



**NARRAGANSETT
BOAT CLUB**

BOG Meeting Agenda

Date:	Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Time:	6:15 PM
Place:	Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88518429534?pwd=cUd3NzEwcHdjOEk3RCtPYjVQTGs5Zz09
Chair:	Jamie Reavis
Acting Secretary	Joan Martin
Advance Materials:	Agenda Minutes of Prior BOG Meeting Secretary's Report NBC Major Awards
Agenda:	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● October 13, 2021 Meeting – Jamie Reavis <p>Review of Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Secretary's Report – Jamie Reavis● 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● Nominating Committee – Ira Garber● DEI Committee - Marlene Yang and Susan Burgoyne<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ sbburgoyne@gmail.com; marlene.b.yang@gmail.com○ Planning a meeting at the end of September or early October <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Boat House Cameras– Jamie Reavis/Pete Evans● Cold Water Rules – Jamie Reavis and Eric Watne <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rental of Space for Winter Erg Classes – Joan Martin● Budget – Joan Martin● Awards – Jamie Reavis

- Moser
- Williamson
- Chadwick
- Other?
- Open discussion for Members to voice concerns, ask questions – **Jamie Reavis**

Remarks for the Good of the Club

Executive Session

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Next Meeting:	Date:	December 8, 2021
	Time:	6:15 PM
	Place:	ZOOM



**Narragansett Boat Club
Board of Governors meeting
October 13, 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: Amy Abbot, Lisa Evans, Ira Garber, McKenzie Gibbons, Wes Kerns, Daniela Roop, John Ryan, Scott Whitney

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

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from the September 8, 2021 BOG meeting were approved as submitted.

Review of Committee Reports

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

- 213 total members as of 10/7/21 (including four new members voted in tonight). For comparison, we are up four members from September and down from 248 at this same time last year.
- New members voted in tonight:
 - U23: Sarah Fry
 - Regular: Katelyn Davidson, Kelley Gusto, Colleen McCarthy

Captain's Report (Eric Watne)*

- **Cold water rowing:** Eric presented a proposal from the Rowing Committee to institute a mandatory flip test in cold water for members wanting to row a single in cold water months. The suggested change arose from the increased numbers of people rowing singles during the pandemic. There was considerable discussion of the proposal, with the idea behind it being the mitigation of risk and an acknowledgement that not all conditions can be configured in the proposal but that this proposal is designed to prohibit people from rowing in cold water who can't reenter a flipped single shell from the dock. Safety concerns, the ability of members to make appropriate decisions, club liability, possible exceptions to the rule, were all discussed. The committee had considered exceptions, including PFDs / launch accompaniment / training shells, but decided on no exceptions at this time. The definition of cold water was also discussed, and will be revised to a temperature-based definition, e.g. a 4 day running average of 50 degrees.

Motion approved (Vote: 6 Yes, 3 No, 3 Abstain) to adopt the language proposed in the

Captain's report: "Flip Test – Any NBC member who rows a 1X (club or private) out of the NBC boathouse during Cold Water Months needs to first demonstrate a satisfactory ability to re-enter a flipped shell in the Seekonk during one of those months. That demonstration must be within the previous 12 months. This requirement pertains to all 1X's including any training shells. On related note, it is suggested that the 'Cold Water Months' be amended to an average water temperature, and not a date certain. That number TBD."

- **Low light rowing:** additional safety proposal from Rowing Committee

Motion approved (unanimously): "NBC members rowing during low light conditions are required to wear some form of Hi-Viz or reflective top."

Buildings and Facilities (Pete Evans):

- Pete replaced a couple boards on the outside deck that surround the boathouse and discovered a huge amount of deterioration, necessitating replacement of the entire deck. He estimates that the cost will be \$6000.

Old Business

- **Boat House Cameras (Jamie Reavis / Pete Evans)**
Pete will be able to get these installed in the next couple of weeks.

New Business

- **Nominations (Jamie Reavis / Ira Garber)**
Jamie opened the discussion by noting that the BOG is elected each year at the annual meeting January. Ira Garber is chairing the committee, and Anne Fleet and Bill Twaddell are also members. Ira then spoke and talked about the process and timeline. They are in the process of asking current BOG members if they would like to continue on the BOG for next year. On October 31st, a letter will go out to the membership, asking for nominations to be submitted by November 15th to fill vacant positions. A slate will be developed from those nominations and posted by December 15th. There was a discussion regarding procedural issues in the current constitution such that there can be nominations from the floor during the annual meeting and nominations can also be made directly to the Secretary (in advance of the 30 day posting deadline). Issues of fairness and transparency and timing were discussed. These procedural gaps will be acknowledged in the letter sent to membership and members will be asked to submit any nominations by November 15th. The annual meeting is set for January 19th.

Motion (approved unanimously): The annual meeting will take place by zoom and voting will be done remotely.

- **How to run the boat club going forward (Jamie Reavis / Kristi Wharton)**

Jamie began the discussion by noting that the Programs Committee has been essentially running the boat club on a volunteer basis for the past 1 ½ years. It's a lot of work and members are getting burnt out. He and Kristi asked BOG members to think about what we should do going forward, how we can function better as a club, and this is the beginning of

that process. Do we want to remain primarily volunteer-driven, which might involve program cutbacks or limitations, or invest resources in a professional manager / director, which might mean increased dues. A full-time director would be someone hired by the BOG, who reports to the BOG, and fulfills the vision of the club on an operational basis. Issues raised in the initial discussion included: cost of the position vs. increased efficiency over the long run, coming up with a job description, thinking proactively before we reach a crisis point of overburdened volunteers. This position would not be someone who manages programs, but rather the whole club. It was noted that since Deb Chute began functioning as a Registrar, this has reduced the burden on the Programs Committee considerably.

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

None

Remarks for the Good of the Club

Jamie noted that NBC showings at recent regattas have been fantastic; “medals, medals, and more medals.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6:15 pm

Location: zoom

*indicates that a report or documentation was submitted as part of tonight’s meeting materials

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Nelson
Secretary

Secretary's report - Membership as of 11/7/2021

Membership Category	11/7/2021	10/7/2021	11/12/2020
Regular	145	145	140
Spouse	9	9	12
72+	20	20	23
U27 (inactive 2021)	0	0	57
U23 (Inactive 2020)	25	25	0
Life	10	10	10
NonResident	3	3	4
Clubhouse	1	1	2
Total Members	213	213	248
Applicant Members to Vote on (included in numbers above)			

NONE

NBC MAJOR AWARDS

- **CHADWICK AWARD**

The Marguerite Chadwick Award is presented to the Outstanding Masters Sweeps Oarswoman: The following rower has been selected because of her ability to contribute to her team's general enjoyment of rowing, her ability to consolidate and inspire her team's effort in competition, her individual effort and improvement, and her overall endeavor to strengthen her boat's teamwork.

- **WILLIAMSON AWARD**

The C. P. Williamson Sculling Award is presented annually to the sculler who both successfully competed at the Head of the Charles and whose good sportsmanship embodies the spirit of C. P. Williamson, one of the key NBC members who helped keep it going when times were darkest at NBC. Being fastest or first is not necessarily part of the criteria as noted above.

- **MOSER AWARD**

The Albin Moser Award is the MVP Award is the highest honor presented to an NBC member who has given time, effort and resources to further the mission of the club. Without this person, the club would look different. All members of NBC are eligible for the Albin Moser Award.