

Terry Freeman (Vice President)

For the past 13 years I have served as office manager for a Nashua based non-profit organization of approximately 1600 members consisting of city employees. My attention to detail and organizational skills are just a couple of the qualities needed to service the varied needs of a membership base this large.

Additionally, resourcefulness, thoroughness, dedication, empathy and compassion are some of the characteristics necessary to fulfilling the needs of our membership.

Spring of 2011 was my first introduction to rowing. Once I learned to use the oar in my hands, I began to feel my entire being awoken with life and vitality.....it was love at first row. I started out Sweep rowing and now am working on my sculling skills. I have found a sport that I am deeply passionate about and I would like the opportunity to assist the MRRA in creating a positive and memorable rowing experience for all current and prospective members.

My contributions to the MRRA over the last several years include:

- Serving as the TRR Medals Chair - 3 years
- TRR publicity - 2 years
- Co-Chairing the Learn to Row/LTSWEEP program - spring of 2014
- Member of the Social committee - 2 years
- Organizing social opportunities for the MSWEEP peeps for the past 3 years
- Participating in the boating safety course with the MEP (Massachusetts Environmental
- Police) to obtain my boating safety certificate- Spring of 2014
- Frequently operating the Carolina launch for the MSWEEP program (injury prevented me from participating this year) -2014.



Bronwyn Chapman (Treasurer)

Four years ago, I joined the learn to scull program at the beginning of the summer and found my new passion. Once I completed the program and passed my test, I joined the MRRA, something I had wanted to do since watching my brother as a sculler growing up in California. I am thrilled to have learned, joined and now have a wonderful venue to be able to row on a regular basis at the crack of dawn when the rest of the world is still sleeping.

I live in Tyngsboro with my husband, 16 and 18 year old daughters and two sweet dogs. I work full time at a small high tech company in Acton where I have a variety of responsibilities including accounting, facilities and benefits administration. In almost all of my jobs, I have had accounting responsibilities and currently use Quickbooks on a day to day basis. I will continue in the role of Treasurer for the MRRA if elected and hope that I will continue to make a positive contribution to the club, despite my limited time. I love rowing and am so thankful for this club and its members, I will do what I can to ensure the continued running of all of the programs MRRA has to offer. I hope one day I too will own a boat and have rack space to use in the boat house. :-)

Karen Scammell (President)

I have been a member of the MRRA since 2001 and have been sculling competitively since about 2008 in a single. For board positions, first I was a trustee and then treasurer for 2 years and recently president for the past 3 years. I am VP of Sales and Customer Service for a company in Nashua NH and have significant experience creating and managing budgets, forecasts and interdisciplinary teams - all aimed at long term sustainable business and satisfied customers.

This is the philosophy that I bring to the MRRA - to create a community of rowers who row for fun, exercise and/or competition, depending on the individual goals and abilities. As a graduate of UMass Lowell (actually University of Lowell), I am still in touch with the professors in Plastics Engineering as well as the Development Office, Athletics and Rec Sports. I would like to continue to grow the club to increase the sculling membership and also grow masters sweep so we have many boats going out on any given day and evening with a variety of people in them with good solid coaching available. I have an interest in also increasing the visibility of the MRRA in the greater rowing sphere by continuing to host our local races but also hosting regional and perhaps some day a National regatta.

MRRA 2014 Annual Meeting

**The Fletcher Club
11 Brookside Road
Westford MA**

December 9, 2014

**6:15 Arrivals & Cocktails
7:00pm Meeting Start**

- Call to order
- Review/approval of the November meeting minutes
- 2014 Review
 - Financial
 - Programs
 - Committees
 - Regattas
- 2015 Base Membership Proposal
- Elections
- New Business
- Adjournment and Annual Party

Dottie Semonian (Secretary)

MRRA Secretary past 2 years. I have tried to help members through the annual process of registering for programs, keeping swim certificates and US Rowing waivers current and coordinating boathouse memberships with UML. I hope members have found the meeting minutes informative. There has been a learning curve, I intend to improve next year if reelected.

I joined the MRRA in 2011, after completing the clubs Learn to Scull program. I am a fairly new sculler, love recreational rowing and an occasional race. I feel it is important to follow a lifestyle that includes regular exercise, is physically challenging and provides the opportunity to met others with similar interests.

This leads into my professional life. I work full time as a Nurse Practitioner in a busy Internal Medicine practice. Providing Primary Care, Trying to practice what I preach. I am a UML Graduate.

Bob Sengstaken (Boat Captain)

I've been a member of MRRA since 1986 and boatcaptain for a long time as well. I will do it again but have limited time available due to starting a company. I will expect that I will enroll people to help with this job, and if anyone would like to step up and be the boatcaptain it would be greatly appreciated.

Ballot Questions

Question 1

Should we continue to take on the 2-day spring Festival and USRowing NE/MA Regional Masters regatta?

Question 2.

Should we take on the USRowing Masters Head Race, the Saturday day before the TRR (one year only), building to a 2-day TRR in subsequent years?



David Morley (Trustee)

I've been an Orthopedic surgeon in Lowell for 30 years. Married and father of 4 sons who are spread out over the world, I love out door sports and 3 years ago discovered rowing. I enjoy the members of the MRRA and rowing.

Chur Masors (Trustee)

- Have been rowing since 2001
- Primarily sculling, also some sweep rowing. Mostly recreational but some competition.
- Retired UMass Lowell Lab Tech
- Previous offices: Secretary 1 year, Treasurer 4 years
- Currently: Learn to Scull Program Director past 4 years

Joe LaFreniere (Trustee)

Thank you for considering me as a candidate for MRRA trustee. I enjoy single and quad rows and have sweep experience; this year I raced in the Green Mountain Head. In addition to rowing I teach safe boating classes for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary where I am flotilla staff officer for public education. Rowing experience includes (many moons ago) Captain of ULowell Men's Crew team, Long Beach Rowing Assoc. member, I have worked on the MRRA safety committee, held a US Rowing Referee license, served as boat captain and continue to regularly assist with rigging, repairs and boat work. Long time strong contributor to the TRR; this year I was pleased to be responsible for adding a third TRR launch site at the Rourke ramp. As MRRA past president worked with state senator to transition boathouse from DCR control to UMass. Proposed existing dock layout to replace previous "T" layout that collected debris. Founder of the Head of the Merrimac and Textile River Regatta, as well as an originator and incorporator of the MRRA, and also of the Festival Regatta. Occupation: helping people in my capacity as a lawyer.

About the Trustee Positions

Trustees serve for three years. This year's ballot is for the Trustee position that will expire in 2017, but also for Bob Lynch's position which he cannot complete. The current trustees and their term expirations are:

Bob Lynch — 2016

Denis McCarthy — 2015

Jason Holden — 2014

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