

UVRF Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2008
Oberlander Lounge, Dartmouth College Gym

Board Members Present: Dick Grossman, Bob Haynes, Jen Friend, Peter Davenport, Elizabeth Glenshaw, Win Piper, Deb Smith, Buzz Congram, Kristen Laine, Peter Kermond, Brenda Sirovich

Board Members Absent: Liz Marshall

Guests: Leslie Sonder

Call to order: 5:55PM

Approval of the January and February 2008 minutes was motioned by Elizabeth Glenshaw, seconded by Dick Grossman and approved unanimously by the board.

Finance: Peter Kermond provided an update on finances. The club has \$10,000 cash on hand.

Programming: Deb Smith announced that we have received a 12 month contract from Dartmouth for use of their facilities. Dartmouth approved all of our requests for programming from May 12 through November 1st and equipment storage, which allows us to move forward with advertising all of our programs. Several items will require follow-up:

- 1) Logistics of trailer and rack locations need to be sorted out.
- 2) Availability of outdoor rack space for storage of private singles needs to be quantified.
- 3) We need to confirm whether Dartmouth still intends to have UVRF run their summer programs. Dick Grossman will contact Steve Perry.
- 4) We need clarification of NCAA rules. Deb Smith will follow up on this.

The board discussed opportunities for marketing. Kristen Laine offered to write up bulletins for our programs.

Ronin Racing: Jen Friend gave an update on Ronin racing. Carin Reynolds has reviewed their master agreement. Further clarification of the exit clause is needed. The contract calls for a three year agreement and although the club can terminate services prior to that, as it currently reads we would be liable for the highest monthly fees collected times the remaining months in the contract. It is unclear whether this pertains to the per transaction fee that Ronin charges, or the percentage of registration cost that we collect for processing. Jen Friend will follow up with Ronin.

Deb Smith motioned to empower the executive committee to approve the contract upon informing the board of the resolution to this issue, provided that the potential liability did

not exceed \$3600. Kristen Laine seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously to approve.

The board wishes to extend its thanks to Carin Reynolds for her assistance with the contract.

Fundraising: The board has secured \$30,000 in loans towards the purchase of equipment. Kristen Laine has drafted an appeal letter to the competitive program, and secured a leadership gift. A broader appeal to the general membership will follow. The board agreed that the letter should go out after the purchase of a boat is confirmed. Dick Grossman and Buzz Congram will be looking at a potential purchase – a 2 year old Resolute - on 3/18/08.

Sculling and Sweep equipment: Riggers for the Vespoli 2x have been ordered. Parts need to be ordered for the Dirigo 2x and the Vespoli 1x. The broken cox box has been repaired.

Dick noted that the addition of the Resolute to our fleet and the purchase of a new outboard motor will increase the club's insurance costs by approximately \$900.

Dick and Buzz will bring the club's three eights to Klinger Engineering when they go to look at the Resolute. The board agreed that investment in the Stetson should be minimal as we will inherit another boat from HHS at the end of this season. Jen Friend will provide a budget for boat repairs.

FLIP Programs: Dartmouth will be running three FLIP sessions in the spring. The spring programs traditionally progress from the tanks to the water in May. Because Dartmouth coaches are not running the programs, FLIP will not be able to use Dartmouth equipment. Elizabeth proposed using the two older URVF boats for FLIP.

Norwich property: Bob Haynes noted that the state has not yet posted the hearing dates on railroad crossings, but the Vermont legislature's goal is to address this issue during the current legislative season. The board agreed to invite Dan Hershenson to the next meeting to discuss our case. Bob will extend the invitation. Win will solicit questions from the board prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Friend