



## Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

**June 26, 2024, 6:00pm, & closed session July 5, 2024, 9:45 am via zoom**

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

**Guests Present:** Skip Dunham, Safety committee; Carla Fuller, Safety committee; Chris Dadd, Head Coach; Laurel Condro, HBRA member

**Excused** Brigitte Blackman, Parent Representative, Laura Miller, Secretary

**Quorum:** Established

**1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes**

- Minutes approved from 5/29/2024

**2. President's Report: Jerry Simone**

- Insurance Claim for Believe: Paid \$20,000
- Jerry reported that he gave a sculling gift certificate to Redwood Adult & Teen Challenge

**3. Coaching Status Report – provided by Chris Dadd**

- Juniors
  - Summer Sessions
  - No kids signed up for the first session. Chris is donating time for the juniors to row, but Shenae should be paid. Chris raised comment that rowers attending should pay.
  - Several Kids have signed up for the other sessions
- Masters
  - Northwest Regionals Regatta, good practices very successful, everyone earned at least one medal
  - Chris trailed truck and trailer on the way home. Truck had issues see equipment report below.
  - Olivia has been gone since April. Chris will start initiating training for additional rowers to run practices/drive launch.
  - Cost and Payment method for the Novice Master's clinic will run for month of July. Jeanne can setup paypal like last year. Charge either \$150 or \$175. Mary Ann will be there to collect checks. Mondays, Wednesdays and potentially Sundays for month of July. Will be the novice team practice.
- Laurel attended the meeting to request a special rowing session for a local autistic rower who attended Learn to Row day. She asked the board to allow approval for the rower to be in a boat for a one-time session in a more controlled/supportive environment. Some people have volunteered to be in the boat. Discussion ensued as to if or how this would work. A decision will be made in closed session.
- CPH
  - No Updates from Cal Poly Humboldt. CPH has donated a launch, small one, works with the 8hp motor. Chris has set it up and works well for practice.

**4. Safety Committee – update provided by Carla Fuller/Skip Durham**

- Carla checked in on if radios are being used and charged in the boat house. Used by Chris unknown if Peter is using them. Chris will check and remind Peter and Shenae and review procedures.

- CA Boaters License – it's an online course. Skip will send the link again. People driving the launch without a license will get a personal fine. Launch drivers should go to [CaliforniaBoater.com](http://CaliforniaBoater.com) and choose one of the classes.
5. HBRA Social Media/Outreach: Jeanne Wielgus/Lorraine Dillon
- Lorraine sent out a report regarding waiver and payments for the masters clinic.
6. Equipment
- New quads update – Chris mentioned potential for learning about fixing the Believe, will not be ok for racing even once repaired. \$35,000 insurance money. Also potential for repairing the Mary Liz, but not worth spending much money on but too heavy for the kids to carry and not appropriate for the juniors to row. Need 2 quads and also potentially a single also. Chris will contact Hudson, very good reliable boats. Need mid weight boats because they fit everyone. Part of purchasing will be to look if there are any options for financing. Chris mentioned that it is important to take time and really be thoughtful about getting the right boat for the club. Mary Ann, Chris and Peter will meet to discuss more – maybe over zoom.
  - Repairs needed/in progress – No updates
    - Trailer racks padding – will be updated next month.
  - HBRA Truck repair – Update provided by Mary Ann who was not present at the regatta when the incident occurred. Driving on 199 near the Oregon border, truck lost power. Battery died, Sara called AAA, truck got towed to Eureka. Joe drove up from Eureka, hooked trailer up and drove it back to Eureka. Amount mentioned for reimbursement was \$500 but Joe mentioned 6 hours and costs for his truck were more in the range of \$2000. Some of the work was on warranty, there was a code and Peter had Gary “read” the codes and said that it should be ok. Dodge code reader might, however, be different. Bill to fix truck is \$3100. Warranty for alternator and battery is still fine but \$2400 is for turbo charger on the truck. And then some other minor electrical issues. HBRA has had the truck since 2016. Chris raised the point that the truck is costing a lot, is it lemon? Plan is to fix it and then decide if it is a keeper or to sell.
7. Financial Reports – Financial report not available.
- Donor at Northwest Regionals gave HBRA and CPH men's team each \$1000. Thank you needed
  - Morgan Stanley sent a check for \$500, donor unknown.
8. Other items for discussion/information:
- RV project – Mary Ann updated board with information on the lot line adjustment, one part of parcel is on south side of the bridge and other parcel is on north side of the bridge. The north property is the one they are dealing with for the RV park so not on the side of HBRA. Mary Ann suggested writing a letter to address that HBRA might be negatively affected by lack of access or insufficient parking. Need clarification from the City of Eureka. Chris suggested asking if any HBRA or junior parents are lawyers who might be able to assist.
  - Mary Ann will get money Willow raised at the bake sale and give her a thank you note.
  - Peter will be paid as Coach for the Northwest Regionals.
9. At 8:00 pm board went into closed session. Jerry moved to approve a rower with special needs for an individual one-off rowing clinic. Board decided to wait for further information on the rower and to research adaptive rowing programs and explore some of the potential issues.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm
11. Board met on 7/5 at 9:45 am via zoom for closed session meeting.
- Mary Ann moved to approve payment for Joe Carlson for \$500, Jeanne seconded, all approved, motion passed.
  - The board voted 3 ayes and 1 abstention to deny the request for a one-off rowing session for the autistic rower.