



Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes

December 10, 2025, 6:00pm, via Zoom

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

Guests Present: Brigitte Blackman (Parent Representative), Chris Dadd (Head Coach), Carla Fuller (Safety Officer)

Excused: Dayna Mauer (Secretary), Lorraine Dillon (PR)

Start at 6:09 p.m.

1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes

- Approve minutes of October 29, 2025 meeting. Approved.

2. President's Report: Jerry Simone

- Humboldt Library Assoc., Humboldt Breast Health Project - gave gifts
- Recap of the conversation with Lisa from the City of Eureka. MA thinks it would be helpful to have contact made with whoever is renting the space before the event. Chris Dadd is going to be the contact person for HBRA and Mary Ann can be second. Cannifest and the Kite Festival seem to be the most impactful. Jeanne suggests getting ahead of this; we know these events are going to happen. All agree.
- Humboldt Bay Water Trail map correction re: dock - nothing.
- Boats that should be insured (pending s/s from Mary Ann). Still need spreadsheet from MA with serial numbers and given names.

3. Coaching Status Report

- Coaching Report - Chris Dadd
 - Juniors - finished Friday the 12th for the semester. Break in January (until the 11th?). Chris and Shenae will offer up a few practices during the break. MA notes attendance really dropped off last year, especially into the spring. Chris suggests following a regatta calendar and stopping after the 8th of May. Brigitte agrees.
 - Masters - 3 erg workouts/week, T+Th well attended, W less so. Rowing water has been great. There has just been some weird fog, though.
 - Sculling - Chris is finishing up 1 sculling lesson. Lisa express certified some CPH women so they can row over the break.
 - MA suggests an all HBRA row January 04 (Juniors + Masters). Approved and Scheduled.
- Humboldt Men and Women Crew Updates - CPH women shut down for finals, and men finished up on Saturday the 13th for a 4-5 week break.

- Jeanne wants to update the Adorni schedule to block out times for Juniors to row. She will take off the 3-6 p.m. block M-Fri. Chris said he thinks that will be fine.
- Jo needs to be paid but MA doesn't want to pay her what Chris/Shenae make. \$30/session is what Chris suggests.

4. Safety Committee - Carla Fuller

- Dump & Recover in the Bay (summer 2026? Request for Google form to sign up). Marabeth and Scott want to do a dump & recover in the bay. Carla thinks she should send out a sign up, but thinks we should wait until the spring. MA thinks we should stick with the pool dump & recover in the winter. MA thinks Marabeth should wear a PFD since we aren't sure she has done a pool dump & recover and she sculls.
- Green safety guy - Carla thinks we won't use it all the time, but it's good to have.
- Carla and Skip will put the name on the Sharon Levy. Rosie got changed to the bigger name as well. Jerry wants photos of the Rosie with the new name.

(Carla signs off)

5. HBRA Social Media/Outreach: Jerry reads a note from Lorraine Dillon

- Friday, December 19th is the Sharon Levy dedication ceremony at the Adorni.
- Lorraine will create posters for Juniors spring session; she needs to know the dates and if financial assistance is available. Lorraine posts to about 20 places, but wants to give the kids fliers to recruit friends. MA said assistance may be available; we can look at it case by case. She agrees buying ads doesn't seem to be helpful. Word of mouth is the best thing to do, and put some fliers out at local groceries. Chris and Brigitte agree. All agree to let the paid ad idea go. Public schools aren't welcoming to HBRA. The exception is the charter schools. We should try to make inroads there.

6. Equipment

- Repairs needed/in progress
 - Boats - Replaced the Rosie name with the larger typeface one.
 - Boathouse Painting - Shooting for summer 2026, weekend work party.
 - Adorni Walls are the same. Chris fixed a cube in the Adorni dock.
 - Chris thinks the Mary Liz (coxed quad side of the building) needs to be cut up. He will scavenge the parts that he could use on one other boat. Pacific Pride is the 8 that's outside, and should be cut up as well. Put Flying Scott outside and take the rack off the side of the building. MA suggest selling the Gies.
 - Key box - we can't get into it. We went to that because someone lost their keys and the boathouse needed to be rekeyed, which was expensive. Sara, Carla, Jeanne, MA, Katie, Laura Miller, Lorraine and Jo have a key. Jeanne or MA is going to try to get the key box open. If that doesn't work, Chris is going to get another key box mounted on the door. Then there will be 3!

7. Financial Reports

- Financial Statements - Mary Ann McCulloch. This is the end of our fiscal year this month. We are in the black, which is good. Financials are approved.
- Fundraising
 - Rotary Grant received. The \$1600 has been deposited. HBRA sent 3 people (Shenae, Anya & Dahlia) to the Rotary for the grant presentation.
 - HTC has a grant for trail improvement, which is due after the new year. MA was going to get together with Carla to put together a proposal for safety improvements on the trail in front of the boathouse. Maybe get \$500-1000.
 - Walmart Spark Good. Dayna should send an email with more info. No one is opposed.
- HBRA Fee Review committee report. Possible increase \$5 or \$10/month for both Masters and Scullers. \$2700 or \$5400 additional a year for Masters. Only 5 people scull, so that increase would be \$420 or \$600 additional a year. The total additional could be \$6000/year. MA brings up the idea of a capital campaign for the roof. Jerry thinks a capital campaign would be necessary to re-roof the building, but wants to keep that issue separate. MA thinks we do need to raise our fees to keep more of a cushion. No to a sliding scale; it's too complicated to administer. Jerry wants to focus on the fee schedule. Committee will reconvene and get back to the board with a precise fee recommendation.

(Chris signs off)

8. Other items for discussion/information:

- Sharon Levy naming ceremony - as discussed above. December 19.
- RV Park project update - Nothing.
- City of Eureka Waterfront Plan - Nothing.
- Revised tsunami map shows the boathouse in the zone.
- Humb Co Harbor District Offshore Wind Energy Marine Terminal - Nothing.
- Any thank you notes needed/sent? - Nothing.
- Placeholders
 - Dredging - Nothing.
 - Boathouse Roof - Nothing.

9. Closed Session

10. Adjournment @ 7:29 p.m. ish

After the board meeting, Jeanne and Karen Sack reported Thank Yous which were sent.

- November 03
 - to Michael Wrigley for the crate of apples for HOA (which he did not attend)
 - to Coach Peter for organizing HOA boats/practices and driving the trailer
- November 04
 - to Chris Dadd for juggling Masters, Juniors, fixing boats, coaching etc.
 - to Shenae Bishop for dedication to Juniors, coaching newbie Masters
 - to Marabeth Madsen for organizing newbie Master help, crew clothes