

July 14, 2015 MRRA Meeting

Called to order by Dennis McCarthy standing in for Pres. Karen Scammell

Members in attendance:

Bronwyn Chapman

Chur Masors

Jay Feenan

Carl Popolo

Joe Bernard

DJ Jennings

Jody Decarolis

Sharon Morris

Mary Gail Jagers

Wilma Breiland

Kathryn Flinger

Katherine C McGowan

Bob Sengstaken

Lisa Doucett

Linas Alinskas

Tim Wheatley

Bob Sherman

Bob Lynch

Mary Lynch

Joe LaFreniere

Dennis McCarthy

Alex Gavriel

Safety message JoeLaF: 1) Reminder: LtScull and LtSweep programs should be given right of way when these programs are on the water. Please be respectful and stop pieces above bridge.

2) New Log - contains repair tags to be attached to damaged equipment + fill out damage report. Also contains backup log book only if computer not available ie due to power outage. Student members may not use backup logbook even if it means student can't row. Inavailability of computer should be reported to MRRA secretary.

3) Rowers are asked to be aware that if river water level raises quickly after a storm, it results in increased amount of debris floating downriver.

June mtg minutes: moved to accept WilmaB, 2nd MG Jagers, motion passed with one abstaining.

All financials not yet in from Festival. Despite rainy day, looks profitable. Positive feedback from participants

Current LtSweep class: 16 students LtScull1: 8 students LtScull students attending: Stephen St. Pierre, John Lynch, Jim O'Shea, Anna Hohos, Bob Sutherland, Johanna Wenger, Christina Walton, Virgil Zaporteza.

Equipment Committee report:

Recommend MRRA purchase new bullhorns

Recommend MRRA purchase cover for Accomac

New rigger for Swift has arrived. Boat Captain to make repairs

Committee reviewed damage reports in log. Many repairs have been completed

Chris Pucella has been hired as new UML coach; to start August 17

National Historical Park dock repair to start any day. No disruption expected to rowers. Launches will continue to be docked inside of rowing dock.

Discussion at the board level to award Honorary/Lifetime membership status to 9 founding members of MRRA

Early planning for TRR presented by Jay Feenan, Joe LaFreniere, Carl Popolo

- >USRowing Natl head race on Sat and TRR on Sun
- >Contract between USRowing and MRRA must be signed by club official
- >Expectation that 2 day regatta will be profitable. There will be some revenue sharing and USRowing will pay some expenses in full
- >In order to be successful, all boathouse entities MUST participate - UML LHS MRRA
- >Some 2 day event advantages: Jr not squeezing out Masters, College etc. 2 shorter days vs one LONG day, real lunch break, can accommodate 1000 rowers vs 700

Start line still piled up on side of the river. Need to be pulled out - LHS should have done it before end of their rowing season. Jay will deal with it.

Membership present thanked Social Committee for food and beverages served at tonight's meeting. JoeLaF moved to adjourn; Bronwyn 2nd.