



## Upper Valley Rowing Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

*Thursday, September 1, 2016, 5:45pm*

*King Arthur Flour, Norwich, VT*

### Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Peggy Sadler, Erika Dade, Elizabeth Jones, Maria Laskaris, John Tunncliffe, Rowan Carroll, Beata Randall, Tim Rooney, Nat Pierson, Carin Reynolds

**Excused:** Liz Harrison, Dartmouth Rowing, Terry Harwood, Dan Haedrich

### Agenda

1. Call meeting to order, review/approve minutes – Erika
  - a. August 2016 Minutes approved and seconded unanimously.
2. Rowan – Parking passes are set for fall rowing. Parking may have to be negotiated with Dartmouth for 2017 season when contract is negotiated- there is a chance that members will have to pay for parking next year.
3. Safety (Terry/Rowan)
  - a. Club purchased 3 step ladders for boat unloading from trailers, also considering taping the trailer cross bar ends with hi-viz tape to protect against head injuries.
  - b. Make safety paramount, Terry to create safety log, send email to club membership to enlist everyone in safety.
4. unsupervised 4+s - Erika for Terry
  - a. Discuss at future meeting, with full membership.
5. Masters Nationals report –
  - a. Vital Spark was damaged
  - b. Rowan and Carin, discussed trailer space fees for private and club boats being trailered to events, need to determine a fee schedule.
    - i. Review past minutes for discussion.
    - ii. Model that Carin used for collecting fees seems correct.
    - iii. Boat transport policy - \$25/boat per/regatta
    - iv. Carin, move to charge a fee for private boats transported on the club trailer. Carin will clarify
6. Treasurer's report – Beata
  - a. Doing well financially
  - b. What should we be doing with the money? Future boathouse purchase?
  - c. Erika, more refunds than years past, some parents paying for summer and fall memberships, there is confusion with registrations. Beata is working on a simplified model for club fees.
  - d. Medical policy, prorate, try before buy.
  - e. Rack fees, continue to prorate as needed,
  - f. Fall only outdoor rack \$100.
  - g. No prorating membership fees.
  - h. Add pricing to website Nat will work on.

7. Fall workday
  - a. Take away beginner boats September 11<sup>th</sup> dock monitors end, beginners singles go away.
  - b. Dock monitors, advertise days that dock monitors are available
8. Long row 11/12
9. Sculling – Peggy
  - a. Steep learning curve to understanding the program, Jen sculling programs was self containing , will keep better records next season.
    - i. Organized from the start
    - ii. Erika and Nat organize better for website
    - iii. One of requests that need immediate action
    - iv. Schedule regular clinics over the summer
    - v. Need more instructors for sculling
    - vi. Team boat sculling need more toes and bows
    - vii. Saturday sculling and coaching
    - viii. From sweep people, need input on when to schedule sweep to scull.
    - ix. Number of rows, peggy will report to Dan.
10. Tim & Maria, Masters Nationals.
  - a. Great job at masters nationals!
  - b. Great attitude!
  - c. Fall rowing numbers
    - i. 17 men, 12 men
    - ii. Margot, Stewart and David coaching for fall programs.
  - d. Boats and entries are set for HO CR.
11. Fall Junior Racing - Erika (moving equipment, races)
  - a. Boats to be moved up to Fullington, fight hain grace 2 4+, oars, 12 cb, green key launch and #3. Starting on Tuesday
  - b. Low enrollment for jr. sculling, program is cancelled
12. Work day to close Club Sculling/ possible to extend limited access thru Sept? – Erika
13. 2009 Bylaw review - Carin (updates, term limit review)
  - a. 3 – 3year terms with 1 year off.
  - b. Set special meeting and send notice to membership (summary) 14 days to respond 3 october, send 16<sup>th</sup> September.
14. New Business
  - a. Is this a good time to start convo about the possibility of Kendal locale for all of next season, pros and cons?
    - i. Carin as Kendal negotiator
    - ii. Maria and Tim programming
    - iii. Dan racks potential
  - b. Set date for board retreat- December 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-1pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John Tunnicliffe

UVRF Secretary