

Saquish Rowers and Former Rowers

The past few years electronic transmissions and website (www.saquishrowingeducationsocietyinc.org) have been the primary means of passing information to our membership. The Board of Directors has made some changes in policy which are so significant that a personal letter was deemed appropriate.

For the first time in several years there has been a dues increase. Dues beginning January 1, 2012 are \$200 for families, \$175 individual and \$50 for youth membership. Family membership consists of spouses and dependents. Dues should be paid by February 15th to Cathy Jenness. Checks should be made payable to Saquish Rowing Education Society Inc and mailed to Team Saquish, 2142 Washington Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333.

To be eligible to row in one of the team boats, whether for practice or an event, a person must be a paid member. Perspective rowers may row up to three times before deciding to join or not. New rowers may pay a pro-rated amount based on the number of months remaining in the year. However, former rowers will need to pay the full dues for the year to be eligible. Team outreach events do not require membership, but may require participants to sign waivers.

Under a new policy, it was decided that active members will be listed on the webpage. In this way all members will know who is eligible to row and who is not. Inactive rowers will no longer be allowed to serve as back-up rowers to fill seats.

We are working to bring the boats back up to their full functionality. The Board anticipates replacing at least one set of wooden oars this year. To accomplish this requires funding, with dues being our primary income source. We anticipate more outreach and fund raising opportunities and know our members will support these efforts to the fullest extent possible. Looking forward to another successful year of open water rowing and see you on the ramp!

Respectfully yours, on behalf of the Board of Directors

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Mike Jenness, President