

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**UPPER MERION BOAT CLUB FOR**  
**COMPETITIVE and RECREATIONAL ROWING**

The Members of the Upper Merion Boat Club met at the Boat House on March 18, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. Numerous Members of the Boat Club attended the meeting and a sign-in sheet recorded the attendance.

The Commodore announced that the fiscal year started on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Club currently has \$22,000 in the treasury. Membership fees for 2006 will remain the same rate as charged in 2005. The Google Group email system is working well and will be used to send out all Club messages. Any Club Member that does not have email should contact an Officer so that the Member may receive Club messages via the U.S. Postal Service. A motion was made to use the Google Group as a way to communicate future Club news to the Membership. The motion was second by the Membership.

This meeting was scheduled to accept self nominations for Club Officers. A motion was made to change the date of self nominations for Club Officers until on or before November 13, 2006 and hold elections on December 13, 2006. The motion was second by the Membership.

Any Club Member that is interested in having his or her emergency contact information located at the boathouse should contact a Club Officer. Each Member would provide their emergency contact information in a sealed envelope. The envelopes would be located in a lockbox. A Club Member's envelope would only be unsealed in case of an emergency and handed over to a

representative of the Emergency Medical Technician squad or to a representative of the local and/or state police department. This emergency contact information should include a telephone number of the Member's family or friend, any medical condition of the Member that the Member believes is important to list, including medication and any other medical information that the Member feels is necessary.

King's Head Regatta is September 24, 2006. We will continue to send out email notifications. Flyers will be provided to all Members attending other regattas to distribute. This is the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the King's Head regatta. All Members should be obtaining advertisements for the regatta pamphlet. Lee Benham volunteered to handle the advertisements. Lee will contact Kim King to discuss this issue further. The King's Head race course visual is bad. The brush under and near the 202 bridge is currently getting cleared. The Club should continue to keep this area free of brush so that it may be utilized during the regatta for spectators. A suggestion was made that the Club "sell" boat rides to spectators who would like to view the race from upriver. An additional suggestion was made to rent bleachers for the spectators. May 13, 2006 is Upper Merion High School's Regatta.

Mark King, the Equipment Manager, provided an equipment report. 2 singles are currently out to be repaired. They are primed and ready to paint. The boats had gouges on the deck and scrapes on the bottom. Most of the boat damage happens in the boathouse. Members should be very careful when handling Club equipment and also be aware of privately owned equipment. Ken

Fox volunteered to obtain information on rubber mats that would be used to protect the hull of the Club boats from receiving damage while located on the boathouse racks. Numbers will be assigned and placed onto each Club boat. An additional column will be added to the logbook to include a location to insert the boat number when taking out a Club boat to row. There are also several sets of oars that need repair and parts have been ordered for them. The Equipment Manager will be scheduling an "equipment appreciation" day soon. All Club Members are expected to attend and assist.

The Club meeting currently scheduled for April 15, 2006 is cancelled. The Club is looking for volunteers to run the Club's Open House for the national "Learn to Row" day. Several Club Members will be working on a Habitat for Humanity project scheduled for April 22, 2006. Club Members should contact Ken Fox for additional information regarding the Habitat for Humanity project.

During Club rows all Club doubles and quads should be at the dock and available for Club rows. If any Member has organized a row with others and plans to utilize Club boats; it must be scheduled before or after Club rows. Members should review the Club's rule regarding Club boats. Any Member may take out a Club boat three (3) times a week at the same scheduled time and once on the weekend. Members should be using the "Boat Sign-out Log" during times of large Membership turnout (spring through fall).

The Club still does not have a coach in place for new members/novices. At this time the novice clinic is not scheduled.

Since many Club Members use Tom Papp's van for boat transportation during the regatta season a motion was made to have the Club pay for all reasonable maintenance costs regarding the van. The motion was second by the Membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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Laurie Lawton-Smith  
Secretary

**Sign-in Sheet for Club Meeting of March 18, 2006**

Lee Benham  
Laurie Lawton-Smith  
Dave Cutcliff  
Tom Papp  
Mark King  
Brendan Bovaird  
Jeff Grogan  
Ken Fox  
Colin Hingley  
Bill Howard  
Terry O'Leary  
Joe Hartnett  
Mae Torres  
Ronald L. Gionta