

MRRA meeting minutes - June 12, 2012 at the Boathouse

Attendees(20): Jennifer Lown, Bob Sherman, Barbara Sherman, Dottie Semonian, Steven Freund, Mary Theresa Freund, Jason Holden, Ken Hickey, Chur Masors, Joe LaFreniere, Ginny LaFreniere, Bob Lynch, Mark McKenna, Jay Feenan, Mark Romanowsky, Karen Scammell, John Ballantine, Stavros Papadopoulos, Kathy McGowan, and Wilma Breiland

Meeting called to order by Pres. Scammell at approx 7PM.

Reading of previous month's minutes waived by unanimous consensus.

Welcome to Ken Hickey.

Open Items prior to Festival Regatta planning:

Equipment – Joe LaFreniere

- Tools purchase proposal will be sent to the equipment committee.
- Bilge pump in Carolina skiff not working.
- Discussion about gas – Dan Hershey, coach, reported getting gas from another program.
We can use whatever gas is available for our summer programs.

Safety - Launch driver training planned for Sunday, June 12 – contact Bob Bowen to sign up.
LTSweep – will offer three weeks for \$150 since there are some openings and hope folks will want more than three weeks.

LTScull – pontoons were proposed by Chur Masors, program director. She will submit full proposal to the equipment committee and board and then for July monthly meeting vote since the expenses for the pontoons are not budgeted. Chur estimates that each pontoon will cost \$280 and that 3-4 are needed. Contact Chur Masors at churthomp@yahoo.com if you can help out on Thursday evenings at 6 pm and Saturday mornings at 8 am. If she does not need you for a particular slot, she will let you know so that you won't be wasting your time. Many volunteers makes it easier on everyone!

Festival Regatta –Sunday, June 24

Director: Stavros Papadopoulos

Committee Chairs as follows:

- Start – Chur Masors
- Finish line – John Ballantine
- Dockmaster – Veronika Platzer
- Boathouse prep-Signage – Ellen Humphrey
- Announcer (PA system) – Andrew MacRobert
- Referees – Joe and Ginny LaFreniere
- Concessions – Karen Scammell and Erin Lallemand
- Cleanup – Bob Sherman
- Communications – Jason Holden
- Course – Mark McKenna
- Entry/Scheduling – Jay Feenan
- Launches/Marshalls – Mark Romanowsky

- Medals – Jennifer Lown
 - Registration/Check-in – Wilma Breiland
 - Results – Tim Cotreau
 - PR – Stavros Papadopoulos
 - Parking- UML Mens team - Jonah Sakala and David Cormier
 - Gas fillup – Jay Feenan
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- Joe Lafreniere recommended that we check insurance policy to make sure that volunteers and referees are indemnified on our policy (action item: Joe and Karen)
 - Agreed on single start line with stake boats and two finish lines, requiring two separate finish line crews – try this arrangement this year.
 - Agreed FINALS only because the regatta ended too late last year with heats and finals. Mark McKenna responsible for planning schedule and where LHS volunteers are needed- will need food, breaks, etc. Will work with Jess to determine how best to reward LHS volunteers.
 - No porta-johns will be ordered. Joe L will check if there are any at Rourke Bridge.
 - Stavros announced that there will be video crew to capture the Festival Regatta, taking videos of the boathouse, rowers, etc.
 - Vendors – will need to get DCR permits, if any show interest.
 - Medals – 1st place only same as last year.
 - Docks – adjust to proper height/position when easiest to do so for regatta.
 - Parking – UML Mens crew – max of \$5/car – set signs
 - No EMT – hospital nearby
 - DCR permits for regatta done.
 - Environmental police from Lowell very expensive and did not arrange. Joe L will ask Chelmsford police.
 - Boats – Mark Romanowsky will identify which boats are used where for start, alignment, referees, floating, etc.
 - Set up singles drop-off area in front of boathouse – have cones there
 - Agreed to meet again on Tuesday, June 19, for final regatta logistics and issues.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma Breiland, MRRA Secretary