



## **Board of Directors Meeting Agenda October 30, 2024, 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 6:42pm (after work commitment)

**Guests Present:** Millard (Skip) Dunham (Safety Committee); Chris Dadd (head coach); Lorraine Dillon (media/outreach)

**Quorum:** Established

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

- Meeting called to order at 6:05pm
- Minutes from September 25, 2024 reviewed, and approved

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

- No donations made to other organizations
- Future gift certificates to include clinics \$150 value gift certificate that can be towards instruction

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

- Juniors – Overall kids are doing great, gearing up for the Head of the lagoon regatta. Small boats, doubles and quads, borrowing boats from Berkeley high
- Humboldt Men and Women Crew Updates – men's team at Cal Poly are reimbursing for boat transport. Women's team will also contribute towards transport.
- Masters - Did well at the Head of the American regatta, pulled in some medals
- Sculling, no lessons or other updates
- Sean not coaching yet, has not discussed with Chris what he is most interested in
- Parent Meeting recap – provided by Brigitte Blackman
  - Parents inquired about having posters in the boat house if donations from companies are made to the junior's team. The board discussed this and raised issues with acceptable companies and non-acceptable companies (eg. alcohol, soda and cannabis industry). Banners would have to be heavily vetted. Some rules regarding how long the banners would stay up would also need to be outlined. Would a Thank you letter acknowledging the donation be sufficient – will check back on this.
  - Fundraising ideas – Juniors are planning to do an 'Ergathon' in January 2025.
  - One parent inquired about hosting a regatta in Humboldt Bay after speaking with the harbor commission. Board members and Chris commented on the issues surrounding mostly including costs of liability insurance, officiating by US Rowing and permission from all users of Humboldt Bay. Not really feasible but suggested a scrimmage might be a better way to go about it.

#### 4. Safety Committee – Carla Fuller/Skip Dunham

- New dock is installed and is a couple of inches larger
- Couple of clear plastic cell phone cases, need to locate them in the boat house, seem to be missing

#### 5. HBRA Social Media/Outreach: Jeanne Wielgus/Lorraine

- Lorraine is going to update social media and local pubs re. recent and upcoming regattas
- Lorraine inquired where the board meeting minutes should be posted. Board decided will be posted to the Google drive so that they can be shared as needed.

#### 6. Equipment

- New quad update, Chris talked with Nick at Head of Charles, need paint scheme colors, discussion of colors, hull white which is easier to maintain. Three colors included. Darker colors show wear and tear. Need to tell him the size of the shoes which are not Bat Logic. Shoe sizes maybe large woman sizes and some sizes that will fit the guys. Is there an option for gaitors and maybe shoes just for racing, an alternative could be some extra nice shoes available for races.
- Board members discussed colors and decided on Maroon, white lettering, black stripes
- Cal Poly Humboldt has several boats for sale; Matt is asking \$3000 for the better of the two. He will remove the current carbon fiber rigging and replace with aluminum rigging. The boat was Berkeley's boat, it's a Pocock 8 from 2011. Probably better than the Flying Scott. It's most probably a mid-weight boat. There is space in the boat house to store it. Flying Scott has no residual resale value. Board discussed this and decided Chris and Peter should take a look and see if it is worth the investment.
- Repairs needed/in progress
  - Dragonfly update (Mary Ann) needed other repairs one for the damage caused by dropping, two invoices. Mary Ann will pay for bow repair, HBRA will pay for the other repair
  - Trailer pads are completed by Lily.
  - Lily will no longer be able to do boat repairs.

#### 7. Financial Reports

- Financial Statements were reviewed: total equity \$37835.43; net revenue \$-4349.09
- Humboldt Sponsors 2024 Final Grant Report all money requested was covered by the grant.
- Bookkeeper current charges approximately \$38/hr, however, are not being paid on time; insurance got cancelled because the bills were not paid on time. Mary Ann will have conversation with Katy. A new bookkeeper will probably be more expensive (approx. \$65/hr)
- Fundraising funds use – if the junior's parents raise money and know what they want to use it for then that can be done, however, generally keeping account of small amounts might be difficult to keep track of.

#### 8. Other items for discussion – No updates.

#### 9. Meeting moved into close session

- Mary Ann moved to approve \$316.25 as fee right offs, Brigitte seconded all approved, motion passed

#### 9. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm