

# MRRA Meeting

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

# Agenda

- Membership Survey Results
- Boathouse
- Status User Agreement with UML
- Access Plans
- Water access/rowing
- Membership process
- Festival Regatta
- LTR Update
- Boat wash & checkup

# Membership Survey

- Survey population - 45 current members
- 34 members responded to the survey, 10 did not respond, 1 e-mail returned undeliverable.
- Of the 34 respondents - 60% male / 40% female.
- We are a master's club!
  - Sixty two percent of the club is over age 51, 32 % range in age from 31-50

# Survey

- We are mostly a mid-weight and heavy-weight club!
  - ultra-light <130#      11.8% 4
  - lightweight 130-160    14.7% 5
  - **midweight 160-185    35.3% 12**
  - **heavyweight 186+     35.3% 12**
  - superweight 210+      2.9% 1

# Survey....

- **We need NEW members, most of us have been around a while!**
  - 0-2 years 14.7% 5
  - 3-6 years 38.2% 13
  - **7+ years 47.1% 16**

# Survey...

- Membership types breakdown:
  - **Individual**    **51.5% 17**
  - Student            3.0% 1
  - Family            45.5% 15

# Survey...

- 8% of respondents were introduced to rowing in high school
- 32 % (11 people) rowed in college.
- 20 % were introduced to the rowing through MRRA's rowing program.

# Survey...

- **OTHER interesting facts:**
  - Interest in sweep rowing is less than 50%
  - 70% of the club wants “group rows” – most want one group row a week
  - 5 people would buy a boat if racks pace were available to them
  - The majority of the club feels the club needs more **SINGLES!**
  - 77% of the club utilizes another health club for fitness.
  - Less than half the club feels the Festival Regatta should be held this year



# Survey – final

- SURVEY RESULTS will be made available to Committees for consideration in their planning.
- A PDF of the entire survey results will be posted on the club website.
- Another survey targeted to former members is being discussed.

# Boathouse

- Target day is May 1 for functionality
- Known – “discussion points”
  - Docks
  - Fence
  - Lockers
  - Storage
- Key card access will be implemented “day 1”.

# User Agreement/Membership

- User agreement is signed
  - 12k /year
- MRRA expenses
  - Insurance 3k
  - Maint/repairs 3k
  - Other misc operating 1k
  - Donations 1/2k
  - User agreement 12k

# Membership

- Have to pay the bills
- Can't rely on TRR contribution
  - Can for boats, other equipment, etc
- Based on 35 members
  - \$350 Individual, \$75 additional family members
  - \$350 rack
  - \$150 Student
  - 5/1 due date
    - Try to be “sooner” – access stops May 1!

# Water Access

- Currently open
  - 4 oar rule, experienced people
  - Name has to be posted above log
- Mandatory
  - 2008 member in good standing or paid 2009 member
  - Safety video, valid swim test, signed 2009 liability waiver
  - All paperwork to Wilma, collected min. 2x per week, will send email confirming on list.
  - Access stops May 1 based on access cards.
  - Swim tests – if you expire this year, take another!

# Committee Volunteers

- LTR
  - David G.
  - Jim P.
  - Paula K.
  - Bob L.
- Membership
  - Paul Wenger
  - Peg Landry
  - Chur Thompson
- Boathouse
  - JayF
  - BobS

# Learn to Scull

- Coordinated with UML Learn to **Row**
  - 2 tiers of classes moving from 8+ -> 4-/x
  - Number of hired assistant coaches
- Have some ‘train the trainer sessions’ with volunteers and coaches
- This year trying to target ‘graduates’ of LTR2
  - Build on skill level.
- May have “newbies” fill classes
- Advertise independently but point people to each program.
- Talk with Jim, David, Paula, Bob on your ideas.

# Other

- Festival
- Boat Wash/Prep Day
  - This Saturday



# Meeting Notes from Secretary

- 23 people attended the meeting at the UML Sports Recreation Center.
- Survey results will be posted on the members website as a PDF.
- Campus Recreation Center's pool is open for the swim certification: M-F 7:30 am - 9 am, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, & 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm and Sat. 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Bring a Lifejacket/PFD for the swim test. (New Swim Test Form is listed on the membership news website, posted Mon. April 6th.)
- A motion to approve the new proposed membership and rack fee structure was approved by the membership.
- Action item: Need a policy on defining an experienced rower.
- Action item for Jay and Wilma: Post list of MRRA members that have met membership requirements above the log book in the boathouse twice per week.- Boatwash was scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at 8 am.
- Action item: Festival Regatta still open. Veronika recommended July 11th (not July 18th) as the date for a regional invitation for JR Nationals regatta. Jay indicated that we need some one to chair the Festival Regatta. No date is posted on Row2K for the Festival Regatta. Further discussion was tabled.