



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 25th, 2025, 5:30pm Humboldt Area Foundation

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

Guests Present: Chris Dadd (Head coach), Peter Daggett (Master's coach), Lorraine Dillon (Media Outreach), Carla Fuller (Safety officer), Skip Dunham, Dalia Kalsen, Dennis Kalsen, Willow Svien (Parent Coordinator), Greg Seiler, Sue Cashman, Nancy Kennedy, Karen Sack, Scott Osborn, Dayna Mauer, Joe McInerney, Dan Wassenaar, Jennifer Brun, Sara Traphagen, Marabeth Madsen, Aria Herbertson, Mike Wrigley, Emily Wright, Laurel Condro, Lori Taketa, Jessica Hall

History and highlights of HBRA – Jerry Simone

- Highlight Covered Bridge regatta in April 2010, Masters and Juniors entered 27 events and medaled in 23)
- First boat house was where Adorni center. Adorni center is built on 40 concrete pilings to support the building. Boat house was put back but on the back side of the building. Boathouse was moved back to the front of the building
- Louisiana Pacific gave the steel building to turn into a boathouse at the foot of Washington Street. Rough spot on the bay. Was 0.8 of a mile away so workout just to get the boats to the water. Located there until 1992. Louisiana Pacific notified them they needed to leave and 2 weeks to leave.
- New boat house go built with donations. Was on the old mill site. The foundation is the foundation of the old mill, luckily same size as needed for boathouse. Adrienne started junior's team in 2003, around the same time
- Showed some super stars from previous junior's team. Notably Ezra Carlson who went as far as the Olympics and the Nationals winning women's quad. [Brentwood regatta](#) – Canadian Snowbirds did fly over, school that generates most Olympians.
- Graduation ceremony for Nationals rowers who were not able to attend their own graduations
- Singles trophy of Head of the Lagoon - 5 girls from HBRA on the trophy
- Dock was initially not permitted, put in by the University. Needed to get permission for the dock from several agencies and spent a lot of money on getting it approved. Major environmental issue was the health of the eel grass. NOAA mapped the exact positions of the old dock. The dock is now fully certified and registered.

Introductions – Jerry Simone

Coaching Status Report – Chris Dadd

- Chris “retired” from Berkeley and has been here for 6 years, came to coach CPH men's team. Ended up taking on coaching of HBRA. Started late in 2019. Reviewed some of COVID times. During this time the juniors team dwindled to 5 kids. Many of the masters started sculling. Currently 15 juniors and 28 active masters. The “yearlings” are a group of novice masters who have formed a great solid group. Had their first race this past weekend and were very successful. Many masters members have a privately owned boat and row every day. 25 masters have signed up for the summer class. Signups for assisting with this class are on Teamsnap.

- Coaching team consists of the following: Chris Dadd (HBRA director); Chris Dadd and Shenae Bishop (Juniors coaches); Chris Dadd and Peter Daggett (Masters coaches); Laura Miller, Lisa Wiese and Chris Dadd (Singles coach).
- Coaching requirements include safe sport certification, background checks (national center for safety initiatives, California boater safety license, adult CPR and First aid.
- Summer rowing programs. Three sessions, June 16-27; July 8-18; July 28 -August 8; \$100 per session 4-6pm
- Adult rowing clinic 6 wk session July 7th August 13th; \$150 and 5:30-7:30pm
- Yearling group of Masters - Marabeth gave a thank you to Chris

Safety Officer – Carla Fuller

- Promote culture of safety on and off the water.
 - Pay attention to the water, the tides the weather.
 - Make sure communication devices should always be out on the water. One cell phone in two separate boats
 - US Rowing safety resources (<https://usrowing.org/about-safety/safety-resources>)
 - Program US Coast Guard (707) 443-2212 into cell phone
 - First aid kit should go to all regattas and personal contact information for each rower
 - Emergency action plan needs to be in place and Carla is working on this
 - Chris will do presentation to masters and juniors on how to get back into a multi person boat
 - HBRA has a safety manual – rowers should review this annually. Everyone has been sent a copy of it. Will be available on the website and several rowers present asked for this to be resent.

HBRA Social Media/Outreach – Lorraine Dillon

- Publicity, some paid for adds in North Coast journal and other print publications. Things like bake sale at the Kinetic sculpture race super good for outreach
- Juniors need more outreach, need some assistance advertising at schools and other suggestions
- Dennis Kalsen suggested handing out pamphlets at the bay trail opening noon to 3pm this weekend.
- Talked about grants from Humboldt Sponsors for financial assistance for juniors.

Financial Reports – Mary Ann McCulloch

- Boat House painting - look for updates from Mary Ann who will organize it for some time in August.
- Grant writing is done where possible
- Financial Statements – Mary Ann
 - Operate on cash basis
 - Cash coming in is from membership fees
 - Some small grants available eg. For repair of trailer
 - Operate on calendar year January 1 through December 31
 - Financial Reports
 - Large donation from Sharon Levy has made tremendous difference to HBRA balance sheet
 - Large cost of insurance - Only newer more valuable boats are insured (Insurance cost \$3207.58/yr)
 - Membership to US rowing for liability (\$3250/yr)

- Net Income (\$10391.73)
- Total Assets: \$54781.19
- Equipment Acquisitions:
 - Received \$25,000 from Phoenix and Believe Insurance
 - Purchased the following:
 - 2024 Hudson Quad (Rosie Del Vinobarile) \$21,400
 - 2013 Hudson Quad (Named currently Stanford) \$8,800
 - 2006/7 Hudson single \$1,500
 - Hypatia 8+ from Pocock (former CPH Women's Crew Shell) \$3,000
 - 2022 MAAS Flyweight (Sharon Levy) \$4,894
 - 4 sets of Concept2 sculling oars for Adorni Boathouse \$2,849
 - Two Concepts2 Ergs with PM5 monitors and low miles \$900
 - HBRA was converted from 501C4 to a charitable trust 501C3 which can take donations directly. Any and all donations are acceptable and welcome

Nominees for the board – Introduced by Carla Fuller.

President: Jerome Simone

Vice President: Jeanne Wielgus

Secretary: Dayna Mauer

Treasurer: Mary Ann McCulloch

Junior Parent Representative: Brigitte Blackman

Attendees voted on board members: all approved. Laura Miller is removed from financial accounts as Secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm