

MRRA Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, Aug 11th, at 7:00 pm at the boathouse.

Agenda:

1. membership update
2. trial of boat reservation
3. TRR - will concentrate on the TRR
4. Other business....

Membership Update

We have 47 Active Members (38 Family/Individual, 6 Additional Family, and 3 Student). Included in the 47 are 3 June LearnToScull folks joined. We expect to have some of the July LTS folks to join, bringing our membership to essentially 50 members.

Boat Reservations – Proposed by Bob Sengstaken (Trial & discussed at July Mtg)

1. Reservations of club equipment are done in 2 week in advance; this gives everyone equal rights to times and equipment.
2. Members can reserve individual boats up to and not exceeding 3x a week. (Thus a total of 6 reservations over a 2 week period)
3. There are two morning sessions: Early session prior to 6:30 AM and late after 6:30. After September 15th, sessions will be before and after 7:00 AM.
4. When both daily sessions have been booked please have boat back to the dock in time for the next reservation.
5. No double reservations! If the early session is not booked you may come earlier for a longer row but cannot be booked ahead of time. You must stop by the dock to see if someone is waiting for the boat at the end of the first morning session, and then you may continue to row for the later morning session, if no-one is waiting for the boat.
6. If there is no reservation for a boat, a member can still use it without reservation, even if they have already reserved it 3 times that week.
7. 10 minute grace period for no shows. Please be considerate and cancel reservation if you know you will not be able to make it.
8. Club sanctioned programs such as learn to scull or coaching clinics have preference over individuals that may reserve boats.
9. There will be a boat reservation signup on the cabinet near the log book.
10. Signups for the following boats, the reservation list should be checked first before taking out one of these boats:

Quad: Accomac 4X

Doubles: Vespoli Matrix 2X-HW and Swift 2x-MW

Singles: Swift 1x –MW, Swift 1x – HW

A-Singles (Must be “A” rower to use): Vespoli 1X HW, Hudson 1X LW and Fluid 1x-MW

A-Double (Must be “A” rower to use): Fluid 2x-MW

Equipment: 2 new sets of oars have arrived and an additional set was donated.

Thank You: Chur was so touched by the generosity of club members in being willing to contribute monies toward replacement of her oars that were stolen at the Lawrence Regatta in June.

Race Space: It was agreed that the board should discuss available rack space and make available to club members the current waiting list.

Boathouse Closing Procedures need to be updated to reflect new procedures

Important Notice and Report from Veronika:

Asian water festival dragon racing takes place Saturday, August 15th, 11:45- 4:00 pm. **So, no rowing after 10 AM on Saturday.**

In the event of an unsafe water environment due to power boats, jet skiers, etc, the protocol is to contact UML Police at 978-934-2394 and they will come down and address the issue. The phone number will be posted at the logbook.

USRowing Masters National regatta is this week/weekend with races starting on Thursday and ending late Sunday. The following boats will be unavailable and down at the regatta: Quad, matrix and fluid double, swift pair, fluid, swift HW and matrix single. Veronika and Ginny will be leaving from the boathouse early Wednesday (tomorrow) morning with the trailer and the boats. They will be returning very late Sunday night.

TRR Discussion

Race course change to have the travel lane on the normal upstream side was discussed but was not finalized.

Dock Design is being worked and will be similar to last year's.

Parking and Course setup/takedown – UML will take care of this.

Vendors, Results Board and Medals – proposed placing at midway point between boathouse and the bathhouse and place some porta potties there and away from the boathouse to alleviate congestion around the boathouse.

Inventory - bullhorns and good radios (Carl P. and Joe L.)

2009 Fall Competitive Team Coaching Proposal from Veronika Platzer

Sept 9th, 2009 – 11th, 2009 (10 weeks)

Participation Fee: \$150.00. Fees paid directly to MRRA. MRRA, in turn, pays me. Must be MRRA member to participate.

Will provide:

1. Weekly Team coaching session – Wednesdays 5:30- 7:15 am.
2. Fall Training Program –on and off water conditioning
3. Primarily team boats- eights, coxed quads, quads, doubles, some singles
4. Coaching and technical support, including video tape analysis.
5. Saturday “Combat Training” 2 x 5km , rate capped.
6. UML equipment

Potential Events:

Saturday Combat Training Sessions –Lowell, MA. Start time: 7:00 am

TRR- Lowell, MA

Head of the Charles, Boston, MA

20 Mile Race-Dartmouth, NH (November 14th)