

MRRRA Annual Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2011 at the Brewery Exchange, 201 Cabot St., Lowell, MA

Attendees(47): Liz Albert, Kathryn Berger, Denise Bergeron, Joe Bernard, Paul Berube, Bob Bowen, Wilma Breiland, Daniel Brooks, Rich Connell, Tim Cotreau, Deb Darlington, Teresa Datar, Jody Decarolis, Stefany Eck, Jocelyn Eno, Jay Feenan, Kathryn Flinner, Steven Freund, David Grigglesstone, Alice Hogan, Jason Holden, MaryGail Jagers, Krystian Kozlowski, Joe LaFreniere, Erin Lallemand, Jennifer Lown, Bob Lynch, Scott Maclellan, Chur Masors, Dennis McCarthy, Mark McKenna, Roland Meijer, Veronika Platzer, Michael Poreba, Thomas Regan, Mark Romanowsky, Karen Scammell, Kent Springer, Paul Wenger, Martin Whyte, Bronwyn Chapman, Steve Conover, Blair Granum, Kevin Hancock, Ellen Humphrey, Martha McLarney, and Dottie Semonian.

Quorum of 31 was met for the annual meeting and the meeting was called to order. [Quorum = 1/3 of 92 members.]

Thanks to Teresa Datar and Kathryn Flinner for organizing for this annual MRRRA Annual meeting/party at the Brewery Exchange.

Annual Meeting minutes for 2009 – Motion was made to not read last year’s minutes and to approve the minutes as posted. It was unanimously approved.

Presentation of CY2011 – Karen Scammell (Document will be posted with the annual meeting minutes) - Includes membership, programs, regattas, equipment and current committee chairs.

- New Social committee was proposed to foster camaraderie and sportsmanship.
- Anyone interested in helping on the social committee and the other standing committees, membership/program, equipment and safety should send email to board@merrimackrowing.org.
- **New Business- Motion** unanimously approved to increase Membership fees for 2012 to \$125 and for those joining after Aug 1, \$65. Payment of annual renewals due by 1/15.
 - o For those renewing by 1/15/12, the discounted fee will be \$100, saving \$25. The payment must be postmarked or delivered to the hand of Treasurer/Secretary by January 15 to qualify for the \$25 discount.
 - o Rationale – Base membership defines voting rights. Club has cash flow needs before the rowing season starts for insurance and boathouse user fees.

Appreciation of Volunteerism – Jay Feenan

Jay recognized volunteers with words of appreciation as well as an silver oar pin for each volunteer. Here is the list:

Voting using Ballot for 2011:

- Voting on ByLaws as posted on the website and as presented at the November 8th monthly meeting. Vote to approve or accept.
- Motion unanimously approved to allow nominations from the floor. No one was nominated. So, the official ballot with the nominations was the final ballot.

Voting Results

- ByLaws document was unanimously approved with four no responses.
- Slate of officers elected: President- Karen Scammell; VP- Jay Feenan; Treasurer- John Ballantine; Secretary- Wilma Breiland; and Trustee, term expires 2014- Jason Holden. Other trustees previously elected are: Mark Romanowsky, expires 2013; and Joe Bernard, expires 2012.

Final motion close annual meeting and have our party.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma Breiland, MRRRA Secretary