



## Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes September 24, 2025, 6:00pm, via Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Jerome Simone (President), Jeanne Wielgus (Vice President) arrives late, Mary Ann McCulloch (Treasurer), Dayna Mauer (Secretary)

**Guests Present:** Lorraine Dillon (PR), Brigitte Blackman (Parent Representative)

**Excused:** Chris Dadd (Head Coach)

### 1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes: Jerry Simone

- Approve minutes of August 27, 2025 meeting. Minutes approved. All in favor.
- Approve Annual Meeting minutes revision. Revision is approved. Jerry will get the paperwork to update the Coast Central account, adding Dayna's name and removing Laura's.

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

- Jerry reports a request for a donation for Humboldt Breast Health Project.
- Chris and MA met and determined all the boats which need to be insured. MA will make a spreadsheet so they can get this task completed.

### 3. Coaching Status Report: Mary Ann McCulloch for Chris Dadd (email)

- Coaching Report
  - Juniors - 17 who are participating. They are doing well; there are more boys than girls. They are talking about going to regattas.
  - Novice Masters are doing well. 16 have continued. Shenae is juggling the new Masters, Juniors and school. She is overwhelmed. Dave K is going to coach Monday novice practice and Tuesday Juniors September 29-30 to give her a bit of a break.
    - Novice Masters Independent Sculling. We discussed setting some ground rules on when new rowers can get certified for independent sculling. We want them to be safe. Novice masters won't be able to independent scull certify until the spring after their initial practices.
  - Masters - Sundays consistently have 16-20 people and Tuesday/Thursday around 10 people.
  - Sculling - no updates.
- Humboldt Men and Women Crew Updates: Mary Ann McCulloch for Ashley Donnell (email)
  - She is proposing we purchase/go in with the CPH men on a launch. We haven't got that kind of \$, so we cannot do this. Chris D said he would be happy to have the CPH men along for regattas.

- Anya, a junior, wants to race in a single. She doesn't often get to practice in a single, so wants to possibly join a Masters practice. She is a minor so needs an adult with her. If MA or Jeanne is around (they are SafeSport certified) then Anya could row with the Masters on Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday). Carla mentioned there was no safety launch and we had choppy water Sunday the 21st; she wanted Brigitte to be aware of that. Carla suggests having Lyssa coach Anya as well. Carla was going to try to facilitate this. Jerry very supportive of this coaching idea as well.

#### 4. Safety Committee: Carla Fuller

- Masters Practices - Last Sunday we went way out (down near Schmidbauer) without a safety launch in choppy water. Previously, we had established that if there is no safety launch we wouldn't go out past the Eureka Marina. We didn't do that Sunday, i.e. we aren't following protocol. Carla is frustrated by this. MA adds she did make people go in on Tuesday the 23rd because it was getting dark and the boats had no lights.

(Jeanne joins at 6:40 pm)

- Carla asks what is the protocol when it looks like a boat might be in trouble. We decide the closest boat should check on the boat in trouble, even if it's just an equipment problem.
- Jeanne brings up the incident when Lily hurt her back and Jeanne needed a key to get into the boathouse. Jeanne was trying to get someone's attention so she could get a key. People weren't responding, even when she was trying to phone others.
- Carla thinks the purpose of the phone is to call the Coast Guard, not call the other boats. Coach needs to make sure there is a phone in every boat. Before we go out, set parameters.
- With a launch, we can row in the dark. Without, we should not row in the dark. Board members have to remind people of the rules.
- Dump & Recover in the Bay. Only Joe wants to do this. He isn't here so we push this off.
- Discussion moves to finding a coach - Is there a chance of raising dues to pay someone \$10k/year. MA says that's what we are paying people already. CPH has a bunch of volunteer coaches; HBRA actually pays. MA did mention that she told Goldie if she coaches 1 day/month she gets a month's membership for free.

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

- Policies & Forms web page content - Lorraine has updated website; it now says check back next May for adult Learn to Row. Juniors can still join. She also added the safety manual.

#### 6. Equipment

- New boats name font decisions - 1st choice for both (from email)
- Repairs needed/in progress
  - Boats - Both riggers are breaking on the Bridges. JB Fabrication fixed the riggers for \$400.
  - Launch motors - 9.9HP had sat for a long time and didn't get used. The minute it got on the water it was fine for a while then died. 8HP died and is a really old engine. We have already sunk \$600 into it and it isn't worth more money. New 8HP would be \$2589 + tax. MA asked Shenae if 8HP is enough power. She thought not. A new 9.9HP Yamaha is \$2969. MA thinks we need a new motor, and suggests we could sell old motors on FB Marketplace. Practice was cancelled today because no launch. If we got some grant money, we could we apply it to the motor cost after the fact.

- **Motion:** To purchase a 9.9HP motor with Sharon's money, and try to get a grant to offset it. We all approve. Going forward, we need to use both launches/motors.
- Boathouse Painting. Nothing new. When Chris gets back this will move forward.
- Stroke/speed coach for Adorni use - Jerry doesn't have an old one. Do we need one? We move on.

#### 7. Financial Reports: Mary Ann McCulloch

- Financial Statements - Accept financials as presented. See separate documents.

(Lorraine leaves 7:17pm)

- Fundraising - Nothing new to report.
- Formalize Cal Poly Humboldt fees while rowing w/HBRA in summer (draft fees sent w/agenda). We all approve them.
- Reconvening HBRA Fee Review committee - Jeanne and Carla and Dayna and Simona will constitute this committee.

#### 8. Other items for discussion/information

- Cannifest recap - We have to get with the city and let them know we use the boathouse. Rowers had problems from Tuesday-Tuesday. We couldn't use our driveway. When we returned from rowing we were blocked. They had one dumpster and a lot of trash was piled all around. We want to know why the road was closed for 5 days, why the back of the stage was on our driveway. Also, their fencing blocked us from our boathouse. Jerry is going to talk to city officials (probably Miles Slattery) to try to improve the situation for next year.
- Humboldt Bay Water Trail map - <https://humwaterkeeper.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=ae81824d82f54255982447d44fe4f795> Our dock is listed for public use on this map and it cannot be used by the public; it's in our lease with the city that access is restricted to us. Jerry will try to reach out to Baykeepers to get this changed on the Humboldt Water Trail Map. The website with the map is humwaterkeeper.com
- Sharon Levy naming ceremony - Hugh needs to be contacted.
- RV Park project update - Nothing.
- City of Eureka Waterfront Plan - Nothing.
- Humboldt County Harbor District Offshore Wind Energy Marine Terminal - Remove from agenda as the funding has been pulled by the federal government.
- Thank you notes needed/sent - None.
- Placeholders
  - Dredging - Nothing.
  - Adorni walls - Still needs to be done.

#### 9. Adjournment 7:31 pm