



NARRAGANSETT
BOAT CLUB

Board of Governors Meeting Agenda

Date:	Wednesday, July 8, 2020
Time:	6:15 PM
Place:	Virtual, via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81223256484?pwd=MXNBcmxLdlUvWURVUIVnWXpnNXpEdz09
Chair:	Jamie Reavis
Secretary	Sherri Nelson
Advance Materials:	Agenda Minutes of May 29, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2020 BOG Meeting Secretary's Report – June 30, 2020 Captain's Report Others?
Agenda:	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 29, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting – Jamie Reavis• June 10, 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• Program Committee Report – Committee• Building Committee Report – Pete Evans• Governance Committee Report – Alan Harlam• Diversity Task Force - Kristi Wharton, Pat Watson, Alan Harlam• 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• Update on re-opening to date – open discussion• Other?

New Business

- Discussion on team boats, continued re-opening – **Eric Watne, others**
- Other?

Executive Session

- Any?

Remarks for the Good of the Club

Next Meeting:	Date: August 12, 2020	
	Time: 6:15 PM	
	Place: TBD	

Narragansett Boat Club
Executive Committee meeting
May 27, 2020 11:00 am
Virtual via zoom

Executive Committee members present: Ruth Berenson, Pete Evans (late arrival), Dan Gorriaran, Alan Harlam, Joan Martin, Sherri Nelson, Jamie Reavis, Eric Watne, Kristi Wharton
Additional Board of Governors members present: Carol Browning

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Jamie Reavis.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to make decisions re opening programming but first we discussed U27 and summer college student memberships.

- Decided*: Allow 2020 high school graduates to join as U27 members this year if they so choose, given that there was no spring high school programming.
- A summer college member category was already decided at the last BOG meeting.
- Dues are \$225 for summer college members and \$350 for U27 members.
- Decided (2 dissenting votes): no restrictions for these members for hours in which they can row (Concern expressed by some was keeping younger members separate from older members in terms of virus. However, some younger members work and need to row earlier, and also our current safety protocols seem to be working well.)
- Joan and Deb can make a blanket statement to new member applicants that we reserve the right to restrict rowing hours, depending on the fluctuating COVID situation.

(*Decisions are unanimous unless otherwise noted.)

Programming

- Decided: Start programming with pilot class, members only, advanced sculling, week of June 1. This will be by invitation. John Hughes will monitor how this goes to see if program should proceed to next phase.
- Decided: If the pilot class goes ok and conditions don't change (i.e. state guidelines re number of people; virus rates), John will run an HP / advanced sculling youth class, in the afternoon. No date set now. Invitation only, with coach consensus on rowers invited; only youth who have rowed at NBC before. No youth rowing outside of class.
- Decided: Members only first. We will roll out programs in phases, and see how it goes. Then classes will be offered to members first, then to non-members.
- We will allow new members unless and until it becomes an issue (e.g. due to crowding, changes in state guidelines).

Other Issues

- John Hughes is currently working 10 hours per week and would like more hours. Joan Martin will work with him on this.
- Sharing COVID information with membership: Carol would like to avoid COVID information overload at the club. Orientation for classes will include verbal reminders of club safety protocols.
- The Rowing Committee has voted to name one of the barges the **Tony Palms**. (He and his wife, Ann, are moving to Oklahoma City in a couple of weeks and there is a drive by parade of cars scheduled for tomorrow.) Eric asked for a stamp of approval. Unanimous approval.
- Re selling older club ergs: 4-5 members are interested in purchasing them; maybe others. Joan said that even if current demand has inflated selling prices, given the age of these machines, she doesn't feel we should sell at inflated prices to our own members. Others agreed and a price of \$650 was proposed. Joan and Eric will work it out, re rental fees owed and purchase fee for those who are interested. Members who have rented ergs and not made payment will be billed for rental.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Next meeting (full BOG):
Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 6:15 pm
Location: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Nelson
Secretary

Narragansett Boat Club
Board of Governors meeting
June 10, 2020 6:15 pm
Virtual via zoom

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

Board of Governors members absent: Michael Hamilton

NBC members present: Francesca Dow, Maura Flanagan, Anne Fleet, Kerri-Anne Mallet, Daniela Roop, John Ryan

Other Attendees: John Hughes

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

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the 5-13-20 BOG meeting were approved.

Review of Committee Reports

Secretary's Report (submitted by Deb Chute)

- We have 138 regular members, three more than last month. Three members renewed their membership in the last month. It was determined that we do not need to vote in returning members who have been away for less than one year.
- We voted in eight U27 members: Rufus Biggs, Madison D'Ambra, Mari Daly, Elise Dezotell, Alexander Goff, Jonathan Greenberg, Lucy Handy, Emma Vieten
- We voted in two summer college members (special category this year): Kathleen Dolan, Jack Luby
- Jamie noted that we have 231 total members right now, only 15 less than the 246 we had last year at this time. Given the current situation of COVID, this is pretty remarkable.

Treasurer's Report (Joan Martin)

- No formal report this month; Joan noted there are no significant changes from last month. She will have a full quarter report for next month's meeting.

Captain's Report (Eric Watne)

- Eric noted the importance of adhering diligently to navigation rules, because newer members see older members cutting buoys and this is confusing to them. He asked that members give "friendly" corrections if they see others cutting buoys. Given that we are rowing singles almost exclusively, "everyone is a bow."
- All of the older ergs were sold to members for \$650.

Director of Rowing (DOR) Report (John Hughes)

- The pilot sculling class is going well. They have invited 18 rowers for competitive youth sculling to start next week. Coaches are Daniela Roop, Mo Flanagan, and John Fay. They are looking at holding summer programs but want to make sure the current classes are going well. The summer camp would be two-week sessions, with classes going for longer. Prices are higher because of needing to maintain a lower ratio of rowers to coaches. (John will work on this issue separately with Joan Martin.)
- A discussion was had re coordinating the programs with the current structure, in terms of maintaining safety protocols (with group agreement that everything has gone smoothly thus far) and avoiding time entanglements on the dock between classes and other rowers.

NBC 1.66 (Jamie Reavis)

- The builders will be here sometime during the first week of July. Row America is ready to go, but the pilings need to go in first.

New Business

Diversity Task Force (Kristi Wharton, Pat Watson, Alan Harlam)

- The BOG sent out a letter to the membership earlier this week regarding diversity at the club and in the sport of rowing in general, in response to recent national events. Kristi, Pat, and Alan have agreed to lead a task force to help us figure out how to approach the issue and determine concrete actions that could be taken. Brown's head men's rowing coach, Paul Cooke, reached out to Jamie and said that he has rowers who are interested in partnering with the club on this issue. We have made efforts to increase diversity over the years; some have been successful and some not. There is momentum in the world right now; there should be momentum with us. Kristi noted that there has been a lot of feedback from members, including specific ideas, appreciation that NBC is going to tackle this issue, lists of resources, offers to help. An initial meeting was held (immediately prior to the BOG meeting) to discuss ideas. They will follow up with Brown.
- Issues being considered include:
 - What is it that we can do?
 - What are our guiding principles?
 - What is our capacity to deliver on programming during a pandemic?
 - How do we educate ourselves, e.g. re implicit bias?
- Ideas being considered:
 - A "town hall" type meeting open to the membership, facilitated by someone who has expertise in issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
 - Identifying partners in the community, e.g. the YMCA
 - Identifying resources, both within the club and within the community
 - Making the membership more aware of the scholarship fund already in existence

- Learning from other programs already in existence, e.g. Row New York, Row Philadelphia
- Concrete activities such as an ergathon, sponsored by the club
- There was a discussion re the scholarship fund. There is currently approximately \$12,000 in the fund. However, the focus of the task force is not the expansion of the scholarship fund at this point. It is a more general focus about how NBC can be a more engaged member of the larger community about this issue.

Waiver Issues (Jamie Reavis)

- Language has been added to the waiver for program participants to adjust for the current pandemic context, i.e. that although we have several safety precautions in place, we can't provide any guarantees that a rower wouldn't contract COVID at the boat club.
- Right-to-treat paragraph has been added in case of an emergency for youth rowers, in situations where parents can't be contacted.
- Maura can have program participants and / or parents (of youth rowers) docu-sign the waiver before they arrive for the first class.

Private lessons / new members / youth? (Ruth Berenson)

- Ruth raised the question re whether non-members should be allowed to take private lessons. After discussion re safety issues and our current capacity for programming, the consensus was that it would be better to get programs going and encourage nonmembers to take classes first before joining, and that people do need to be members in order to take private lessons. In terms of private lessons more generally, John Hughes will discuss with coaches to see who might feel comfortable offering private lessons.
- Re children of members: private lessons are a program option consistent with the changes in the youth program made earlier this year.

Remarks for the Good of the Club

We are so happy to be on the water. And there is a loon!
Fingers crossed that docks will be going in by the next BOG meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 6:15 pm

Location: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Nelson
Secretary

Secretary's report - Membership as of 6/30/2020

Membership Category	6/30/2020	6/5/2020	7/17/2019
Regular	139	138	165
Spouse	11	11	14
72+	23	23	20
U27	41	41	44
Life	10	10	10
NonResident	4	4	
Clubhouse	2	2	3
Summer College	5	2	
Total Members	235	229	246

Applicant Members to Vote on (included in numbers above)

Type	Last_Name	First_Name	Comments
Summer College	Keohane	Lara	Learned to Row at NBC
	Keto	Freya	Member of Brown Crew. Has sculling experience and knowledge opf Seekonk. Also plans to row 2x w/ housemate Amanda Pyne
	Pyne	Amanda	Member of Brown Crew. Has sculling experience and knowledge opf Seekonk. Also plans to row 2x w/ housemate Freya Keto



July 2020 Captain's Report

Sculler Ratings

The Rowing Committee is going to revisit the criteria for Sculling Ratings – possibly consider more emphasis on navigation and boat handling on land. Currently there is an assumption that if you take a class you're probably a "B" and if you row long enough you're probably an "A" With increased small boat rowing we need to revisit the criteria, consider better enforcement techniques, and clarify when rowing out of class is allowed (i.e. with coach, regatta, etc.) Comments/suggestions from the BOG are welcome.

Racks

Currently we have 40 private boats on NBC racks. (Some are yet to arrive but expected) This is up from 26 in 2019. We've filled the accessible racks (the highest racks are virtually inaccessible to most members) In order to increase capacity for 1Xs I'm going to modify the Lincoln and the NW most rack to temporarily accommodate 1Xs as there are 3 more new shells showing up and several that have not yet appeared. Once the quads and 4's return from Rob English's it's possible we'll have to remove some private shells – something we haven't had to do in quite some time.

Boat Storage at Robs

The BOG is aware that we moved a full trailer of team boats (8's and 4's) to Rob English's house to store during the COVID protocol period to increase 1X storage. Those boats are not protected from the elements so we're working on a plan to either use the boat covers we have or else cover the entire trailer with several UV tarps.

Boat Repair

No team boat rowing is resulting in increased use of 1X's (no surprise there) and resulting wear and tear. Dave D, our Boatman, has been spending limited time at NBC during the early phases of COVID but has promised to give us one full day (8 hours) a week starting the week after the 4th.

In the meantime we've had several members provide boat repair work, so thanks to Dan G, Pete Evans, Maura, Daniela and Chris Fay who have stepped up in various capacities. Maura replaced some

damaged wheels, Daniella has managed some of our spare parts needs, and Chris took the Richards home and repaired a completely destroyed fin box. These are incredibly important tasks and we're hugely thankful to have such generous and skilled members willing to donate their time.

Erg sales

We sold all the 'old' model D ergometers to NBC members. Most for \$650 and one very rusty one for \$500. Several of the new models are still being rented by NBC members. It was clear during the process that the grey ergs are in tough shape, and selling them was the right thing at this time regardless of COVID. It's anticipated there will be limited erg rowing at NBC in the near future, however if the weather prohibits on-water rowing I have agreed to allow Maura to hold some erg sessions. Ideally this means putting the ergs on the decks with ample spacing. In the event of rain it might be possible to row indoors using both rooms provided all windows are open.

Equipment Purchase

There are no new equipment purchases contemplated at this time.

Respectfully submitted;

Eric Watne – NBC Captain

