



Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

August 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

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

Guests Present: Carla Fuller (Safety Officer), Lorraine Dillon (PR), Greg Seiler

Excused: Chris Dadd (Head Coach) (comes in @ closed session and leaves in closed session)

Start meeting at 5:33 p.m.

1. Roll Call, Introductions and Minutes

- Approve minutes of July 29, 2026 meeting - Dayna's presentation is the 1st. MA 2nds.

2. President's Report: Jerry Simone

- Approve/acknowledge donations made to other organizations since last meeting - None.
- High School Soccer team visit - We haven't heard anything. Jerry left a message and said he assumes it isn't happening.
- PO Box (Jerry to check how HBRA can be recognized as a boxholder) - Jerry said he'll get this straightened out. Jerry will make it so that Jeanne has access if something happens to him.

3. New Business - Greg Seiler

- Funding proposal for 2x boat(s) - Greg says he doesn't feel the boats available to the Juniors are appropriate for modern competition. He checked to see if the boats could be fixed in a cost effective way; yes, they could be fixed for \$5000, but it didn't seem worth the money for the short amount of time they would last. He looked for boats on the used market. He found they weren't that much cheaper. He reached out to Hudson b/c he has a relationship with them. They have boats from the national team which could be made available to us at a used price, \$16,200 + tax. Within 2 days Greg said he had the funds raised to do that. Greg informed Mary Ann (he said she was his conduit to inform the board) and Chris. Greg said Chris and the team could use a second double, which would be another \$16,200. Greg told Hudson they were going to try to raise funds for this but didn't think they could. He said Hudson said he wanted them to have the boats since HBRA are an upstart team and had 2 boats in Nationals, which is impressive for such a small program. Hudson's offer was that if HBRA paid 100% of the first boat and 50% of the second boat, the boats could be made available by the end of August. The remaining \$8000 needs to be paid by February 2027. Greg checked with Chris and Mary Ann (to see if it would be ok, given that HBRA Juniors could put together the funding in that time). Junior parents talked and committed to raising the funds. So, they have 3/4 of the money for the two boats. They have transport, covers and cartop racks covered. He says there is no risk that HBRA won't have the remaining money in time. Then he requests to go into closed session.

Dayna leaves at 5:51 p.m.

Carla & Lorraine leave at 5:55 p.m.

Closed session starts 5:56 p.m. with Jerry, Jeanne, Mary Ann, Greg, Brigitte, Chris Dadd pops in for a while.

Closed session ends 6:29 p.m.

Carla back around 6:31 p.m.

Dayna back at 6:32 p.m.

Motion coming out of closed session: HBRA agrees to purchase 2 boats from Hudson, with \$26,500 due now. The balance of \$8800 is due February 2027, which HBRA hopes will be raised through the Rowathon, private donations and possibly a CCCU grant. If \$8800 isn't raised, there will be a private donation which will make up the gap. Therefore, HBRA won't be paying anything for the boats. Jeanne 2nds. All approve.

4. Coaching Status Report - This happened during the closed session, so no minutes on this.

Coaching Report - Chris Dadd

- Head Coach
- Juniors
 - Fall 2026 Dates & Fee
- Masters
 - Sebastian Hasslequist
 - Request for Masters meeting - Carla
- Sculling

- Humboldt Men and Women Crew Updates

5. Safety Committee - Carla Fuller

- In bay Dump & Recover - Aug 22. This is mainly for people who have done it in the pool already.
- A rower wants a Masters group meeting to talk about the direction the club is going. She thinks maybe some people want the club to go in a different direction than what it is. Carla thinks maybe we should let her organize and run the meeting. (We had a select meeting a while ago to get a sampling of what people thought about the club direction.) A few people want to be in a more recreational club. Coaches would need to be at this meeting. Carla thinks we have talked about some of these issues. She thinks having a meeting is a good start but it's also important to tell people up front that it's a competitive sport. Plan is to have a meeting after a Sunday practice. Another rower will organize it. Jeanne points out that we do have an alternate track - independent sculling.
- Purchasing another crossing guard - Carla will do that. MA moves that we buy another, Dayna 2nds.

6. HBRA Outreach/Communications: Lorraine Dillon/Jeanne Wielgus

- Dayna gives Lorraine's report, which she texted to her. Ads will run this week and next in the NCJ for the fall Juniors season. Posters are in the boathouse for this as well, and it would be great to have them placed where young people will see them. While she is away, Dayna will monitor voicemail and Brigitte will monitor HBRA email.

7. Equipment

- Repairs needed/in progress - None.
 - Boat repairs & disposition - Nothing
 - Boathouse Painting & Repairs update - We know the colors. We need to know how much and what kind of paint. Chris has gone through about \$500 of the \$2000 which was donated for this this project.
 - Adorni Walls - Nothing

8. Financial Reports: Mary Ann McCulloch

- MA reconciled the cash accounts, We have the \$26,500 to send to Hudson. We need a transfer made from the checking account to the fundraising account of the PayPal donations. Dayna will do this on the 25th, or whenever the PayPal funds drop. MA fixed the errors for invoicing the Juniors. AR balance: she has sent email reminders to people who are overdue 30 days. The new boats will be in our possession next week at the latest so we need to do the wire transfer soon. Jeanne will do the wire transfer. The quote came in Greg's name. We need the quote to be in HBRA's name. Brigitte will take care of getting that adjusted. We need to get the new boats insured before they travel. The minute they are loaded on the truck, they are our liability. Jerry acknowledges this.
- Grants/Fundraising

- Update on 2x boat(s) fundraising - See above, item #3.
- Juniors Rowathon Aug. 23 - Willow gave the kids forms. Each kid is responsible for raising \$200 and rowing 15k.

9. New Business, Part II

- Juniors Parent Rep - Parents vote on it and then that info gets passed on to us. Brigitte put it out there that it's Anya's last year. Amon and Willow offered. Parents will pick one. Brigitte will serve until May.
- Board should provide lunch and drinks to the people who are doing the work on Sept. 05 and Sept. 12. We all approve.
- Annual meeting isn't going to happen in September. It has to happen before the end of the year. We will pick a date at the next board meeting.

10. Other items for discussion/review

- Humboldt Bay Trail update - Dayna said striping will happen and maybe some rock per Robin P. @ the city.
- Thank you notes needed/sent - None.
- Placeholders - None.
 - Dredging - None
 - RV Park project update - Nothing.
 - City of Eureka Waterfront Plan (different from Bay Trail) - Nothing.
 - Humb. Co Harbor District Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal - Nothing.

11. Adjournment 7:20 p.m.