



Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes February 26, 2025, 6:00pm, via Zoom

Board Members Present: Jerome Simone, President; Jeanne Wielgus, Vice President; Mary Ann McCulloch, Treasurer; Brigitte Blackman, Parent Representative. Laura Miller, Secretary, arrived at 6:50pm (after work commitment)

Guests Present: Chris Dadd (Head Coach), Lorraine Dillon (media outreach) & Carla Fuller (Safety Committee)

Quorum: Established

Motions: Mary Ann moved to approve \$250 for advertising learn to row day. All approved. Motion passed.

1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 6:07pm
- Minutes approved from Jan 29th

2. President's Report: Jerry Simone

- 2 Gift Certificates from HBRA to CPH fundraiser
- Certificate of insurance and ACP has been paid for the dump and recover clinic

3. Coaching Status Report - Chris Dadd (Head Coach)

- Juniors – Berkeley High Regatta in March will be first regatta of the season. Attendance is up.
- Masters – Ergs on T/R (14-15 people of the ergs), rowing on Sunday. No coaching candidate yet, still a few weeks away from week evening rowing.
 - Small group of juniors and masters will attend Covered Bridge regatta
 - Fundraiser at the Foggy bottoms milk run, volunteers needed
- Sculling –Novices from learn to row are interested. Lisa will do a clinic. Laura can do sculling certifications. Group class will be June for the novice masters. Any other inquiries could be referred to Laura.
- Learn to row – good idea to continue, Chris will confirm about the day but will probably be during the summer, June 7th is the official national learn to row day.
- CPH squads are getting ready for the spring season. Men's team has a new launch.

4. Safety Committee - Carla Fuller/Skip Dunham

- Use of Launches
 - US Rowing recommendations are to always have a safety launch out at group practices. Maybe a good idea to have other volunteers if they have a boating license. Don't need to coach but could just drive the launch. These volunteers might first need to go out on the water with experienced driver just to learn how to drive the boat on the bay.
- For dump and recover clinic, good idea to watch videos before. There was a slide presentation from Michelle and Jerry at Arcata community pool was on the old website showing how to get back into the boat. Video that Carla sent out is nice because it is useful for visualizing the procedure
- Jeanne shared two links that teach rowers how to get into the launch from the water:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhtv53MOrqA>

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55XynK1-zYU>
 - Chris raised issue with recent incident that a 4X was out too far when it flipped, without a coach in the safety launch. Should boats stay in the Marina channels if there is no coach on the safety launch?
 - Almost impossible to get back on to the safety launch. Most of the kids can do it but adults really struggle.
 - Safety Manual – Skip will remove names of coaches and direct people to the HBRA website.
 - Meeting went to closed session to discuss a safety issue. No updates.
5. HBRA Social Media/Outreach: Jeanne Wielgus/Lorraine Dillon
- Will advertise for LTR day
6. Equipment
- Old dock will be going to Oregon. Will keep spares. Some minor changes have been made to Adorni dock to make it easier to use.
 - Roof is ok for now. Could we move milk crate stairs be moved into the other corner in case the roof does leak, so it's not leaking on the Ergs.
 - Jeanne suggested that we need more slings and some more oars. Mary Ann and Chris will look into order oars for the Adorni center. Slings do need updating so will order some new sets.
 - Still looking for a fly weight.
 - Board members should choose their top 5 options for names for the new quad and send to Mary Ann by Saturday
7. Financial Reports – Mary Ann
- All new to HBRA boats have been paid for. Katie has reconciled financials
8. Other items for discussion/information:
- RV Park project no update
 - Humb Co Harbor District Offshore Wind Energy Marine Terminal no update
 - Thank you notes – internal for exceptional work including dock work
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm