

MRRA

By-Laws Committee

Meeting date: March 22, 2010

In attendance: Liz Albert, Wilma Breiland, Kat Flinner, Joe LaFreniere

Discussed:

1. Confirmed previous documents of club. Timing, order of, purposes of each. Discussed distinctions between Constitution and By Law (no difference legally).
2. Modify location to add "Umass Lowell" to Bellegarde boathouse. Check correct P.O. Box/address. (Should be Box 1909; 01853)
3. Name of club: Merrimac / Merrimack. We agree this should be brought to a vote by the full membership at the annual meeting. We would like to hear historical perspectives.
4. In Bylaws: Under Article 2 / Purpose: move "recreational" to first. Should read: "...and further the amateur sport of rowing, in both its RECREATIONAL and competitive forms....."
5. Under Article 3 / Membership: change "sex" to "GENDER", and "physical and mental handicap" to "DISABILITY." Should read: "...open to all, regardless of rowing experience, age, GENDER, race, religion, color, sexual orientation, national origin, or DISABILITY."
6. Under Article 3 / Membership: discussion around re-configuring the classes of membership.
 - a. Under 18 and member of rowing family: must have direct adult supervision. (free)
 - b. Proposed: Junior Membership (formerly Student Membership): ages 18-24. Junior Membership is limited to rowing between June 1 and August 31, has no voting privileges and no guest privileges. BoD / Boat Captain may place equipment restrictions on this member class. (\$150 ?)
 - c. Individual Membership. Age 24 +. Previously called Regular Membership.
 - d. Proposed: Family Membership. Available to a couple united by a civil union or marriage, or parent(s) of children or legal guardian(s) (2 adults maximum) and their children under 18.
 - e. Proposed: Supporting Membership, Available to any person 18 or over. Supporting members enjoy the right to row up to three times per year and to use recreational club equipment as determined by the boat captain. Supporting members must row in the company of a senior member. Supporting members do not have voting privileges but may attend all general membership meetings and functions; a fee may be assessed for subsidized cost based functions.
 - f. Discussed: Occasional/Temporary Membership. A two-week membership for a visiting rower.
 - g. Tabled / not discussed: Honorary Membership.
7. Under Article 3 / Membership 3b: change to PASS THE SWIM TEST
8. Under Article 3 / Membership 3c: change to SIGN THE CLUB'S WAIVER ANNUALLY
9. Under Article 3 / Membership: Add 3d: MEMBERS MUST ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 3 MEETINGS A YEAR

For next time: Add 3e: meet safety requirements / view safety video?