

MRRA Annual Meeting Minutes
Lowell Motor Boat Club, 489 Pawtucket Street, Lowell
Tuesday, December 8, 2009

- **Thanks** to Chur Thompson and Joe Lafreniere for organizing this MRRA Holiday/Year End/Annual Meeting/Potluck Party.
- Waived reading previous annual meeting minutes
- **Membership update** by Wilma Breiland - 51 active members. Membership went from 37 early in the summer to the current 51 members. Current breakdown is: 42 family memberships, 7 addl fam, and 2 student. Four LTS students became members.
- **Treasurer's Report** by Chur Thompson – With 2008 Balance Forward of \$6800 and 2009 Net Income of \$2400, we have current balance of \$9200. This balance does not include TRR income. Received \$200 donation from Double C Racing (Claire Cloutier, Pres.).
- No Festival Regatta in 2009.
- **LearnToScul Program** – Jim Polcari and David Grigglesstone
 - + New format recommended
 - + Need recreational boats that will help transition to FISA boats
 - + Saturday sessions are needed where water conditions are better
 - + Then can accommodate 10/session
 - + With training follow-up with coach such as Robby Walters for passing the boat handling test
- **TRR Report** by Jay Feenan
 - + DCR – some improvements needed
 - + Successful overall with more boats than 2008 - 520 entries (79 clubs)
 - + Expenses went from \$26,000 to \$30,000 in 2009, compared to 2008, due to dock expenses.
 - + Revenue – increased from \$11,000 to \$13,000 as compared to 2008.
 - + Savings due to 50% discount on portable toilets, fewer hours on police, etc.
 - + City of Lowell views regattas as a draw and is in the process of including JR National regattas in the future.
- **Committees:**
 - + Equipment – look at the clubs equipment usage and come up with a long term lifecycle plan for club equipment. Will need to look at the inside storage and make recommendations of what equipment to get rid of and when to support LTS and allow members to hone their skills.
 - + Safety – gap in implementation
 - + Governance/Bylaws – make a proposal on Bylaws that the entire membership will vote on.
- **Crew Representative:** History from Jim Polcari – In the 1990's, Jim Polcari and Bill McGovern were coaches for UML and this position was needed since the crews rowed under MRRA. Jim and Bill were all-volunteer coaches. This position is no longer needed since UML has their own association and coaches.
- Motion to proceed with election by Joe Lafreniere and seconded by John Ballantine and unanimously approved by members.

- Current Ballot was reviewed:
 - President - Jay Feenan
 - VP - John Ballantine
 - Treas - Joe Bernard, Alice Hogan and Chur Thompson
 - Sec - Wilma Breiland
 - Boat Captain - Liz Albert
 - Trustee - Bob Bowen, David Grigglesstone, Mark Romanowsky and Karen Scammell
- Bob Sengstaken nominated Joe Lafreniere for Boat Captain
- Boat captain and role of assistant was briefly discussed. It was agreed that anyone in the club can be tapped to help.
- Motion was made, seconded and approved to close the nominations and to proceed with secret ballot.
- Slate of Officers elected:
 - President – Jay Feenan (re-elected)
 - VP – John Ballantine (re-elected)
 - Treas – Chur Thompson (re-elected)
 - Sec – Wilma Breiland (re-elected)
 - Boat Captain – Joe Lafreniere
 - Trustee – Karen Scammel (re-elected to 3-yr term)
 - Trustee – Robert Lynch (1 yr remaining on term)
 - Trustee – Tim Wheatley (2 yrs remaining on term)
- Final motion to close annual meeting and have our potluck party!

Minutes submitted by Wilma Breiland