

MRRA Board meeting minutes - June 4, 2012 at the Boathouse

Attendees: Jay Feenan, Mark Romanowsky, Joe Bernard, Bob Bowen, Jason Holden and Wilma Breiland, Karen Scammell and John Ballantine.

Festival Regatta – Mark McKenna reported that he cannot co-chair the Festival Regatta this year. Jess Hays is willing to co-chair but is not an MRRA member. Board agreed that an MRRA member should co-chair with Jess. Ginny LaFreniere was recommended since she had co-chaired for 2010 Festival Regatta and Karen agreed to contact her. Jay agreed to help.

- Committee Chairs – many chairs still open – recommendation was to send out email to the committee chairs from last year, asking them to chair again this year.
- Jason will call Jess to see if she will chair launches and refs.
- Permits – Jay and Joe L. have taken care of permits.
- Parking – Karen will contact UML Mens Crew to see if they want to take care of parking with charge not to exceed \$5.
- Agreed no ambulance is needed; Mark indicated that Lowell Hospital is so close.
- Need to order medals ASAP. Who took care of this last year?

National LearnToRow Day – June 2 – Karen reported that it poured buckets of rain and probably discouraged many from coming. Got a couple of youth interested in Jr. Sweep. Also some interest in LearnToSweep. Some of the PR must have worked because a couple of emails were sent to info@merrimackrowing.org asking about this LTR and whether we were planning to hold it given the bad weather.

Program Update - Jason

- MSweep and LTSweep – Carl Popolo/Joe Bernard - plan to hold on same nights, Mon and Wed; equipment should not be a problem since LHS would be happy to rent out some boats; experience varies between these two groups and may help with filling boats on any given night. Coaching options were discussed with Carl Popolo present for this discussion.
- Coached Novice/Intermediate Sculling program – currently have 5 people signed up according to Dottie Semonian. The cost of \$50/person may need to be increased to cover coaching costs since the original fee was based on 8 people. First session was held on Sunday morning.
- Open Sweep – need another coach during the summer – UNH novice coach is interested – going to coaching twice/week.
- Coxswains – two from LHS are very interested and Karen has names.
- Competitive Sculling coaching – Sarah Paret has not replied to Karen's requests; so Karen plans to ask Vee.

Equipment update– Joe

- Ergs – one here at boathouse; Roland can bring one but who needs it? Another one needs parts.
- Fuel – plenty in the fuel locker; MRRA needs 85% and Vee's middle school camp about 15%; need sign for this locker (Jay will provide wording to Wilma for a sign).

- Launch training – Jason has movie clips on his computer. Bob Bowen will schedule for a Saturday and let club know. It was agreed to show to group of people requiring launch training, before the Festival Regatta.
- Window weights are available for buoy anchors- who needs them? Joe will ask Joe L.
- Vespoli 4- coming with 4x riggers. Question is where will it be stored? Bob Bowen will work storage. Boat insurance for borrowed boat – insure for \$17,400 for 60 days with cost estimated to be less than \$100.
- Consolidated logbook – Carl has software to make this happen and Jay has equipment.

Safety – Mark

- Flip Clinic planned – will be posted on website
- 2nd CPR session cancelled due to not enough interest. Those requiring CPR training will need to make arrangements to attend session offered in the area.

Membership Update – Wilma

Total Members - 73 and expect to have more join with LTScull (11 enrolled), LTSweep (5 enrolled), etc.

35 Logbook (28 ok2row)

3 LogbookOS (2 ok2row)

9 Lobgookpvt (8 ok2row)

2 Logbookstu (none ok2row)

9 MSweep (4 ok2row)

15 OSweep (14 ok2row) and does not include 2 coaches and 2 cox – Jason expects more with college students' interest.

Financial Update – John B.

Finances look good. Membership numbers look good and appear be tracking similar to last year. Financial report, Profit & Loss YTD Comparison, was emailed to the board previously in the past week.

Request from Bob Sengstaken: *I would like to use one of the doubles to race with TimH, and I would also like to use the 4X with the Independence men. Let's talk about rental fee if you think we should charge. I also suggested to Vee that it would help if they could work the Festival or TRR. We would have to set up a time to row together that doesn't interfere with use as well.*

- The board needs more specifics on training and regatta dates before making final decision. Options discussed included an associate membership and rentals.

Action item summary:

- (1) Collection of \$500 from USRowing – Jay will get PO # so that the monies can be located somewhere within UML. As of 6/4/12, the UML contact was identified as the Athletic Business Coordinator and Jay is pursuing.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma Breiland, MRRA Secretary