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday July 5, 2017, 5:45pm

Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, Hanover NH

Minutes

Board Members Present: Peggy Sadler, Erika Dade, Elizabeth Jones, Maria Laskaris, Michael Stafford, Rowan Carroll, Nat Pierson, Carin Reynolds, Terry Harwood

Excused: Dartmouth Rowing, John Tunncliffe, Beata Randall, Tim Rooney, Dan Ruml

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order, review/approve minutes – Erika June minutes approve unanimously as amended
2. BBQ date Thursday July 28. Rowan to organize potluck BBQ and send out email to members and to organize regatta. Maria to generate interest and participation from Club and Competitive groups. Rowan to ask Peter if we can use Hanover grill and drop it off.
3. Safety: Terry reported update following June 1, 2017 storm – competitive and club cancelled practice on Monday following river flooding over weekend and high flow with lots of debris. Tuesday first outing with coxed boats without a coach, went well.
4. Rowan sent email regarding use of Dartmouth and Sculling Docks to clarify to members which docks to use. This, and other FAQ emails will be put on the website under a new FAQ position on our website.
5. Sculling policy to certify for toeing quad and being a bow in the double – different policies between masters and juniors, should we work to create one policy to that works for both masters and juniors? Juniors are allowed to go out and race without being certified as a Level C toe, but then they are not able to take boats out on the home river alone. Discussion is that it makes sense to have a waiver/practice that a coach can allow you to go out to race at a race, but it does not automatically bump you up to a certified level. In races there are usually safety launches, so there is an extra level of protection. Consider adding a certification for being toe certified to race, but not competitive programs with certified UVRF coaches can certify a sculler to be bow/toe/cox in a race on a one off occasion. Terry will write a policy to address the toe/bow/coxes at races. Terry will also review the quad certification policy to ensure that it is clear that you can sit in the bow/toe as long as there is a certified toe/bow in the boat in another seat.
6. Sculler had an accident at home – they hit a log around 3000 meters north of the sculling dock and had to put boat out on the side of the river and hitchhike back to the dock. Our log book worked well, another sculler noticed that he had signed out but not back in so went to get help. Original sculler returned and said all was well. Log booked worked well, we were aware that sculler was late getting back and other scullers went in search.
7. Coaches not to leave gas cans in launches. Terry to talk to Chuck and Liz and ask them to return
8. Discussion about Flow Rate Policy. Looked at existing policy on both UVRF Sculling Safety Guidelines and UVRF Junior Sculling Policy pages on the website. Over 10,000 cfs no club rec singles, over 15,000 no club racing

singles, over 20,000 no club doubles (except for use by racing double qualified scullers), over 15,000 no unaccompanied juniors. Erika will update policy and send to Nat to put on website

9. Coaches coaching from a launch who coach 9 or less times do not need a commercial boat license, do we really need a commercial boat license. Michael will look into whether coaches really need a commercial boat license, or would requiring a safe boating license be sufficient.

10. Prouty – Carin said the Prouty this year has been hard for volunteers and participants. The Friends of UVRF/Lebanon Crew Prouty team has fewer number and less money raised. The date of the Prouty with July Fourth and the regional nationals regatta has caused lower participation and less money raised.

11. Standing Racks – Dan Ruml sent along a plan for a standing rack. Erika spoke with Sean Healey and he has no problems with swapping the Hanover trailer to a standing rack as long as we move the boats if necessary. The racks would create lower storage for the eights, and more space between each boat. The concern is that the bottom boat will get sand/rain splash into the tracks. Proposal is to put fours/quads on the lower levels and eights on the higher boats so that you can get the eights out, if eights were on the lower level they will be hard to get out. General Board approval of idea, Dan Ruml, Dan Haedrick, Michael and Tim (Tim is in charge of this committee) to come up with a proposal and present to Board via email as soon as they have concrete details.

12. Sculling Programs – Peggy reported that club/masters coached sculling program is going well in general, some people chose wrong program between club and masters. Peggy recommends that next year they might have racing and recreational rather than club and masters. Next year we will look into whether it be a fitness workout or a technique work out? This year they were aiming at technique rather than workout. The last coached sculling program will be one program and the coach will decide which group people will be in which group.

Peggy is finding it hard to get coaches for Learn to Scull. We need to find more coaches. Next year we should have a coaching clinic for coaches to know how to run the program.

Coaches of all learn to scull and sweep to scull need to remember to give the under 18s the parental permission slip.

13. Elizabeth has been writing thank you letters for donations – system is going well.

14. Double and Quad reservation google sheet - Terry will make sure the fours are all on the google sheet for the rest of the season. Terry will check with Chuck and Liz how they would like the fours to be booked to make sure that coaches know a four has been requested.

15. Scholarships- we need to check in with Beata on scholarship levels to make sure that we have enough money in the pot. We have had a lot of scholarship requests this year.

16. Rowan ordered UVRF tshirts (\$10) and headsweats hats (\$20) the tshirts are instock, hats will arrive next week.

17. Next meetings Monday August 7th, Tuesday September 12th, Monday October 2nd, Monday November 6th, Monday December 4th, Wednesday January 3rd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rowan Carroll, UVRF Vice President