



NARRAGANSETT
BOAT CLUB

Board of Governors Meeting Agenda

Date:	Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Time:	6:15 PM
Place:	Virtual, via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86812232425?pwd=a3EzeE5DQjlydUZNd2ozUC9BazQ3UT09
Chair:	Jamie Reavis
Secretary	Sherri Nelson
Advance Materials:	Agenda Minutes of May 13, 2020 BOG Meeting Secretary's Report – June 5, 2020 Treasurer's Report Captain's Report DOR Report Others?
Agenda:	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 13, 2020 BOG Meeting – Jamie Reavis <p>Review of Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary's Report – Sherri Nelson, Deb Chute• Treasurer's Report – Joan Martin• Captain's Report – Eric Watne• DOR Report – John Hughes• Others? <p>NBC 1.66</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Updates – Kit Wise/Jamie Reavis <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of erg sales – Eric Watne• Others? <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diversity Task Force – Kristi Wharton, Pat Watson, Alan Harlam• Waiver Issues – Jamie Reavis• Right to Treat Letter – Jamie Reavis

- New Members – should we offer private lessons to new members before the program is up and running – **Ruth Berenson**

Executive Session

- Any?

Remarks for the Good of the Club

Next Meeting:

Date: July 8, 2020

Time: 6:15 PM

Place: TBD

Narragansett Boat Club
Board of Governors meeting
May 13, 2020 6:15 pm
Virtual via zoom

Board of Governors members present: Ruth Berenson, Carol Browning, Alden Bumstead, Pete Evans, Dan Gorriaran, Michael Hamilton, Alan Harlam, Joan Martin, Sherri Nelson, Jamie Reavis, Eric Watne, Pat Watson, Kristi Wharton

Board of Governors members absent: Virginia Hopkins

NBC members present: Amy Abbot, Francesca Dow, Rob English, Lisa Evans, Maura Flanagan, Rob Fletcher, Luke Gaitskill, Rick Gaitskill, Cindy Gorriaran, Eric Hagberg, Everett Harding, Kerri-Anne Mallet, Daniella Roop, John Ryan, Scott Whitney, Kim Worrell

Other Attendees: John Hughes

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Jamie Reavis.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the 4-15-20 BOG meeting were approved.
- Minutes from the 1-27-20 Executive Committee meeting were approved.

Review of Committee Reports

Secretary's Report (submitted by Deb Chute)

- We have 135 regular members, the same as last month. Three new members were voted in tonight:
 - Grace Dayian (joined 5-7-20): regular member
 - Michael Shea (joined 4-20-20): non-resident member
 - Emily Regan (joined 5-11-20): U27 member*(*grandfathered in under previous rules for youth rowers turning 18 while in high school; newly adopted rules are that youth remain youth rowers until completing high school)

Notes from Treasurer's Report (Joan Martin)

- Jamie noted that Joan submitted a very thorough report. Obviously, there are a lot of concerns re how we will keep the club going through this time, especially without significant programming. We had an Executive Committee meeting last week to talk about budgets. (Plans for programming discussed later in the meeting.)
- Joan added that she is not budgeting for any programs unless and until we have them. The bottom line is that as long as we're careful and plan as though we won't be getting income this year, we would be able to get through to next year, even if we were to have no programming.
- Jamie noted that we shifted our boat buying priorities, given the current situation, with an emphasis on singles rowing (see Captain's report below).

DOR Report (Daniela Roop and John Hughes)

- Jamie welcomed John Hughes aboard as our Director of Rowing, as of this meeting. On behalf of the BOG and the entire club, Jamie also expressed heartfelt thanks to Daniela for stepping up as interim DOR for the past 6-7 months. John began by saying that he is excited to be here.
- **Programming proposal:** A draft proposal was distributed to the BOG, with projections of costs and revenue for a shortened initial session of four weeks, for advanced sculling and beginner zephyr classes. Classes would not begin until the governor increases gathering sizes from 5 to 10 people (which as of this writing would happen on May 25th). We could also start by providing private or semi-private coaching and classes to members for singles or doubles, which provides a service to the membership, could be done later in the day, and would be the easiest and safest option, and would provide revenue. Coaches feel mixed about programming; some are ready to start right away and some noted they would not feel comfortable for a while. Pros and cons to opening up programming were discussed, including safety issues, comfort level, traffic patterns of launching and landing, programming for members vs. non-members (with general agreement that it should be offered to members first), and whether to offer programming for juniors. The general feeling was not to rush into programming and phase it in gradually, and monitor how it goes. Eric Watne noted that his overarching priority is that class members have appropriate boats available to them for classes, and it was noted that members might have to sacrifice some boat priority. Jamie thanked John, Daniela, and Maura for putting the draft so quickly and encouraged the BOG and members in general to provide them with support and input as we devise a workable plan for programming this season. Joan and John will communicate re relevant cost issues.
- **Progress in re-opening the club thus far:** (Note: This discussion was mixed in with programming; I have artificially separated the two a bit.) The overall feeling was that things have gone smoothly thus far. We have a well thought out plan for safety and our sport, done in singles, is naturally socially distancing. This reduces the risk to a reasonable level, and members can decide on an individual basis if they would like to row. While it is easy to organize launching slots, it is more difficult to coordinate landing times, due to water conditions and individual differences in length of time on the water, but people have been moving fairly quickly on the dock. It was noted that Maura, as dockmaster, shouldn't be put in the position of policing; rather she is present to serve as coordinating launching and landing, and that members need to be patient at times if they have to wait to land. (Maura was given credit for doing a great job as dockmaster.) Also, the rules are not a disciplinary issue, but in place in order to keep everyone in the club healthy. Although the addition of a north dock will help us, it won't be starting until June, and it will take more than a couple days to complete, so we can't count on that to alleviate dock congestion at this time. Further changes to the current plan will be made as necessary.

Captain's Report (Eric Watne)

- Eric noted that the 15-minute interval between launching groups (of five) is probably longer than necessary, so this may change. (Subsequent to this meeting, the number of people who could launch in a given time slot was increased from five to seven.). He noted however, that the exchange between launching and docking is something we need to keep an eye on. One possible thought is to block out 7-7:30 for launching (i.e. no launching during that time) because that's when a lot of people are coming back, but he would like to see how the current system works for a little bit longer. He feels we should work towards a goal of not needing a dockmaster.
- Two more singles racks were installed last weekend in the north lot and they are starting to fill up. We currently have great capacity for storing private singles.
- The Executive Committee voted to purchase two Peinerts (one P26 and one X25); we will get one this year and it isn't clear yet when we will get the other one. (Note: we will not be purchasing the four plus oars from Brown as originally planned, because of the change in fleet priority necessitated by COVID.)
- We have a Wintech 21 (Explorer model) given to us by the US Rowing adaptive program, which we named the Ricky Brightman. However, we have been asked to return the boat to USRowing. It's a popular boat, sort of a bridge between a zephyr and a Peinert, and Eric has received many emails from people who like this boat. Wintech has an identical boat available for purchase for \$4900.

Motion approved to purchase this boat, and to name it the Ricky Brightman.

- In case of emergency on the water: Eric noted that people are wondering who they should call if they do get in trouble on the water, since many now have their phones with them (because of the reservation-based app we are now using). Phones are not required, and sometimes hard to access / use in an emergency. When feasible, rowers can call the boathouse at 401-272-1838. It was agreed to forward the boathouse phone number to Maura, since she is usually present in the morning. Calling 911 in some situations would also work. It was also suggested that boat-to-boat communication via whistles would be more immediately effective in an emergency situation, and that if people hear that sound on the water, they should move toward it, to see if they can provide assistance. The Rowing Committee recently voted to require whistles for low light conditions and when the Four Oar rule is in effect; however, Eric noted that it would be a good idea for rowers to be in the habit of carrying them regularly.

Selling Club ergs (Jamie Reavis)

- Jamie introduced a proposal from Rob English. Demand for used ergs is very high right now because people are still stuck at home, not on the water, and Concept2 is shut down. They are just starting up again. We have 23 very good ergs. Last week Rob sold a member's private erg for \$850 as a test, which is close to asking price for a new erg, and it sold very quickly. Rob has suggested that we sell off our older ergs (10 of them), offered to members first and then the general public. We would put the money aside and either replace them in the fall when Concept2 is back in production, or put the money towards boats instead, especially since we might not want to go back to having as many ergs in close proximity. Issues raised in the discussion:

- All of the ergs are currently loaned out to members. Eric will poll the people who have them to see who is still using them, who might want to buy one, and who would be willing to return them. It was agreed that we would want members who would like to keep the erg for now, to be able to do so. The original plan for loaning the ergs to members was to do so on a \$20 per week arrangement, with the \$20 going to the club as a donation to the scholarship fund. Joan noted that there has been wide variability in payment for the ergs. Eric noted he suggested \$20 per week at a time when we thought this situation might last 3-4 weeks, and that some people might be waiting to pay to see how long it will go on for. He doesn't want it to be a financial hardship for people, and could also see forgoing the rental fee for anyone who wants to buy the erg. Eric asked that if people have suggestions about how to handle this, to email him; one thought he had was to ask people who have had the ergs to make a donation to the scholarship fund that they think is appropriate.
- Daniela asked that juniors be included in being offered to buy an erg; some of them have loaners, some do not. Joan noted there might be a revenue value in keeping the ergs, e.g. if it keeps kids connected to the program while they can't be on the water.
- Eric will consider the options as soon as possible, since the prices of used ergs will quickly decrease once Concept2 is back in production.

Remarks for the Good of the Club

- Jamie noted that it's nice to be back on the water.
- Kristi thanked everyone for all their efforts to get us ready to get back on the water: Dan, for the reservation app; Eric, for the detailed protocol; Carol, for her input as a RIDOH resource, and many others.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 6:15 pm

Location: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrri Nelson
Secretary

Secretary's report - Membership as of 6/5/2020

Membership Category	6/5/2020	5/11/2020	6/12/2019
Regular	138	135	Breakdown by category not indicated in minutes.
Spouse	11	11	
72+	23	23	
U27	41	33	
Life	10	10	
NonResident	4	4	
Clubhouse	2	2	
Summer College	2	0	
Total Members	231	218	246
Applicant Members to Vote on (included in numbers above)			
Type	Last_Name	First_Name	Comments
Regular	Brown	Wendyll	Returning from 2019
	Summers	Brett	Returning from 2019
	Roberts	Timmons	Returning from 2019
U27	Goff	Alexander	New -Previous Vassar Team/ Coach at Alliance Rowing (north shore Chicago)
	Daly	Mari	New - UT Austin crew; Tabor crew; trained on the charles in 1x's and also at UT
	Biggs	Rufus	New - Assistant Coach Brown Men's Crew
	D'Ambra	Madison	New - Previous Junior
	Dezotell	Elise	New - Bayview rowing team member last 4 years.
	Vieten	Emma	RETURNING FROM 2018
	Handy	Lucy	Returning from 2019
Summer College	Greenberg	Jonathan	New - Previous Junior
	Luby	Jack	RETURNING FROM 2017
	Dolan	Kathleen	returning from 2019



NBC Captains Report June 2020

New Barge named – Rowing Committee recommended and Exec Committee approved naming one of the new barges the “Tony Palms” in recognition of Tony’s longstanding commitment to teaching rowing using the barge as well as his many contributions to NBC and Rowing in general. Due to COVID restrictions we could not hold a ceremony at NBC so we brought the mountain to Mohammad. Approximately 40 cars decorated with NBC oars, streamers and balloons paraded past Tony’s house, Albin Moser and Pete Evans gave tributes and Tony christened the bow piece with water from the Seekonk.

COVID protocol rowing – we recently increased launch density to 10 every 15-minutes from earlier limit of 7. So far the COVID restrictions seem to working well in terms of spacing and equipment usage. The flip side is that there are a lot of 1X’s on the water and navigation is an ongoing issue. I’d ask members of the BOG to help by both providing a good example (don’t cut the buoys! Don’t row down the course the wrong way! Leave an open lane!) and also by providing gentle & friendly reminders to folks who find themselves in the wrong place.

Purchases & Repairs - No new purchases (our Wintech 21 arrived and needs to be put in service) and no major repair needs to report. A new flyweight Wintech will be showing up at the boathouse shortly. Need to better incorporate damage reporting/coordinating protocol. Some older Van Dusen 1X’s being brought back into service with wing repairs.

Oar Storage/use – with new private oars showing up every day I’m reconfirming oar slots to determine vacancies. Members are encouraged to ensure their names are on their oars. Likely need to create more storage slots. No longer can NBC guarantee that club oars have single use. Have stressed cleaning handles with disinfectant.

Boat Storage – Racks filling up quickly with private and NBC boats. Still some available spots. Will need to insure folks are aware of NBC policies regarding boat storage given many NBC hulls are temporarily stored off-site.

Respectfully submitted;

Eric Watne / NBC Captain



DIRECTOR OF ROWING REPORT

June 10, 2020

The **Pilot Sculling Class** got off to a good start, fully enrolled, on Tuesday and Thursday this past week (**6:00pm to 7:15pm, for 4 weeks**). Maura got all six participants registered on Mindbody, and Daniella oriented our new coach Iana Dementieva to the boathouse, the launches, and navigation of the Seekonk.

Our next class offering will be the **Invitation Only Competitive Youth sculling class**. Originally proposed to begin on Monday, June 8, I chose to change the date to Monday, June 15. This will allow for more time to get all pieces in place (waiver update, program protocol statement, enrollment, payment, and e-signing of waivers). This class will run for **2 weeks from 3:30pm to 5:15pm, Monday to Thursday** with Friday as a possible make-up day for inclement weather. I anticipate full enrollment.

Also, as coaches become available, times for **private lessons** will be posted on Mindbody. The first private lesson offerings will be posted during the week of Monday, 6/8.

Questions:

- Pending the success of the Pilot Class and the Competitive Youth Class, when might adult classes begin?
- Will traffic on the dock in the morning allow for a class of 6 adults to launch, 2 mornings per week? (6am to 6:45am seems like a low traffic period)
- At what point might we increase class sizes to 8 participants?

Respectfully submitted,

John Hughes
Director of Rowing