



Upper Valley Rowing Foundation  
Board of Directors (Zoom) Meeting Minutes  
August 3, 2020

**Board members present:** Liz Marshall, president; Elizabeth Glenshaw, vice president; Michael Stafford, treasurer; Martha Beattie, Susan Brighton, Elizabeth Jones, Jenny Lynn, Mickey Elsberg, Carin Reynolds, Peter Swanson, Dan Ruml, Terry Harwood and Patrick Turevon; **Taking minutes:** Margie Elsberg

**Call to order:** Liz called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm. She introduced Margie Elsberg, who has volunteered to take minutes at board meetings for the remainder of the year.

1. **July 6 meeting minutes** (Susan)

- A. Correction: Martha noted that she had not attended the July meeting; Peter noted that he had attended the July meeting.
- B. The July minutes were approved by unanimous vote as corrected.

2. **March, April & June minutes**

- A. March, April & June minutes were not available.

3. **Committee Reports**

A. **Finance** (MS)

- I. Balance sheet: Michael reported that income for the year is now \$4,650 short of expenditures.
- II. Reimbursements: Michael will mail reimbursement checks this week.
- III. Taxes: Michael reported that our federal taxes are due November 15. Liz has received a Norwich property tax bill and a New Hampshire tax notice and will forward them to Michael.
- IV. Financial Report: At Carin's request, Michael said he would send her an updated financial report.

B. **Kendal site** (DR)

I. Private boat racks

- a. Dan reported that there are even more boats than last month, with room for a few additional boats. There are 42 private boats and 24 club boats including 6 club doubles.
- b. Dan is seeking an estimate for repair of the downstream end of the dock. Carin and Dan will check on the condition of Kendal's extra dock cubes located in the woods on the site.

- II. Singles rentals (LM)
  - a. July rentals were successful, and all club singles are now rented for August.
  - b. UVRF has 8 new members who joined when they heard that the club is renting boats.
  - c. Liz reported that singles rentals will continue through September but said the board should wait until September to decide about renting in October.
  - d. Liz will remind renters that they must only handle and use equipment that has been assigned to them.

C. **Programming Committee** (MB)

- I. One-hour sculling clinics have begun on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, in the morning and afternoon, for up to 4 participants in each clinic. Clinic participation is \$65 for 3 sessions; coaches are paid \$70 per clinic.
- II. UVRF has received inquiries about learning to row, but the regular program is not being offered because of the pandemic. Martha has stayed in touch with several people and hopes to offer erg lessons in hopes they will eventually become members.
- III. Liz told Jenny she will write a blurb about the pandemic-reduced instructional programs for posting on the website home page.

D. **CRew** (CR and SB)

- I. Carin reported that the CRew's first on-the-water session on Sunday was a success, with Carin, Martha, Chuck and Susan coaching. After 2 months of Zoom erg sessions, the participants enjoyed being in boats and appreciated the coaches' skill and patience.
- II. Carin said that CRew would pay the rental fee for the club rec singles, as well as a \$25/per person membership fee, from money from the CRew Byrne grant .
- III.

E. **Prouty match** (CR)

- I. Carin reported that the 136-member UVRF team raised \$15,134 for the Prouty. Prouty staffers praised the size and age diversity of our team.

F. **Membership** (LM)

- I. Liz reported the UVRF has 80 adult members, 11 juniors, and 10 participants in the CRew class. Everyone with boats at Kendal is a member and all have signed waivers. The Town of Hanover is pleased with the UVRF program at Kendal Park this year.

G. **Safety**

- I. Swim tests (EJ, TH)
  - a. Elizabeth reported that a few Kendal rowers are not up to date on swim tests; Patrick and Michael agreed that tests could be given at the Kendal dock. Terry and Elizabeth offered to give the tests, likely for about five people.
- II. Captain's tests
  - a. Liz said several experienced rowers new to the area have inquired about taking the captain's test. Carin offered to give the tests but said that they could be waived for experienced rowers.

- 4. **New Business** (no new business was raised)
- 5. **Adjournment:** Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Elsberg