



NARRAGANSETT
BOAT CLUB

BOG Meeting Agenda

Date:	Wednesday, September 8, 2021
Time:	6:15 PM
Place:	Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88228923759?pwd=WVNuc0hSNHhjVEQzd1dMWERqd2JSUT09
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">• August 11, 2021 Meeting – Jamie Reavis <p>Review of Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary's Report – Sherri Nelson• Treasurer's Report – 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 – Tiff Hogan• DEI Committee - Marlene Yang and Susan Burgoyne <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat House Cameras and Weather Station – Jamie Reavis/Pete Evans <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: October 13, 2021

Time: 6:15 PM

Place: ZOOM



**Narragansett Boat Club
Board of Governors meeting
August 11, 2021 6:15 pm
Virtual via zoom**

Board of Governors members present: Pete Evans, Alan Harlam, Tiffany Hogan, Virginia Hopkins, Joan Martin, Sherri Nelson, Jamie Reavis, Eric Watne, Pat Watson, Kristi Wharton

Board of Governors members absent: Ruth Berenson, Q Kellogg, Duuloo Naranbat

NBC members present: Carol Browning, Francesca Dow, Susan Faasse, McKenzie Gibson, Jean Lambert, Albin Moser, John Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm by Jamie Reavis.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the July 14th BOG meeting were approved as submitted.
- Minutes from the June 9th BOG meeting were approved, with corrections.

Review of Committee Reports

Secretary's Report (Sherri Nelson, Deb Chute)*

- We have 204 total members as of 8-4-21, up from 198 in July (including four new members voted in tonight). For comparison, last year's total membership at this time was 239.
- New members voted in tonight:
 - U23: Helena Medici
 - Regular: Kathy Byington, Daithi Higgins, Charles Sullivan III
- All members, program participants, and parents of youth rowers have to sign waivers. At times, individuals have wanted to modify the waivers, e.g. re not wanting to be in photos. Jamie led a brief discussion about this; it was agreed that we do not have the personnel to monitor photos or customize waivers, and that people need to sign the waivers as they are, for club protection.

Treasurer's Report including Strategic Plan update (Joan Martin)*

- The Finance Committee will start to work on a long-term financial plan soon. Joan has asked a few people if they would participate in this process; if anyone is interested, please let her know. (Strategic Plan update discussion delayed for now.)
- Per Joan's request, the BOG agreed to issue McKenzie Gibson a credit card for purchases as fleet manager.
- Discussion re STEM to Stern (STS): Now that the program has started (and is in 3rd two-week session), there are some financial and logistical issues to consider, and in

particular, funding and cost issues for summer and fall STS. There was a long discussion. This is a summary of the points discussed:

- **Re funding and costs to date:** A few months ago the BOG approved establishing a fund to receive donations for STS. No decision was made at the time regarding what form of financial support the club itself would make to STS. We've received \$10,000 in a grant from a donor advised fund whose sponsor is not an NBC member (which is likely renewable on an annual basis, depending on the progress of the program) and \$3950 in donations thus far. These funds are to be used to cover the costs of the STS program. Our program pricing includes a markup for profit and members receive a 15% discount. Joan proposed that one way for the club to support STS is to waive the 15% profit margin. (This would also satisfy the expectations of donors.) The largest direct cost, other than rowing program tuition, is the payroll costs of STS Program Coordinator (hired by STS Committee to manage the STEM components of STS). Participating organizations in the summer program have paid a modest participation fee per individual to offset the costs of the Stem portion.
- **Re participation numbers for summer and fall:** During the summer there was room for all STS participants and all other program participants (due in part to slightly lower registrations). The plan for the fall is evolving; one possibility is to set aside 8 seats for 8 weeks for STS participants (which would be 50%). There are some concerns re capacity in the fall as we are limited by equipment and available coaches.
- **Supporting STS participants as they "age out:"** (discussed very briefly) One possibility: For participants who wish to continue rowing in high school at NBC, they could apply for scholarship funding.
- **Current status and moving forward:** STS is a new program and a work in progress. The STS committee is developing a proposal to bring to the BOG so that it can be considered in the 2022 annual budget. The BOG is in unanimous agreement with providing support in some form to the STS program. Options re club support moving forward include: providing a discount, setting aside a percentage of club revenues, providing free coaches.

Motion: The club will commit to a minimum of a 15% discount for summer STS participants (\$1325 so far) and fall STS programs (\$350) through the end of 2021. (Unanimous approval.)

Captain's Report (Eric Watne)*

- The Rowing Committee would like to purchase a small Wintech trailer to supplement the one we have now. We would continue to use the current trailer to haul eights. The new trailer can be hauled by a passenger car, and can carry 9 boats, singles or doubles. They would also like to purchase a reinforced T that can carry 2-3 fours or quads on the top. This trailer can go to any regatta and would reduce car topping by individuals who are perhaps less adept at car topping. The cost is approximately \$10,000.

Motion: spend \$10k on the Wintech trailer requested by the Rowing Committee. (Unanimously approved.)

Programs Committee (Joan Martin)

- Youth program is going really well. There is a lot of positive feedback from rowers and coaches.

Building and Maintenance Committee (Pete Evans)

- Pete is gearing up for fall projects involving the decks; volunteers will be needed.

Governance Committee (Tiff Hogan)

- Update: An ad hoc constitution working group has been formed. They are having more extended discussions about different parts of the constitution. The working group asked the Governance Committee to provide some background and context to better understand decisions that were made. The Governance Committee has developed a more formal plan and a memo to the membership that summarizes the plan moving forward and continues to ask for input. She will forward that memo to Jamie.

DEI Committee (Marlene Yang and Susan Burgoyne)

- Scheduling next meeting in September.

Old Business

- **Sweeps and Sculls Roundup (Kristi Wharton)**

The regatta netted \$13k, with some incidental expenses. It was a great success and participants were very complimentary.

- **Boat House Cameras and Weather Station (Jamie Reavis / Pete Evans)**

Pete has hooked up a new weather station. The camera issue is not resolved yet as it is difficult to find cameras that don't record audio. Current cameras have audio switched off.

- **Navigation Issues**

Kristi has emailed with Brown. The women's crew is staying in the channel heading north, and Brown was compliant during Sweeps and Sculls.

- **Open discussion for members to voice concerns, ask questions (Jamie Reavis)**

A question was asked regarding HOCR entries. Jamie said that this is the purview of the Rowing Committee and the Captain, but noted that gold medal boats have right of first refusal for their seats.

Remarks for the Good of the Club

- Albin and Virginia praised Kristi and the whole club for Sweeps and Sculls; they called it "outstanding, seamless, fantastic." This could mean that it is even bigger next year. There was broad agreement with their assessment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 6:15 pm

Location: zoom

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Nelson
Secretary

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Secretary's report - Membership as of 9/2/2021

Membership Category	9/2/2021	8/4/2021	9/4/2020
Regular	142	138	141
Spouse	9	9	12
72+	20	20	23
U27 (inactive 2021)	0	0	56
U23 (Inactive 2020)	24	24	0
Life	10	10	10
NonResident	3	3	4
Clubhouse	1	0	2
Summer College (Inactive 2021)	0	0	3
Total Members	209	204	251
Applicant Members to Vote on (included in numbers above)			
Type	Last_Name	First_Name	Comments
Regular	Erhartic	Peter	just moved to Providence. Enrolled in the adult intermediate sculling class after a 4-year hiatus. Previously sculled and rowed sweeps at CRI and at BU and Harvard masters rowing.
Regular	Hammann	Kirsten	rowed in an 8 for a while in college, so not a complete beginner. Referred by Kim Worrell
Regular	Okono	Angel	Took beginning sculling w/ John Ryan August 2021
Regular	Pease	Jackie	experienced rower having rowed 3 years in college and well as been a past member of both Riverside boat club in Cambridge and Long Beach rowing in Long Beach CA. I enjoy sculling and sweep rowing. I am very much looking forward to getting back on the water after a 20 hiatus.
Clubhouse	Masoin	Sarah	Previous member 2018 and earlier. Plans to rejoin as Regular 2022, Just wants to erg right now



September 2021 Captain's Report

BOAT INVENTORY – The new Fluid and Wintech 1X's are proving popular and seem to be great choices for club racing singles. I'm getting positive reviews on both hulls which is good news. Please continue to provide feedback to the Rowing Committee as we determine preferred manufacturers for NBC equipment. And please continue to insure these boats are well taken care of – both on the water and on the dock. The Rowing Committee is currently considering options for upgrading our 2X and 4X fleet as a next step so manufacturer feedback is important.

Boat Acquisition; - In terms of boat purchases, we are asking the BOG to approve the purchase of a used 4+ from Brown. This is a Mid weight Resolute 4+ and would replace the aged Kilgus/Lada/Nanni which have been moved out of inventory. Both the Juniors and Masters sweeps programs are growing and we currently do not have any hulls to accommodate larger rowers. The value of this boat is about \$8K but Brown has agreed to sell it to us for \$4K. It needs new wheels and tracks, however Brown has agreed to give us new wheels. The hull is in excellent condition save for some minor damage on the bow seam that we can easily repair. (Brown has a 'sister' boat to this one they are selling for \$8K.) The boat has been seen by Scott and Daniela Roop, Jonathan Haisman and Eric Watne. It's purchase has been vetted and recommended by the Rowing Committee at the September meeting.

Boat Repairs - No major repairs underway. The Moser is now back from Resolute and the work and price were great. The Rounesville 4X has some internal damage that Pete Evans has agreed to undertake. Given the popularity of the 4X's it's likely this hull and the Jumavia will be on the list for winter overhauls.

Equipment purchase - Trailer purchase – As approved last month the Rowing Committee has purchased a trailer that can be pulled by a passenger car and is suitable for 1X's and 2X's. The trailer likely will not be available this season due to production lead time. It's being constructed by Henry Wright in Ohio and distributed by Wintech. Specs distributed last month. Also as approved in an earlier BOG meeting the Rowing Committee has purchased another set of Skinny Sweep oars. Given the increase in sweep rowing we have been running short on oars – these should be delivered in the next week to 10 days.

Cold Water / Low Light Rowing – Last year given increased 1X rowing it was suggested the Rowing Committee review the club rules around low light/cold water rowing. We are currently reviewing a modification to those rules that we will present to the BOG next month. It will likely include a requirement that members demonstrate an ability to re-enter a flipped shell in cold water conditions as

a pre-requisite to rowing a 1X in any month where the water temperature is below a pre-determined temperature threshold. Additional conditions are being considered. Any member who is interested in these conditions are welcome to contact the Rowing Committee for specifics.

Lastly: the following members were approved for an "A" sculling rating: JP Murton, Marlene Yang, and Charlie Whitin

Respectfully submitted;

Eric Watne – NBC Captain