



**Upper Valley Rowing Foundation**  
Board of Directors (Zoom) Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2021

**Present:** Liz Marshall, President; Elizabeth Glenshaw, Vice President; Dan Ruml, Treasurer; Margie Elsberg, Secretary; Martha Beattie, Mickey Elsberg, Carin Reynolds, Terry Harwood, Peter Swanson, Susan Brighton, Patrick Turevon, Beata Randall; Nancy LaRocque, Dartmouth College Women's Rowing Coach

**A. Call to order:** Liz Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:46 pm.

**B. Approval of March minutes:**

Mickey Elsberg moved that the March meeting minutes be approved as submitted. The March minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

**C. Committee Reports**

a. Finance - Dan Ruml

- i. Checking account: Dan said the Finance committee has moved our checking account from TIAA back to Mascoma Bank for an interest rate difference that will amount to a tripling of the interest rate. The club will gain \$155 with the change.
- ii. Boat insurance: Dan reported that he will submit this year's schedule of the value of our assets to the Leonard Insurance Company this week, listing a value for each boat with guidance from the boat builder. UVRF is paid up to market value for losses, less a \$1,000 deductible per incident. Coverage includes damage on the water, racks or trailer, as well as from theft, fire or a fallen tree. The club's trailer, chase boats and motors are also covered. Dan feels that Leonard has always been fair on paying claims. Mickey asked if UVRF has ever asked for bids from other insurance companies and Dan said he will talk with Mickey about other insurers. Patrick said it's important to have an insurance company that is be easy to work with and fair.

b. Programming: Martha Beattie & Elizabeth Glenshaw

- i. Director of Rowing: Elizabeth reported that Linda Muri has accepted the Director of Rowing job and will start working this week. She has been talking with Martha and Elizabeth about the work she will do. Martha said it will always be important to get input from the Board so Linda's work will be as effective possible. Linda will attend Board meetings as an ex-officio member to report on her work and answer questions.
- ii. Boat and rack rentals: Martha referred Board members to the boat and rack rental plan and fee schedule (attached), noting that it includes COVID safety and comfort rules including guidelines for boats that are shared. Carin suggested that Calico Jack & Vital Spark could be available in Option A, giving that option four club doubles. She said Colossus & Tenacious will be rigged as pairs for Leb Crew; and Geisel will be rigged as a straight 4. Carin recommended that Option E (rental of premium doubles) be made available immediately since doubles are safer than singles in the early season's fast-running water. Martha said she will confirm dates when each rental option will be available before the options are posted on UVRF's website. Elizabeth noted that COVID safety decisions have not yet been made about who may row in the same boat.

Carin and Elizabeth asked that the program for certifying bows for doubles (and quads) be clarified on the website.

- iii. On-line boat reservations and sign-out sheets: Martha said she will ask Peggy Sadler to set up the 2021 system as she done last season.
  - iv. Sweep programs: Martha said she expects that the sweep program could start running by July because of the success of the vaccination program.
- c. Kendal and Fuller: Dan Ruml
- i. Kendal racks: Dan showed a drawing of Kendal rack placements, explaining that there were 70 boats at Kendal in 2020. With new racks and adjustments so old rack top tiers are reachable, Kendal will have racks for 107 boats this year. Fifty club boats will be on racks (eight are on low boys) leaving 57 racks available for private boats. After adding returning boats and newcomers and after subtracting boats that won't return, Dan expects to be five racks short "well before June 1." How to accommodate everyone? Since the Hanover High team won't need racks after their season ends June 1, those racks will be available. If he needs racks in late May, Dan will let people put up slings and auger them to the ground, then move those boats to racks on June 1.
  - ii. Fuller: Liz said there is no news about the club's possible use of Fuller.
  - iii. Dock monitors: Liz Marshall  
Liz asked if we should continue the system where high school students are hired to help carry boats on weekday mornings and volunteers help on afternoons and Saturday mornings. Terry said some club singles are too beamy to carry alone, Liz said the new Vespolis would be heavier than most racing boats, and others said older rowers need help carrying their boats. The consensus was to continue the program.
- d. Leb Crew: Carin Reynolds  
Carin reported that 44 kids are meeting at the Old Lebanon Junior High School gym for workouts. The kids have moved boats out of Hanover's boat house; another workday is scheduled for Saturday or Monday, when kids will move and rig all sculling boats. The ten new Vespolis, in covers, will arrive Friday. The Kendal dock is in, so the parent launch patrol can get gas and put their launches in the water. Kids will install pontoons and launch boats. Carin said Leb Crew has 22 ergs and she will leave them in the trailer, for use as needed. She expects to row coxed 4s (all are bow-coxed) following USRowing COVID guidelines for team pods. Carin has applied to the town of Hanover for permission to run two meets set up with COVID safety in mind. Leb Crew kids are excited that they will row on the water this year! A successful fundraising drive means that the club will be able to pay for all the new boats, and finances look good for next year.
- e. CReW: Carin Reynolds & Susan Brighten  
Carin said CReW will start erging soon and will be on the water in June. Susan said she is seeking a grant so 1<sup>st</sup> year med students can start to study the health effects of CReW.
- f. Prouty (CR) – Carin Reynolds

Ninety-nine team members have already raised \$113,000—more than the goal. When juniors are registered, we will meet our member number goal. A CReW member appreciates CReW so much, she has organized her own kayak team for the Prouty.

- g. Fundraising: Elizabeth Glenshaw  
Elizabeth said her committee will soon get out the annual fundraising letter with news about UVRF's plans for this year, including the hiring of our Director of Rowing. She asked Board members to join the committee and add fundraising ideas. The committee will need volunteers to help stuffing envelopes.
- h. Safety: Terry Harwood
  - i. Swim tests: Terry reported that sign-up for UVRA's required Swim Tests has been scheduled and broadcast to members and that Carin has booked the CCBA Witherell Recreation Center pool in Lebanon for tests. Terry will be able to give swim tests off the dock at Kendal when the water is warmer.
  - ii. Safe Sport certifications: Five Board members have not yet been certified.
  - iii. Terry asked Carin to review the certification requirements for teams that row pairs.
- i. Membership 2021: Liz Marshall
  - i. Liz said that she will be looking for a replacement for League Athletics because their membership registration system is unsatisfactory.

#### D. Old Business

- a. Carin Reynolds suggested that the club should donate two 20-year-old sweep boats which haven't been out of the boathouse since 2018. In answer to Martha's question, Liz said UVRF would then have four 8s. Martha said she is concerned that four 8s might not be enough if sweep rowing becomes popular. Carin said the club could keep the Grace and donate the other. Both have old-style riggers. Liz said we could rent 8s from the Hanover team. **Elizabeth moved to donate one 8. Mickey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

#### E. New Business

- a. Return to sweep rowing: A discussion centered primarily around the safety of sweep rowing now that many people are getting vaccinated against COVID-19. Terry said masking and distancing must continue on land, but that once in a boat with an all-vaccinated crew (or with 8 of 9 crew members vaccinated) there is virtually no risk of passing the virus. If the entire crew is vaccinated, he said, we should be able to row quads and doubles without masks. It is common at other clubs, Terry said, that vaccinated crews or pods of multiple households are rowing together. Liz asked the Programming Committee to work on a policy for rowing in May. Carin said the high school kids wear masks when they erg and row with no complaints. Elizabeth said the Programming Committee would meet to set up a big boat COVID policy for pods or vaccination requirements with or without vaccination documentation. Carin suggested that the Board meet again in April to decide on big boat policies. **The Board agreed to meet on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, to set big boat COVID policies.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Elsberg, Secretary

Attachment: Sculling Equipment Usage Options

At the beginning of June, the club equipment will be available. There are 5 distinct options for use of sculling boats at Kendal, from which the membership may choose. Fees are per person for the season (or month).

<b><u>UVRF 2021 Sculling Equipment Usage Options</u></b>			
Options	Equipment	Cost	Description
A	1x/2x	\$400	A seasonal equipment usage fee that, as in 2019, allows a member to row designated club boats using an advance reservation system. These same boats will at times be reserved for CReW, Junior, and Learn-to-Row programs. The plan is to provide 12 singles in this fleet, 2 Vespolis, 2 Peinert 25s, 2 Peinert 26s, 6 learn to row boats, and 2 club doubles, Blue Bayou and Blew By Who.
B	1x	\$175/mo	A monthly rental program similar to that implemented in 2020. One member, one single, one pair of sculls for one month at a time. This option will include the use of the two doubles, Blue Bayou and Blew By Who on a sign up basis. The plan is to make available 10 singles**; 6 Vespolis, 2 Peinert 25s, 2 Peinert 26s.
C	1x	\$600	A seasonal rental program, new for 2021. One member, one single, one pair of sculls for the entire season. The plan is to make available 6 singles**; 2 Vespolis, 2 Peinert 25s, 2 Peinert 26s.
D	rack	\$250	A seasonal rack rental for private boat owners, both singles and doubles. This will include winter storage if we again have access to Fuller.
E	premium 2x/4x	\$150	A seasonal usage fee to row the premium 8 doubles (Vital Spark, Calico Jack, Gail's Gale, Dauntless, Relentless, Audacious, Tenacious and Colossus) and quads, open to any member certified to row these boats, and who is participating in a rental program for a single or a rack at Kendall or Brooks.
			** number of boats in option B and C will be somewhat fluid depending on demand