



Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

May 31, 2023, 6:00pm, via Zoom

Board Members Present: Jerome Simone, President; Jeanne Wielgus, Vice President; Mary Ann McCulloch, Treasurer

Guests Present: Chris Dadd; Ashley Donnell and Karen Sack

Quorum: Established

Minutes approved: 2/28/2024

1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 6:10pm
- No minutes available to approve

2. President's Report: Jerry Simone

- Learn to Row update provided by Karen Sack. Enough volunteers have committed to handle the big crowd expected. Lorraine Dillon great job on the board report. Surprise boost through article in North Coast Journal and great timing with CPH National champs. CPH volunteered launch and driver for Learn to row.
- 60 participants with 20 on the waitlist, many great opportunities for recruiting to the junior team.
- Kinetic Sculpture weekend, fliers handed out, boat house was open, and cookies sold and advertised for learn to row day.
- Karen requested access to junior's team snap to field questions about learn to row day
- Thank you to Chris Dadd for all his support and help in getting everything organized for Learn to row day
- Not going to request coffee again from Ramones, Mary Ann volunteered to donate coffee, will request donations of snacks from masters and juniors teams.

3. Coaching Status Report

- Coaching Report Head Coach, updates for juniors and masters provided by Chris Dadd
 - Juniors – Last regatta Lake Natomas regionals. 5 kids attended, first time to do a side-by-side start. 1 boat advanced to a final, came 4th in the time trial. Adrian was announcing and gave a great plug for HBRA. All learned a lot. Overall, they all did alright. 6-7 students have been attending each practice.
 - Shenae Bishop is willing to coach potentially over the summer, but also prepared to do the school year. She may be able to help with recruiting juniors. Discussed payment, and commitments. Will need training and experience with the launch, she already has CPR training.
 - Masters – good attendance, several injuries so it looks like Gold Rush might be last race of the season.
 - Sculling – many new people interested and some inquiries about lessons.
- Humboldt Men and Women Crew updates provided by Ashley Donnell.
 - CPH season completed. Construction on boat house underway. 50 years of rowing will be a big bash, no date decided yet. Several CPH rowers and past students mentioned they might be interested in coaching. Mentioned reaching out to high schools to recruit. Jerry reiterated that the juniors themselves are the best recruiters.
 - No NCAA rules that prohibit the CPH rowers from participating in learn to row day.

4. Safety Committee

- no updates

5. HBRA Social Media/Outreach:

- Lorraine's report, recommended more presence at the kite festival and potential fundraising/recruiting. Mary Ann McCulloch brought up that the Kite festival organizers banged nails into the boat house to hang their banner. They did not communicate with HBRA. Chris mentioned that they complained that the trailer was present. They setup the stage right in front of the boat house. Remind them that no tape, no nails and no banners should ever be on the boat house building! The chain on parking lot was up, luckily it was not locked as the trailer needed to be parked and unloaded after the regatta.
- Summer programs, new masters, and juniors have signed up.
- Raised question of if scullers can reserve when there are masters/juniors practices. Can open up more times in the evening since it is so light now, juniors are off the water by 6pm. Open up to 3 slots per week. Some scullers have requested to mark the oars as short/long. Chris added that the oars are still labeled but will potentially leave a note on the board.
- Paypal buttons on the website for summer programs would be very useful, so that payments are streamlined, Mary Ann will discuss with Lorraine

6. Equipment

- Repairs needed/in progress
 - Boats, 2E (?) is repaired now and row-able.
 - Klamath Launch is now back together and usable.
 - Trailer updates, Don and Kathleen purchased some safety items for the trailer. Lights have been stolen off the trailer. Don will repair the lights during Learn to row, and any missing components will be ordered. Check on ownership details.
- Update on looking for singles for sale – Chris Dadd said that none have been found, maybe look at acquiring a new boat.
- Stacy Aguilar has requested to store two 1x (would become a member), it would have to be on a rack, or they could share 1 rack. She would have to pay for the rack plus membership, if it's not used often it could be de-rigged and stored. Mary Ann will communicate with her.

7. Financial Reports

- Review of financial statements – update by Mary Ann, still trying to get Quickbooks setup. Mary Ann talked to Katie about the last reconciliation which was maybe April. Raised suggestion to switch bookkeepers.
- Summer programs will boost cash flow, \$150 for the masters session for 4 days, and \$75 for the juniors session
- Olivia requested a reimbursement for Gold Rush parking (\$20) - all approved .
- Parent Rep for next year - commitment from another parent.

8. Other items for discussion/information:

- City of Eureka Draft Waterfront Specific Plan – HBRA not mentioned. Public comment is open until August. Mary Ann and Jerry will draft a letter. Aquatic center, Adorni and the amphitheater are mentioned but boat house is not mentioned. Highlight that we are a community center in the letter. Maybe upgrading/painting the boat house and tidying up will benefit perception. Chris will install new fascia boards on the door side.
- Thank you notes needed for Simona and Karen

9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm