



Board of Directors Meeting Final Minutes February 25, 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), Lorraine Dillon (PR)

Start meeting at 6:04 pm

1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes

- Approve minutes of January 28, 2026 meeting - MA seconded. All approved.

2. President's Report: Jerry Simone

- Approve/acknowledge donations made to other organizations since last meeting - No new ones. Followup: Humboldt Athletic Foundation is specified for rowing.
- Boats that should be insured - Jerry will forward the boats-to-be-insured spreadsheet to Chubb. We reviewed this with Chris and he approved the list. Deductible is \$500/boat. Insurance covers the boat, no matter where it is. Jerry said to always get pictures when there is an accident. That's what he sends as documentation for claims. The Board agreed to track all boats (with serial numbers), including uninsured ones, to maintain an accurate inventory.
- Truck Insurance update - Jerry got a \$1200/year quote from United Financial Casualty Company. The other quote we got was \$2400/year, so we are going with the UFCC one. Katie is processing the payment now.
- High School Soccer team visit (August) - Coach John is head coach of a girl's soccer team at Midlands High in Grants Pass. Juniors have historically done basically a LTR day with this team. This has been fun and profitable. Last time he gave us \$1000 and then he gave money to the Juniors who were doing the coaching. Shenae is very enthusiastic about it, said Chris. They will make it happen. It will be in August.
- Proposal to change board meeting time to 5:30 p.m. - We are moving the Board meeting to 5:30 p.m. going forward. MA moved, Dayna seconded.

3. Coaching Status Report

- Coaching Report - Chris Dadd
 - Juniors - The conflict/issue with one rower is winding down. Coaches are meeting with the parents on Saturday and will move forward from there. The rest of the kids have been pretty solid with getting to practice. First race will be third week of March. Chris explained that only four rowers have met the criteria to participate in the race, and they will be borrowing boats as needed. Anya has oars but no boat yet. It should arrive the end of February. Her parents will need to carry insurance on her boat.
 - Lily Pendley coaching question - She was asking if she can coach juniors as it looks like she might be laid off. Chris will talk to MA offline tomorrow about this. MA offered up fixing boats to Lily and didn't get an enthusiastic response.
 - Masters - Status quo. They will start entertaining the idea of 3x/week a week because of the time change. Pretty good numbers at some of the practices.
 - Sculling - Not a lot of lessons.
- Humboldt Men and Women Crew Updates - Both teams are training towards first race, which are in a few weeks.

- LTR & masters summer session discussion - Lately there have been a lot of questions about novices having their own coach. MA has gotten a lot of feedback when people have dropped, and this is brought up. It used to be people did independent sculling certification, and then if they wanted to join the team and be more competitive, that was offered. Carla speaks up as well. Lorraine brings up the idea to advertise for a coach. Chris is always talking with Ashley and other people about possible coaches. Most of the time kids can't afford to do it. Not a lot of people up here want to and can coach. The Board then debated the future of Learn to Row and the subsequent summer sessions, with MA raising concerns about promoting programs they cannot adequately support, particularly given challenges in securing dedicated master's coaches. The discussion highlighted questions about whether to continue offering Learn to Row sessions or switch to a scull-only recruitment approach. No decisions were made.

4. Safety Committee - Carla Fuller

- Dump & Recover Jan 31 recap - She said it went really well, with a record number of people attending. Lots of new masters went.

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

- Facebook (Have Jrs only) - Nothing new.
- Lorraine shared information about the Golden Rule anti-nuclear boat and the revival of the Sea Scout program in Humboldt Bay, which will partner with the Golden Rule. The group discussed concerns about Cal Poly Aquatic Center's use, noting that it was not meeting its public education requirements.
- Jerome and Jeanne agreed to investigate access issues with the Facebook Masters page. Jeanne is going to help him over a Zoom meeting.

6. Equipment

- Repairs needed/in progress
 - Boats - M2 has a leak, it seems. Chris has a bunch of parts on order. Ezra changed the handles on the Skinny oars. And now we have an extra erg monitor. Speaking of monitors - rowers should only use a soft cloth (with maybe a bit of alcohol) to clean the monitors. Jeanne will send an announcement out to the team.
 - Boathouse Painting (summer 2026). This will happen this summer, before the roof gets fixed.
 - Adorni Walls - Should we talk to the city about fixing the walls? DPW does the work on the building, so it was suggested we talk to one of those workers when we see them down near the Adorni, as opposed to going through official channels.

7. Financial Reports

- Financial Statements - Mary Ann McCulloch. We don't have them.
- Proposal for regatta driver fee. Flat fee. Maybe \$100-150. Going to ask Peter his opinion.
- Fundraising
 - Walmart Spark Good - Dayna is in process with this. She needs PayPal login info from Jeanne.
 - HAF grant update - Dayna reports we did not get it.
 - Humboldt Sponsors Grant update - Mary Ann said we haven't heard anything back yet.
 - CCCU Grant for boathouse roof - Mary Ann. Chris has a lot of measurements and Pete has been helping with figuring out how much to ask for on the grant. We are providing all the labor and also planning to improve the roof from what was initially done. It has always been HBRA's boathouse, according to Jerry. Built in 2001. HSU handed over the dock to us.
- "Scholarship" fund w/Sharon's \$\$ - MA passed on talking about this.

8. Other items for discussion/information:

- Humboldt Bay Trail update and Lease review - Dayna reported that Humboldt Waterkeepers had removed the boathouse from a public dock map. Robin Prazker indicated that zebra/warning stripes for the asphalt near the boathouse should be doable, once they repave that section of the waterfront trail. We discussed the lease agreement with Eureka regarding maintenance of the surrounding land. This ended a little unclear and Dayna is going to return to Robin and ask her about Travis Schneider's lease and its implications for their boathouse. Dayna thought HBRA was responsible for the surrounding land and the others thought not.
- Thank you notes sent - Lorraine will tell Karen to send a Thank You note to Ezra.

- Nordic Aquafarms Fish Factory - Abandoned, as seen in Lost Coast Outpost.
- Placeholders
 - Dredging - Nothing.
 - RV Park project update - Nothing.
 - City of Eureka Waterfront Plan - Doing a children's park near the amphitheater. This is going to lead to the repaving of the section of the trail that runs by HBRA's boathouse.
 - Humboldt Co Harbor District Offshore Wind Energy Marine Terminal - Nothing new.

Thanks to the coaches + Parent Representative for dealing with the Juniors situation. And thanks to the Junior's parents for being so constructive.

Adjournment 7:45 p.m.