



## Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes October 29, 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), Chris Dadd (Head Coach), Carla Fuller (Safety Officer)

Start at 6:03 p.m.

### 1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes

- Approve minutes of September 24, 2025 meeting. Minutes approved.

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

- Approve/acknowledge donations made to other organizations since last meeting. Nothing new.
- Discussion with City of Eureka regarding events that impact boathouse access/use. Jerry talked to Lisa Meyash (City of Eureka Event Coordinator) for about an hour. Event participants aren't supposed to go beyond the big rocks placed in Halvorsen Park. She is going to make sure renters understand HBRA needs access to our boathouse and surrounding lot at all times. If renters aren't cooperating, Lisa said to go to the Adorni; they have her phone # and can call her. She can then straighten out the issue. She understands and supports our position.

(Jeanne arrives at 6:08 pm)

- Humboldt Bay Water Trail map correction re: dock. Jerry hasn't done this. He needs to find the number.
- Boats that should be insured (pending s/sheet from Mary Ann). MA still needs to do the spreadsheet and send to Jerry.

### 3. Coaching Status Report

- Coaching Report - Chris Dadd, reporting from the water
  - The novice class was finishing up its last weekday night. Also 31 people were out rowing on a recent Sunday, when the novice Masters joined Masters practice for the first time. It was a huge fleet.
  - Since we only have 16 ergs, Chris will set up/have planned a workout circuit as well (with body work and weight sets) so everyone can stay busy. We want to be able to accommodate double that. Chris might do a Wednesday erg day.
  - Juniors - a couple will go to Head of the Lagoon. There have been 8-10 juniors consistently at practice. Chris said he and Shenae have been dealing with some issues; some want more structure from the coaches. Chris said the way that 2-3 of the juniors want it to be structured, they can't do (which he told them). Chris also thinks there are attendance issues; if more of them consistently showed up and put in the work, they would see more results.
  - Masters did well at the Head of the American regatta. There are 5-6 Masters rowers interested in Head of Lagoon, all singles and doubles.
  - Sculling still has lessons happening. Chris is finishing up with one guy who he thinks may join the Masters.

- Humboldt Men and Women Crew Updates - CPH men did well at Head of the American.
- Equipment - Chris swapped out the broken piece on the Adorni dock. He noted way too much time has been spent on the motors. If Chris can't get the 990 working he will take it to RMI tomorrow. As we go into winter we should use the expensive gas. Chris will put in additive/stabilizer. Chris will get rid of the old gas tanks in the cabinet. Someone needs to put the 8HP on Craig's list to sell for parts. Chris needs to get Rosie's name on the new quad. The business who welded the riggers can do mobile aluminum repair. This may come in handy for the crack on the ramp.

(Chris mutes himself until 7:13 p.m.)

#### 4. Safety Committee - Carla Fuller

- Dump & Recover in the Bay - Carla really wants it to be done this fall. She will talk to Joe, as he was the one interested. She still wants there to be a discussion about getting back into a group boat, ideally on a Sunday after practice. With the novice group joining, it might be a good time to do this.
- We should buy more headlamps. They have all disappeared. We need to write HBRA on them.

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

- Lorraine will update with land practices notice. She needs Policies & Forms web page content.
- Lorraine will update with the website with photos from Head of the American. And then will follow with more content after Head of the Lagoon. Joe Bartosik is the local weatherman and used some video on his report. Free PR!
- Redwood News has an upcoming events segment in which a reporter does interviews with people. When we get close to Learn To Row, we should contact him to get some publicity for the event.
- MA suggests having a t-shirt made with a slogan like "Ask me about rowing." We could wear them out and about to generate interest. Brigitte and MA are going to work on this with Anya.
- People are posting things which show up on our Facebook account. HBRA is getting tagged and then it shows up on the FB/Insta feed. We don't know who the owner is. Jeanne is checking to see who has Admin rights. She has Moderator access so she thinks she can add content, but we should find out who the owner is.

#### 6. Equipment

- Christening Rosie del Vinobarile 4x will happen November 2 @ 10 a.m. Jerry has the whole ceremony he can print it out.
- Repairs needed/in progress
  - Boats - see above with Chris.
  - Boathouse Painting (summer 2026) - see below for capital campaign.

(Carla left 7 p.m.ish)

#### 7. Financial Reports

- We revisit passengers riding in HBRA truck and their contribution for fuel. We are changing to having the \$ donated to the club. It will be earmarked for truck expenses. Chris said someone should always trail the trailer; this should be written into the club rules. He referenced the flat tire and we all know what else can go wrong ... best to have a "support vehicle" behind the boat trailer.
- Financial Statements - Mary Ann McCulloch. She sent them out 6:55 pm. They are reckoned up through end of September.
- Fundraising - MA applied for the Rotary Grant, requesting \$3000 for the new motor. Their meeting is 2nd week of November. MA didn't do the Boater Safety grant because it wasn't a good fit. She suggested we need to do a capital campaign for boathouse repair/painting/roof. Maybe we should work on letters we can send out in March. Jerry has a written history of the boathouse, which he will email that to all of us. We can use this to craft the letter.
- HBRA Fee Review committee will meet Monday at 5:30 p.m.

(Lorraine is out at 7:20 p.m.)

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

- Sharon Levy naming ceremony - Lorraine will contact her relatives. Maybe December?
- RV Park project update - None.
- City of Eureka Waterfront Plan - None.
- Humboldt Co Harbor District Offshore Wind Energy Marine Terminal is looking for other funding.
- Any thank you notes needed/sent? - Masters got together and gave Peter a donation for Head of the American.
- Placeholders
  - Dredging - City has no plans or money.
  - Adorni walls - No update.

9. Adjournment 7:22 p.m.