

# *Yankee Rowing Club*

P.O. Box 3128, Amherst, MA 01004

## Minutes of Annual Meeting, March 1, '09

President Jonathan Wright called to order with thanks to host Peter Seterdahl. Present: Ben Hutz, Leo Varsano, Jane Cross, Peter Seterdahl, Ernie Alleva, Missy Bahret, Andy Larkin, Mark Kurber, Bob Gould, Robin Barber, Lisa Thompson, Bob Sleigh, Jale Okay, Leslie Smith, Susan Hess and Peggy Hart. Louisa Davis Freeman secretary's report entered into minutes, Bob S & Mark K move to accept -- carried unanimously -- Minutes accepted. Robin B agrees to act as secretary pro tem. Jon notes the serious issue of our web site, no web-master at this time. Ben Hutz offers to author web site for one year -- Accepted by acclamation!

Report of Ad Hoc committee and Board Meeting: Rowers using club boats to indicate in log their estimated return time, to make it easier for those waiting for a club boat to plan when they'll get a boat -- to accommodate distribution of boats as best as can be. Carol E. will field calls on issues of boat distribution. General agreement. Question- who is responsible when serious damage to club boats results from negligence? -- Club policy to encourage contributions from responsible party when able (e.g. deductible) but costs shall be born by insurance and club repair budget. Craig's role as boatman to be clarified -- does not extend to organize care of boathouse by members, all agree to formally take that load off Craig's shoulders. Motion to get a gift certificate for Craig for \$100 to Trader Joe's or Stop & Shop in appreciation for service - passed unanimously. Lisa T proposes chart system for tasks that people sign up for on rotation -- general agreement. Scholarship

re-instated to help with fees and possible subsidy of trips to Craftsbury etc. Committee Structure -- split off safety & training -- 3 or so people: Jon W Mark K Bob Gould volunteer (Rob H in absentia) -- to ensure all members covered thoroughly -- prepare checklist and plan implementation. Move to accept Ernie's report on questionnaire of Ad Hoc Planning committee --accepted unanimously.

Competition notes- Bob Sleigh won his division in Crash B's this year (applause)! Ben H second in his division (applause)!

Proposal for dues -- discussed differential rate structure. Bob Sleigh (Mark K second) to make membership \$360 and \$240 rack fee. Bob Sleigh pointed out that in the questionnaire there was heat around the question of private members with own boats subsidizing club members. Mark K says several other clubs to which he has belonged have differential fees for Club vs Rack space. Ben H. has the same to report from other clubs. S for 2009- \$340 membership - - \$270 rack fee (passed unanimously). Thanks to Jon for negotiating lease -- and for staying an extra year as president (applause). Treasurer's report- accepted 08 (unanimously), motion to accept 09 alternate budget at new fees, passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee proposes slate of officers -- Bob S moves to accept, close, vote means elected (Andy seconds) -Passed unanimously!

Move to adjourn, chili feast is ready and waiting.

Respectfully submitted -- Robin Barber (edited for newsletter -- Leslie Smith)

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## **2009 Club Officers:**

President- Ernie Alleva

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Directors: Jane Cross, Andrew Larkin,

Jale Okay, Laura Ringuette, Craig

Schiff, Jonathan Wright

## **Club Boats:**

Fluid Design Double *Tom & May*

Vespoli Double *Little Katie*

Peinert 26, YRC #3

Peinert 26, YRC #7

Peinert 25X, YRC #6

Peinert 25X, YRC #9

Maas Aero, YRC #8

Phantom Recreational Single

Alden Recreational Single

Save the Date!

**National Learn to Row Day**  
**Sponsored by USRowing**  
**and Concept2**  
**Saturday, June 6, 2009**

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