



Upper Valley Rowing Foundation
Board of Directors (Zoom) Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2021

Present: Liz Marshall, President; Elizabeth Glenshaw, Vice President; Dan Ruml, Treasurer; Susan Brighton, Peter Swanson, Martha Beattie, Roelof Versteeg, Dan Ruml, Terry Harwood, Nancy LaRocque, Dartmouth College Women's Rowing Coach;

Not in attendance: Margie Elsberg, Secretary, ...

Call to order – 5:48 pm:

Beata Randall agreed to take minutes in Margie's absence.

Approval of April 19 Board Meeting Minutes:

Elizabeth moved to approve the April 19 minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

1) **Treasurer's Report**– Dan Ruml and Beata Randall

As discussed at a prior Board meeting, we can designate up to \$26,000 from our operating funds to one or more of the earmarked reserves. Dan reminded the Board that when we approved the purchase of one of the Vespolis, we concurrently pledged to direct unrestricted donations to replenish the fund. Dan also suggested that we tend to the equipment and maintenance funds. Elizabeth Glenshaw raised the fact that we have committed to pay the Director of Rowing and we currently have ~\$7k. While the plan is to raise the funds through a targeted campaign, the letter has not yet been mailed. If the fundraising is successful, we could always redirect some of the funds, but we should cover our committed costs.

MOTION: Elizabeth moved to allocate \$15k to Director of Rowing and \$11k to Equipment. The motion was approved unanimously.

2) **Programming** – Martha Beattie

May Sweep: Began today. Imbalance between men and women - Nine men and six women. M, W and F mornings. Difficult to find coxswains. Please help broadcast the need; share with anyone you think of who might be interested in learning.

Equipment use rentals: Going strong. Many different options. Very positively received.

Boat reservations are online. Roelof will maintain the electronic reservation sheets on a go forward basis. There is also pencil and paper in the box for signing out and signing back in when rowing.

Covid policy articulated well in the minutes. Board met again to clarify that the policy is limited to people using UVRF equipment.

Vaccine cards are required.

3) **Kendal** – Dan Ruml

Rack Rentals: 57 racks have been rented but we have at least 60 people wanting space. We are beginning to sketch out how we might use the trailers, recognizing that the boats may need to move if the trailers travel to races.

Current challenge is the sculls. We have more sculls than capacity to store. We will be adding another oar rack on the plateau that will hold all of the club sculls.

Dock Monitors: Typically, the morning dock monitors are managed by Carin, given that many of them are Leb Crew members. The evening slots are to be filled by UVRF member volunteers.

4) **CRew** - Susan Brighton

Three more members. Actively applying for grants. The group ergs Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Plan is to get on water in June.

5) **Safety** – Terry Harwood

Terry reported that on Saturday morning a double flipped. Safety precautions included a launch for each boat. The launch was there immediately; and a second launch soon after. A significant adverse event was avoided. It is worth noting that equipment failure was a contributing factor: first a shoe coming off the stretcher – which resulted in a crab; second the failure for the shoe to release.

Adjournment: Roelof moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Beata Randall, substitute