**Old Lyme Rowing Association**

 **MINUTES for Board Meeting of Monday, February 3, 2014**

**ATTENDEES: Greg Hack, Deb Heminway, Joan Rivington, Liam Corrigan, Chris McCawley, John Laundon, Graham Richartz**

**Absent: Bill Plage, Liz Lightfoot, Tanya Patten, Heather Stone, Louis Zubek**

1. Welcome to new Board members Liz Lightfoot and Joan Rivington!
2. Approval of the Minutes from Board meeting of December 16, 2013 and from the special Board meeting (teleconference) of January 21, 2014. Review of Minutes from Annual Meeting of January 27, 2014.
	1. Deb Heminway wanted to add to the minutes that Louis Zubek had requested from the Boosters money for oars
	2. John Laundon objects to being responsible for raising 5-6 K; John Laundon’s verbatim statement will be pasted into the minutes of 21-JAN.
3. Elect new Board officers, to include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. No changes to existing slate.
4. Schedule for Board meetings for remainder of 2014. Consider alternating Sunday/Monday evenings every 6 weeks. Next meeting will be 4pm Sunday March 2
5. Treasurer’s report, including:
* Updated Treasurer’s Report and Balance Sheet; paid US Rowing Annual dues and balance on Hudson 4+; balance is at $18K;
* Refer to 2013 P and L statement that was reviewed at the Annual Meeting; ask Heather for details on $2781 income on other merchandise.
* Increase Heather’s stipend to $1250. Passes by unanimous vote
1. News and updates:
* First meeting of Boathouse Hains Park Improvements Committee (BHPIC)
* Hope to get new docks in by Spring, perhaps with some donated materials and volunteer labor. Thinking two 60 foot docks. Dredging is not likely to be environmentally acceptable. Try to start construction on Boathouse itself in November.
* Winter training update: Going well, but frustrated by interruptions caused by weather and exams.
* Progress on winter repairs and maintenance: Paul is working on getting the Go Fast down to Vespoli; Conversion of the two Vespoli 1X. David Gray has offered to do this work for $3-400 plus 150 to 300 for parts. Ask Paul for clarification on repairs on the 1X because Vespoli may be able to do this work more cheaply. John Laundon offers to take boats down to Vespoli. Hannah rigger is cracked. Can Vespoli repair the aluminum wing on the Hannah also ?
* Need to hear from Louis on wiring items
* Need to purchase another Jon boat ($1500)
* Inflatable is in good condition
* Deliver engines up to Reynolds for seasonal refurbishing
1. Fundraising and Equipment Committees
	1. Fundraising Committee meets on 10-FEB: yes, we can sell the old ergs at the Boathouse. 15-20 old rowing shirts. Wash and resell. Looking for splash jackets. Graham to get shirts. Chris and Greg to check out old ergs for sale.
	2. Equipment Committee. Assign participants on each committee. Heather continues to chair this committee. Develop a specific boat buying plan for next 5 year period.
	3. Dues:
		1. Masters: $25 increase to 575; early payment (by 1st June) discount 525
		2. Family $25 increase to 775; early payment (by 1st June) discount 725
		3. Collegiate $150
		4. Adult Student $350
		5. Associate $200
		6. Coaching: Budget allows for 4h/week at $25/h for each of men and women. Sweep women incurred $7500 in expenses ($4200 coxing/$3356 coaching). Some in the club want a coach several times a week. In principle $100/week has been budgeted for sculling coaching. Investigate sculling coaching and transitional program at another meeting. We discussed possibly limiting the amount that the club will pay for coxing, but no decision made.
2. Form committee to study potential updates/revisions of The By-Laws that were last revised (following review by attorney Scott Franklin) in 2012 to provide changes necessary to be in compliance with 501(c)3 regulations: Candace, Greg, Chris, Heather
3. Considerations for spring BBS junior program, and developing plans for summer and fall programs. Summer program coming along: Steve, Paul, Andriel. Raise fee to $425. Start June 23 through August 6. LTR June 9-June 20. Keep kids at $90. Adults to $120. Discussed Flex program which would allow adults to use their purchased rowing days at their convenience, for an added convenience fee.
4. BSS Junior Spring Program for kids who do not have HS rowing through their schools: nice thing to be able to offer. We do not have a coach for this program now. John does not know of anyone now. Would Brian Schuch want to extend his day to include the Spring program. Greg to continue to seek a coach. 6-8 wks April-May. Saybrook may be looking to start a program. Do they know of a coach ? Proposing 3-5 days per week.
5. New business? Fall program; Ray and John are both stepping down. Lots of work to identify new coaches. It was suggested that the Parent Representatives take the lead on this task.

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| Date | Task | Responsible |
| 27-JAN | Ask Heather about $2781 in income-other | Greg |
| 03-FEB | Ask Paul about cost of repairs to Vespoli 1Xs | Chris |
| 03-FEB | Ask Paul about repair of cracked rigger on 1X (Hannah) | Chris |
| 03-FEB | Survey of electronics needs | Louis |
| 03-FEB | Follow up on Boosters purchase of oars | Louis |
| 03-FEB | Obtain from LOLHS a list of rowing alumnae | Louis |
| 03-FEB | Deliver outboard engines to Reynolds for seasonal refurbishing | Greg/Chris – done (thanks to Brian C and Liam too) |
| 03-FEB | Retrieve shirts from boathouse for washing and re-selling | Graham |
| 03-FEB | Assess old ergs: sell or junk | Chris and Greg |
| 03-FEB | Equipment Committee to meet and develop new 5 year boat buying plan | Equipment Committee |
| 03-FEB | Review By-laws | Candace, Chris, Greg, Heather |
| 03-FEB | Seek a coach for the Spring BSS program | Greg |
| 03-FEB | Investigate a sculling transitional program with coaching at next meeting | All |
| TBC | Follow up with Greg Fiorellli in Old Saybrook to get inflatable readied for Spring | Chris (PMN: in progress, awaiting snow removal to get access to trailer) |

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace A. Fuchs, secretary