



## Upper Valley Rowing Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

*Monday August 7th, 2017, 5:45pm*

*Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, Hanover NH*

### Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Beata Randall, Tim Rooney Peggy Sadler, Erika Dade, Elizabeth Jones, Michael Stafford, Rowan Carroll, Nat Pierson, Carin Reynolds, Terry Harwood, Dan Ruml

**Excused:** Dartmouth Rowing, John Tunncliffe, Maria Laskaris

### Agenda

1. Call meeting to order, review/approve minutes – Erika  
July minutes approve unanimously as amended
2. Safety report by Terry – Dautless accident at Sweeps and Sculls Regatta – Terry gave brief description of accident: during the warm up, at 500 meter to go line, Daniel Tengden (bow) and Lucas Blackmore (stroke) rowed into the piers and wedged the bow of the Dauntless in between two piers. The weather was clear, mild tidal current, no significant wind, weather conditions are not considered to have contributed to the accident. Tiredness was possibly the cause of the accident, this was Daniel's fifth race. No one was hurt, boat needs a new bow, it will go to Fluid for a new bow, this will be an insurance claim with \$1000 deductible. Rowan emailed Tengden parents to check in with their views on our qualification policy and safety of scullers, and to ask for any feedback. Parents suggested that it might have been tiredness, and that with any future accidents it would be good to debrief with rower after accident. Board discussed whether a limit to the number of races a junior can do at a race should be put in place, and we decided unanimously that we would not put a limit on number of races, this should be considered on a case by case basis by rower and coach, not a board decision.
3. Fall move to Kendal – Labor Day is the first day that we can row from Kendal for the fall season. Fall Junior Racing starts Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, Competitive Masters might start Sept 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, depending upon who is in town and wants to row. Equipment will be moved up on Sept 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> depending upon who is available. Chuck and Erika will organize moving equipment for competitive masters and junior programs. There is a possibility to put away some of the equipment used by club program for the season rather than moving it to Kendal. If we decide to put boats away we will arrange a work day to derig club eights and fours and move them to FOHC Boathouse.
4. Club Sculling at Fuller/Kendal - . Dock monitoring usually stops when high school starts as we cannot typically get dock monitors, Carin will see if we can get morning dock monitors beyond the start of high school. Club (non racing) singles will be derigged and put away 9/17 at end of club sculling or when Carin cannot find dock monitors. Peinerts will be available at Fuller until we have to close club sculling for season, this date to be determined at September meeting. Peinerts may be moved to Kendal following the end of club sculling if there is need for them, need determined by use during September as logged in sculling log book. Quads and racing doubles will be moved to Kendal with the sweep equipment. Club sculls will be divided between two locations.
5. Standing Boat Racks – racks have been ordered by Dan Ruml, they are constructed and ready to be delivered. We need to arrange a work day to swap the racks into position instead of one of the trailers. Trailer will be moved to FOHC Boathouse once it is replaced by standing racks. Dan will see if racks can be delivered for Thursday morning, or Friday morning. Terry and Dan will consider collecting racks if they cannot be delivered. Terry

will bring his truck to tow trailer to leave in another spot in the parking lot on day that boats are moved to standing rack. Sweep rowers will move boats after practice on day that transfer occurs.

6. Kendal programs – Erika will contact Julia Griffin to work out moving the movable racks, trailer, low boys, etc to Kendal. Numbers for junior and masters competitive programs need be emailed to hanover for billing, Maria/Tim and Erika to do this. We need to revisit our behavior at Kendal, to make sure we are quiet and not a big impact on the neighbors. When we move we will send email about volume at the location, and courtesy to neighbors, etc, as well as information about what boats are at the site to all members. Use of site is “dawn to dusk”.

7. Financial report from Beata: the club is financially healthy. Discussion was had about what future boat needs the club will have. There are no obvious boat needs, but we will have Kendal site costs coming up soon. Annually we have had a group meet to discuss what each group needs/wants, this usually happens in the fall/winter. Peggy is keeping track of usage of our club sculling boats so that we have real data to look at future club sculling boat needs, she reported that people signing out are not great at marking exactly which boat people use, but she has rough numbers. Carin keeps track of Lebanon Crew needs. Terry talks with Chuck about masters/club sweep needs. Erika keeps track of junior needs.

8. Sculling boat rack spaces – Peggy is going to send out an email to indoor and outdoor rack holders to let them know if they have made their 20 rows sometime in early September. For the first time we are now at full capacity both indoor and outdoor. We have not had to keep track of outdoor usage in the past because we have spare racks. Next year there is a chance that we will have more demand than rack spaces. If there is a shortage of outdoor rack spaces, we might have to install a minimum row for outdoor spaces. This will not be an issue if scullers want to move boats to Kendal which will result in less congestion at Fuller. At the moment we will delay any discussion of an outdoor row minimum and address it if it becomes an issue next year. The current rack policy is on our website.

9. Future Dates for Club Events: Boat Moving to Kendal – Sept 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. Long Row – November 11<sup>th</sup>. Closing work day – Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Sculling dock removal – Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Masters and Junior sweep boat work day – tbd. Boat Cleaning Day – tbd.

10. Future Dates for Meetings: Board Meetings - Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>. Annual Meeting - Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Member Forum - Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rowan Carroll, UVRF Vice President