



Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes

January 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

Board Members Present: Jerome Simone (President), Jeanne Wielgus (Vice President), Mary Ann McCulloch (Treasurer), Dayna Mauer (Secretary), Brigitte Blackman (Parent Representative)

Guests Present: Chris Dadd (Head Coach), Carla Fuller (Safety Officer)

Excused: Lorraine Dillon (PR)

Start meeting at 6:02 pm

1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes

- Approve minutes of December 10, 2025 meeting. Approved.
- Move April meeting to April 27. Meeting is moved to Monday, April 27.

2. President's Report: Jerry Simone

- Sharon Levy naming ceremony recap. It was well-attended and it went well.
- Approve/acknowledge donations made to other organizations since last meeting
 - Thank you from Breast and GYN Health Project for our donation. We got a card.
 - Request from Humboldt for Sports Auction April 11. In the past we have made a donation that's specific for new rowers in their program (the money is not to be used for a current member to pay dues).
- Humboldt Bay Water Trail map correction re: dock use. Dayna will do this.
- Boats that should be insured (pending s/s from Mary Ann). MA still needs to provide the spreadsheet.
- Truck insurance. USRowing dropped truck insurance across the country. AllState gave us a better deal than USRowing, but we got dropped from AllState and went to Progressive. This year Progressive increased fee to \$1200/6 months. Was \$900/6 months in 2025. Jerry is going to talk to his agent at Peterson Insurance.

3. Coaching Status Report

- Coaching Report - Chris Dadd (Head Coach)
 - Juniors - Coaches have been more hardline this semester as the kids requested it. Attendance has been 10-14 most days, which is good. Chris and Shenae have been alternating coaching. He thinks many haven't been there consistently enough to be ready for a race. Some will be surprised they aren't going (they aren't practicing enough).
 - Masters - We are doing well with numbers on the erg sessions. New people are still enthusiastic, as are the yearlings. They all bring different things to the team.
 - Caryn Augst HoA fees. She sat in a seat in a quad as a favor to the team (she didn't request that race). A couple of people on the team would have only been in one race (and they wanted more) if she didn't step up to fill that seat. Chris said she should pay the fee for the double and HBRA Board voted to cover her \$25 quad registration fee. MA moved; Jeanne seconded; all approved.

(Carla leaves)

Go into CLOSED SESSION 6:32 p.m.

End CLOSED SESSION 6:43 p.m.

(Carla comes back in)

- Sculling - Chris just wrapped up a lesson. Slow at this time of year.
- Big equipment issue - Electric megaphone died. He's held off ordering another one. It will be \$500. We have to have one. Skip will try to fix the broken megaphone, but Chris will order a new one. Maybe we will need up with 2 working ones.
- Motor situation has worked out for the moment. Repairs etc. ongoing.

(Chris leaves)

4. Safety Committee - Carla Fuller

- Dump & Recover Jan 31. Carla wants to know if that's paid for. Jerry said it is. We only have 2 hours. 9-10 a.m. for Masters and 10-11 a.m. for Juniors.
- Carla will send Chris a text to ask for a talk on getting back into a multi-person boat.
- Skip can/will take out Marabeth/Scott in a safety launch this coming Sunday so they can practice. Once they get up to speed, this would allow for a more consistent safety launch presence at practices.

5. HBRA Social Media/Outreach: Jeanne Wielgus

- Facebook (for Juniors only) When MA posted the picture of the Rotary Club grant it seemed like it got attached to Aubert (?)'s profile. She wants it to be attached to the HBRA profile. MA will talk to Aubert.
- LTR - Lorraine and Sara don't want to do it this year. They would love to pass it off.

6. Equipment - Chris Dadd (covered above before he left the meeting)

- Repairs needed/in progress - Chris briefly touched on this before he left the meeting.
 - Boats - Repairs in progress as always.
 - Boathouse Painting (summer 2026) - Nothing. We need to figure out what color.
 - Adorni Walls - Nothing.

7. Financial Reports

- Financial Statements - Mary Ann McCulloch got the financials at 5 p.m. today. Some things aren't clean so she is going to talk to Katie and have things fixed and then will submit them. She isn't comfortable presenting them as they are. Cash-wise we are fine.
- Proposal for regatta driver fee - Should we pay the truck driver for regattas? Most of the time we have never paid drivers since they are coaches. Jeanne doesn't think it's unreasonable to pay a driver. Would the club cover it or the regatta attendants only pay for it?
- Fundraising
 - Walmart Spark Good - Dayna will look into setting this up and looking for grants.
 - HAF grant - Aging to Thrive grant was put in January 15. We asked for \$1500 to set up a pilot program to encourage seniors to row.
 - We got the \$5000 Adorni fairy money. This was donated in Jerry's honor.
 - Humboldt Sponsors Grant is due a week from Friday.
- "Scholarship" fund w/Sharon's \$\$\$. Should we use Sharon's money as a pool to help people independent scull. Thoughts? MA was trying to figure out what Sharon would like to do with the money. MA DOES like having a reserve.
- HBRA Fee Review committee recommendation. MA shares the committee's recommendation of an increase to \$50/month for Masters and \$40/Month for Independent Scullers. Change will probably be Mar 01. Brigitte moved; Jerry seconded; all approved.

8. Other items for discussion/information:

- Humboldt Bay Trail discussion w/Robin Prazker - Dayna reports that Eureka has plans to repave the trail from the Adorni Center to north of the Samoa Bridge as a part of a children's park which will be installed near the amphitheater. She told Robin of the safety concerns HBRA has, and of the accident. Robin is aware of the speed issue on the whole trail and said it's a tricky issue because it is supposed to be for commuting as well.

She said she didn't think painting/signs would be a problem for them to do/include, but she is going to talk to engineering and get back to Dayna in a few weeks. The board thinks painting on the trail would be the best. Signs would be fine farther down as warnings, but we want to hear input from engineers. Dayna also mentioned the issues around boathouse access when there are events and Robin brought up that Schneider leases the land around it. She said she was going to finish looking into the legal agreements around that area and circle back to me on that as well.

- Thank you notes sent. The ones Jeanne mentioned were already in the December Board Minutes. Karen recently sent a Thank You to Skip/Carla for lettering Sharon Levy and being safety officers.
- Placeholders
 - Dredging - Nothing.
 - Boathouse Roof - Nothing.
 - RV Park project update - Nothing.
 - City of Eureka Waterfront Plan - Nothing.
 - Humboldt Co Harbor District Offshore Wind Energy Marine Terminal - Nothing.
 - Tsunami map -Tsunami map has been updated and is less conservative. Jerry said no contractor will develop down there now.

MA talks about the picture posted of the Juniors with the big check from the Rotary Grant.

Adjournment 7:31 p.m.