



NARRAGANSETT
BOAT CLUB

BOG Meeting Agenda

Date:	Wednesday, July 14, 2021
Time:	6:15 PM
Place:	Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/96049546006?pwd=REx4RXc0ejJWdTVvcmlIMmZ0RVlJZz09
Chair:	Jamie Reavis
Secretary	Sherri Nelson
Advance Materials:	Agenda Minutes of Prior BOG Meeting Secretary's Report Captain's Report
Agenda:	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• June 9, 2021 Meeting – Jamie Reavis <p>Review of Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary's Report – Sherri Nelson• Treasurer's Report (including Strategic Plan Update) – Joan Martin• Captain's Report – Eric Watne• Program Committee Report – Daniela Roop/Joan Martin/Kristi Wharton• Development Committee – Pat Watson• Membership Committee Report – Ruth Berenson• Building and Maintenance Committee – Pete Evans• Governance Committee – Alan Harlam• DEI Committee - Marlene Yang and Susan Burgoyne <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sweeps and Sculls – Kristi Wharton• Boat House Cameras - <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brown Women rowing without regard to the rules of the river – Jamie Reavis• Open discussion for Members to voice concerns, ask questions – Jamie Reavis <p>Remarks for the Good of the Club</p>

Executive Session

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Next Meeting:

Date: August 11, 2021

Time: 6:15 PM

Place: ZOOM



**Narragansett Boat Club
Board of Governors meeting
June 9, 2021 6:15 pm
Virtual via zoom**

Board of Governors members present: Ruth Berenson, Pete Evans, Tiffany Hogan, Virginia Hopkins, Q Kellogg, Joan Martin, Duuluu Naranbat, Sherri Nelson, Jamie Reavis, Eric Watne, Pat Watson, Kristi Wharton

Board of Governors members absent: Alan Harlam

NBC members present: Lisa Evans, Susan Faasse, McKenzie Gibson, Eva Goodman, Robin Gross, Chanika Phornphutkul, Marlene Yang

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm by Jamie Reavis.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the May 21, 2021 BOG meeting were approved as submitted.

Review of Committee Reports

Secretary's Membership Report (Sherri Nelson / Deb Chute)*

- We have a total of 194 members as of June 2nd, up 6 from 188 last month. We had 218 members last year at this time, so we are down 24 total.
- One new member was voted in tonight as a regular member: Ryan Strauss.
- It appears that all active rowers have signed their waiver for this year; the few that are remaining are not actively rowing, but Jamie will follow up with Dan re taking the 3-4 remaining people out of the logbook who have not signed the waiver.

Treasurer's Report (Joan Martin)*

- Revenues are up again because programs were able to open. We will likely end the year with an operating surplus.
- Joan raised an issue for future strategic planning: the mortgage we are carrying from the 1.66 expansion. The current balance is \$306K. The interest rate (currently 4.42%) is locked for 5 years. The next rate lock will be in 2025. There is a prepayment penalty, which starts at 5% the first year of the rate lock and goes down by 1% each year, so that it is at 1% in the 5th year. However, there is a non-penalty prepayment period in the 30 days prior to the rate lock. So one decision to consider is whether we want to pay it off, or pay off a large chunk of it, in January 2025. This should be part of our strategic financial planning. Also, we can pay down up to 10% each year of the principal with no penalty if there's a reason to do so. Given that we have cash in reserve, we might want to consider doing this for next year, and planning ahead re a potential large prepayment in January 2025.

- Joan also explained a discrepancy between the amount of our net assets on our balance sheet vs. a much smaller amount on the form 990 that gets submitted for tax purposes. This has come up in the context of percentage of net assets to be used in the constitution. At the end of 2018 the discrepancy was \$255k; in 2019, it was \$240k. This is because our assets (boats, the building and facilities) for many years (1984-2016) were depreciated rapidly for tax purposes. So technically what has been submitted on the 990 was incorrect. However, after a certain number of years, we are essentially “grandfathered in” so the incorrect method becomes correct in the eyes of the IRS. However, when we were trying to finance 1.66 in 2017, banks wanted to see our financial statements, and that’s when the discrepancy was discovered, and it looked as though our assets had little carrying value. Joan emphasized that there is no risk re the IRS, but we changed it in 2017 so that the accountants now use the true class lives. Over time, the discrepancy will disappear. However, Joan would like someone else to take a look at the valuation of assets for insurance purposes. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Joan would send a list to Pete and Eric, and they along with Jamie can talk to our insurer (Leonard insurance) re appropriate valuation. Right now we are insured for replacement cost of boats.
- Joan has been giving a lot of thought to how much time treasurer’s position takes, and it’s too much. She’s been given offers of help but a lot of the information still needs to flow through her. Down the road, a part time bookkeeper might be a solution. It’s been helpful that Eric and Daniela are handling program transactions. She might start with writing a job description. She could also put out a list of emails to direct people to the right account. For example: adult programs: adultprograms@rownbc.org. For youth programs: youthrowing@rownbc.org.
- A question was asked re coaching salaries. There is program revenue of \$102K for the two sessions so far this year. Joan noted that the revenue is recognizable once it’s earned but the expenses (salaries, equipment costs) accrue over the course of the session. She doesn’t accrue the expenses each month.

Captain’s Report (Eric Watne)

- Eric would like to update our Covid protocols to match US Rowing and state guidelines; he would like to allow stern-coxed boat rowing; US Rowing recommends masks or face shields for coxswain in stern-coxed boats only if everyone in the boat isn’t fully vaccinated. Issues in the discussion: Consistency across adult and youth rowers. Vaccinated rowers don’t need to wear a mask. Honor system re vaccination status. It may be well into July before younger rowers are vaccinated; what would be the impact on summer youth programs. There is some confusion re the current guidelines and where NBC would fit into both state and US Rowing guidelines, in part because the recent changes to state guidelines are not totally clear. Jamie suggested Eric put his proposed changes in writing and the BOG could vote by email.
- Eric appreciates hearing about any issues re equipment and navigation but he reminded us that we are all stewards of the club and the equipment. It’s incumbent on all of us to help others, particularly the leadership and senior members of the club to help newer

members if we notice issues re handling of equipment, navigation, etc. It's a lot of information for new members. Suggestions made: Physical demonstrations are helpful. Keep instructions simple, e.g. tape on boat lines up with tape on rack. This information should be covered in the first class of a session.

- McKenzie Gibson is our new boat person. She is organizing inventory, doing boat maintenance tasks. She's got great ideas on how we report problems, track repairs, organize inventory.
- Scott and Wes have joined the Programs committee. In response to a question about adult sweeps, Eric noted that the goal is to have both junior and adult sweep rowing program. They have coaching candidates but no one nailed down. He didn't get overwhelming interest to his email re sweep program. Interest and experience for sweep rowing runs the gamut. They do hope to have a sweeps option in the next session.

Programs Committee (Daniela Roop / Joan Martin / Kristi Wharton)*

- Adult and youth programs are going well. Daniela is organizing the Red Bridge Regatta for the youth program as the end point for the spring session before the summer.
- Update on Stem to Stern: we have received generous donations; Concept 2 provided sculling oars. There will be at least 2 sessions with the East Providence Boys and Girls Club; they are coordinating swimming tests and providing transportation. Many members have helped out, and the DEI committee is involved. Brown crew will be initiating a big fundraising event, organized by Paul Cooke, in the fall that will culminate with the HOCR.

Membership Committee (Ruth Berenson)*

- Areas of concern: how to onboard U27s; too much work falling on too few volunteer shoulders; continued desire for a membership directory. Joan will share ideas for directory with Ruth offline.

Building and Maintenance Committee (including Strategic Plan update) (Pete Evans)

- The name of the committee wasn't clear; it was originally intended to be Facilities. He's changed it to Building and Facilities.
- Project status: Some projects stalled last year because we weren't sure about our cash position. Good portion of the budget went to new south deck. A lot of volunteer enthusiasm generated from that project so Pete would like to do more of these projects, with volunteer effort and we just pay for materials. There is a contractor in place to repair the windows. He wants to re-plumb the boathouse so that it's easier to manage at the beginning and end of the season. He's working on the weather station and video feed. It might be time to upgrade the IT hardware in the boathouse; newer systems rely on wireless communication. He will look into simplified equipment; easier connections. He will put together a plan and put it out to bid.
- He included a draft charter in his report which BOG members can look at and maybe vote on at next meeting.

Old Business

- **Sweeps and Sculls – July 31st (Kristi Wharton)**

Rob, Robin, Scott Whitney, Eric Jones, Susan Faasse are the Regatta committee.

However, Kristi reminded us that significant membership volunteering is essential both before and during the regatta so please sign up. They will whittle down the number the events based on entries.

New Business

- Member concerns re care for equipment (addressed in Captain's Report above)

Remarks for the Good of the Club

- Sherri commented that so many members help out behind the scenes with day-to-day boat club issues and assisting individual members.

The regular meeting ended at 7:40 and the BOG went into Executive Session until 9:15 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, July 14, 6:15 pm

Location: zoom

*indicates that a report was submitted as part of tonight's meeting materials

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Nelson
Secretary

Secretary's report - Membership as of 7/9/2021

Membership Category	7/9/2021	6/2/2021	6/30/2020
Regular	136	134	139
Spouse	9	9	11
72+	20	21	23
U27 (inactive 2021)	0	0	41
U23 (Inactive 2020)	21	17	0
Life	10	10	10
NonResident	3	3	4
Clubhouse	0	0	2
Summer College (Inactive 2021)	0	0	5
Total Members	199	194	230
Applicant Members to Vote on (included in numbers above)			
Type	Last_Name	First_Name	Comments
Regular	Sparrow	Kate	Joined after taking Amy Abbot's beginning sculling course at EBR
U23	Lefebvre	Andrew	Took Beginner & Intermediate Sculling (Summer 2018) @ NBC. Rowed at URI for entire college career. Has experience w/shell& oar upkeep & maintenance
U23	Mark	May	Participated in NBC Summer Camps. A rated
U23	Ramos	Jaydn	On the Villanova rowing Team. Rowed w/Maura and Daniela in NBC Summer youth camp. Dan G. in the Ams
U23	Sweeney	Ellia	Class June/2021; John Ryan

Note:

Removed Wendell Brown (72+) from membership list. Rowed w/Albin at Brown who informed NBC he passed away earlier this year



July 2021 Captain's Report

BOAT INVENTORY – The new Peinert X25's are now on site and rigged. Like the 26's they have bow mounted riggers. They are the Davey & Sharon Cutts and the Kristin San Bento. They look like fantastic additions to our fleet. If you are properly rated please give these boats a try and let me know what you think. This is a new hull design from Peinert.

In terms of new boats on our wish list, the Rowing Committee is considering the following:

- 2X's – as we move away from Van Dusen we are looking at other manufacturers of 2X's and ideally boats that have riggers that can be removed for storage as our current 2X racks maximize boat capacity. To that end we are looking to get some Fluid 2X's to test.
- 4X – the 4X's are getting a ton of use, and the Jumavia and Rounesville are great workhorses. We're looking at a Wintech 4X- (midweight) and hope to have a demo shortly
- 4+ While sweep rowing is not currently in high demand, there is interest in growing that program and we don't have a heavy weight coxed four – only 2 lightweight. We're looking into the market for a used 4+ to replace the Kilgus.
- Finally Sykes has a quick release rigger training 1X that Resolute is marketing. While we're leery about introducing another manufacturer to the mix, the ability to double storing capacity is appealing. We plan to demo a few of their trainers soon.

As planned, we are moving forward with selling some older NBC boats to make room for new purchases. These include the Lada, Nanni, and Kilgus 4's. Also some of the older Van Dusen 1X's. Actual 1X hulls to be sold will be announced via Google groups.

BOAT STORAGE Private Boat storage is at capacity – we currently have 4-5 folks on a waitlist for private racks. Rack holders should review the Policies & Procedures for criteria for retaining a rack from year-to-year. We do have one more rack coming from RowAmerica which could ease the strain on space, however with BayView returning in August the relief may be temporary. We're analyzing several options to more efficiently use our space.

BOAT RATINGS: we have re-rated some NBC boats to reflect the addition of new hulls to our fleet as well as to better balance available hulls in each category. The updated 1X fleet listing is attached and the log will be updated to reflect this. Note this does not include team boats (2X and 4X) which will also be updated.

BOAT REPAIRS – Currently the only hull off-site is the Moser HW 1X. While there are some hulls with “Do Not Row” tags on them, our turn-around time getting boats back on the water is improving with the hiring of McKenzie Gibson, who has taken the role of Fleet Manager. She has been doing a great job getting inventory organized and tracking and addressing boat repair needs. Members are encouraged to continue to be diligent in monitoring boat conditions, reporting boat needs, and taking care of incidental repairs themselves as appropriate.

SCULLER RATINGS – The Rowing Committee continues to consider revisions to both the sculler rating criteria as well as actual member ratings. The purpose of this is safety – both member and equipment. Additional considerations are safety during cold water and/or low light conditions. We hope to have something for the BOG to consider in the next several months.

COVID Protocols – NBC adopted the following updated rules as they relate to the COVID pandemic – previously circulated but reprinted here:

Please note these updated club rules are subject to change at any time depending on the state of the pandemic in Rhode Island. For purposes of these conditions below, “fully vaccinated” means 14-days from a second dose of Pfizer or Moderna, or 14-days from a dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

- Please do not come to the boathouse if you do not feel well, have any symptoms of COVID, or have been exposed to someone with COVID in the past 14 days.
- The 2nd floor of the boathouse is open to fully vaccinated Members only. Fully vaccinated members are allowed to store personal belonging in the locker rooms while rowing, however no personal items are to be left in the locker rooms overnight outside of a locker.
- Ergometer rowing is not allowed inside the boathouse on the second floor unless you are alone. If rowing with 2 or more people ergs can be rowed on the south deck or anywhere outside.
- Masks are no longer required when fully vaccinated members are outside on NBC property provided a 3’ separation from others is maintained. This does not mean members who choose to wear masks regardless of their vaccinated status cannot do so – however it is no longer a requirement.
- Fully vaccinated members can row in team boats with an unlimited number of fully vaccinated partners.
- Please continue to thoroughly wash NBC equipment after each use.
- Team Boat Rowing: Stern coxed boats are allowed with no COVID related restrictions if everyone in the boat has been vaccinated. (Masks are not required for rowers or cox while rowing.) If there are any unvaccinated athletes in the boat, those rowers are required to wear a mask at all times and must be separated from other unvaccinated rowers by at least one vaccinated athlete while in the boat in order to maintain the recommended 3’ separation. Unvaccinated athletes must wear a mask at all times while at NBC – both on the docks and while rowing. In cases where there are unvaccinated athletes in a stern coxed team boat the coxswain must also wear a mask and/or full-face shield. (These recommendations are consistent with those of USRowing.)

NBC has maintained an excellent safety record during the COVID pandemic, and your continued adherence and vigilance will allow us to continue to operate with as few restrictions as possible.

The Rowing Committee meets via Zoom the first Thursday of every month. Members who are interested in attending are welcome to attend by requesting the call-in information.

Respectfully submitted;

Eric Watne – NBC Captain

NBC Singles	Name	Category	SubCategory	Rating	Total Miles
A	Erich Schultze (gray Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	Flywt	A (Expert)	869.7
A	Mark Schofer (gray Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	Flywt	A (Expert)	835.55
A	RBG (white Wintech) A rated	A Single	Flywt	A (Expert)	232
A	Anne Fleet	A Single	140-160		
A	Fusun Wintech	A Single	Flywt	110-130	
A	Joan Richards (gray Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	Ltw	A (Expert)	587
A	Scott Whitney	A Single	150-180		
A	Davey & Sharon Cutts	A Single	Ltw		
A	Alden Bumstead	A Single	120-140		
A	San Bento	A Single	<170		
A	Jon Haisman	A Single	140-170		
A	Daniela Roop	A Single	160-180		
A	Chris Fay	A Single	140-160		
A	Sherri Nelson	A Single	MWT		
A	Bruneaux	A Single	MWT		
B	Twaddell (blue Peinert) B rated	B Single	<170	B (Advanced)	556
B	Joan Brush (blue Peinert) B rated	B Single	<170	B (Advanced)	321.5
B	Sue Erkkinen (black Vespoli) A rated	A Single	Flywt	B (Advanced)	657.16
B	Razee (blue Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Ltw	B (Advanced)	577.3
B	Amy Abbot (blue Peinert) B Rated	B Single	170-220	B (Advanced)	543.1
B	Dave Sanderson (blue Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Ltw	B (Advanced)	455
B	Gayle Simmon (blue Peinert) B rated	B Single	170-220	B (Advanced)	411.3
B	Eric Peterson (blue Peinert) B rated	B Single	170-220	B (Advanced)	370.85
B	Dave Loftus (blue Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Ltw	B (Advanced)	366
B	Richard St. Germain (red Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Ltw	B (Advanced)	16
B	Pierce (blue Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Ltw	A (Expert)	6
B	Wilhelm (blue Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Ltw	B (Advanced)	0
B	Jill Hubbard (blue Peinert) B rated	B Single	170-220	B (Advanced)	141.6
B	Ruth Berenson (blue Peinert) B rated	B Single	170-220	B (Advanced)	119
B	Andrew Washburn (white/yellow Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	Ltw	A (Expert)	908.1
B	Kyna Leski (gray Peinert) A rated	A Single	<170	A (Expert)	512.8
B	Tracy Glover (red Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	Ltw	A (Expert)	509
B	Devol (red Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Midwt	B (Advanced)	290.75
B	Reavis (red Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Midwt	B (Advanced)	261
B	Ray Dearden (red Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Midwt	B (Advanced)	149.5
B	David Rand (gray Van Dusen) B rated	B Single	Midwt	B (Advanced)	27
B	Garrett Palm (blue Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	MWT	A (Expert)	386.5
B	McCracken (gray Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	MWT	A (Expert)	214.5
B	Will Phelps (red Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	MWT	A (Expert)	207.5
A	Anna Porter (red Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	MWT	A (Expert)	163
B	Ira Garber (white Hudson) B rated	B Single	mid/hwt	B (Advanced)	439.5
B	Alan Green (red Van Dusen) A rated	A Single	Hvywt	A (Expert)	222
B	Albin Moser (red Hudson) B rated	B Single	Hvywt	B (Advanced)	236.25
C	Deb Chute (gray Peinert) C rated	C Single	<170	C (Intermediate)	423.85
C	Armstrong (white Peinert) C rated	C Single	<170	C (Intermediate)	405.8
C	Ellen Hill (white Peinert) B rated	C Single	<170	C (Intermediate)	321.75
C	Cheryl Krause (blue Peinert) C rated	C Single	<170	C (Intermediate)	199.5
C	Barbara G (blue Peinert) C rated	C Single	<170	C (Intermediate)	156
C	Frank Kahr (white Peinert) C rated	C Single	<170	C (Intermediate)	114.2
C	Amanda Daniels (red Peinert) B rated	C Single	<170	C (Intermediate)	79.6
C	Bhatia (white Peinert) C rated	C Single	170-220	C (Intermediate)	191.16
C	Hurley (red Peinert) C rated	C Single	170-220	C (Intermediate)	4
C	Perry (red Peinert) C rated	C Single	170-220	C (Intermediate)	0
C	Rossner (blue Peinert) C rated	C Single	170-220	C (Intermediate)	0
C	Potter (red Peinert) C rated	C Single	170-220	C (Intermediate)	193