

**Harvard Parks and Rec
Meeting Notes– 9/24/12
Hapgood Library
7:30 pm**

Committee Members: John Lee, Eric Dyer, BJ Pessia, Anne McWaters

Guests: Harry Hedison, Patrick Hart, Terry Dewitt, Pam Ehrdos, Ted Van Duesen, Tom Cotton, Leslie Hart, Holly Hatton, Bob O’Shea, Bill Johnson

Bare Hill Rowers - Agree to a fall schedule and terms of use for the beach area

Terry Dewitt (BHRA) summarized their program and the reason they have A/B and how adding those students has increased the success of the team. The A/B parents have been integral to the success. BHRA is committed to being great neighbors and stewards of the program. There was some concern by Bromfield (Harvard) parents at the outset, but that has since gone away as they have seen the success of the program. 10 A/B kids were cut this past week. 4 A/B novice kids were put on a waitlist and they are hoping to allow them on the team in order to fill boats. Learn to Row program is exclusive to Bromfield students. BHRA does not think it within Parks and Rec jurisdiction to dictate the make-up of their group.

Currently, the team is at: 90 students – 60 Bromfield, 30 A/B. There are 4 A/B students on a waitlist.

John Lee: Last year, we approved a change from 80 to 100 students.

Bob O’Shea: For the past 8 years, there have been safety issues each year caused by BHRA, some of which are not addressed immediately.

Holly Hatton: This past week, BHRA has instituted a “clean sweep” after each practice, where someone makes sure that the beach is clean.

John Lee: Moved to allow 34 A/B rowers for a total team of 96. 2 in favor. 1 opposed. Vote passes.

Other Misc:

Bill Johnson: October 15 is the beginning of construction, so all boats and racks need to be out of the water and area by then. John will talk to Mark and try to email all the boat owners.

BJ: Awning company is supposed to be coming out this week to help us design a new set-up for the playground

Ski club: Cindy Glade will not be running it again this year, but there is someone else who will be taking over.

New keys have been made for the boathouse because each of the door jams was broken over the summer.

Next meeting: October 15

Meeting adjourned: 8:50pm