

MRRA Board Meeting

January 7, 2019

6:30pm

Location: Joe LaFreniere's office

Attendee's: Joe LaFreniere, Chur Masors, Michelle Collier, Terry Freeman, Jody DeCarolis, Bob Senstacken, Liz Albert - Absent: Andy Hutchinson

Introductions:

Joe L. = President
Andy H. = Vice President
Chur M. = Treasurer
Terry F. = Secretary
Bob S. = Boat Captain

Trustee positions are a 3 yr term:

1. Liz A. = Trustee (term expires 2019)
Liz took Bob S. last year of Trustee so that he could become Boat Captain (Bob was a write-in candidate at 12/11/18 annual election)
2. Jody D. = Trustee (term expires 2020)
3. Michelle C. = Trustee (term expires 2021)

Discussion topics:

- Discourage excessive emails – If it's of an urgent nature, send- otherwise put on agenda to address at meeting
- Encourage mentoring – reach out on a personal level to members and encourage them to share their time and/or knowledge within the club.
- Consideration and more discussion to be had re: Youth Programs (summer program or year round)
- LRRR-Jess and Robbie- After placing buoys, they need to be removed from the river within a reasonable timeframe.
- UML User Group meeting: Chris Pucella, Peter Murray, Lowell High, MRRA and National Parks
One thing we could do better with is to adhere to the shower time posted as there are other programs using the facilities.
MRRA Members: Please use the upstairs showers if you miss the cut off time downstairs.
- Sarah Kuhn – rack space provided for free in exchange for club use of her boat. Discussions to remove her boat from insurance and MRRA will cover due to age of vessel.
- Consider a transfer of MRRA bank account from Santander to Enterprise Bank. CC use by a Board member (tbd) for club purchases as opposed to the individual having to wait to be reimbursed for supplies.
- Review Mission Statement to ensure it is in line with our charitable purpose.
- Amazon Smile Charitable purchases will donate 0.25% to charity selected. (select MRRA)
- Standard Policy to be drafted for club gifts

Secretary:

- Joe LaFrenier has volunteered to be the **Registered Agent** so that I (NH resident) may fulfill the duties of the position for the 2019 calendar year. Paperwork is currently being worked on. *see motion
- Festival Regatta – June 23rd, 2019- Dottie Semonian/Festival Director

- Discussed need to work with Chur (Treasurer) re: roles/responsibilities. Terry and Chur should meet soon.
- Terry will be meeting former Secretary, Betsey Shew on Thursday, Jan. 10th to retrieve club records and PO Box key.
- Contact Julie Kelly (UML Operations Coordinator) re: boathouse early access for equipment repair, labeling, etc... Individuals with early access: Joe L., Bob S. and Linas A.

Treasurer:

- Shout Cheap used by TRR for radio + website streaming– used to check race info. Different variables dictated shift in subscription amounts over the course of time; starting in 2012. To date: \$2,987.52 owed to MRRA from TRR. MRRA owes \$2,706.45 to the TRR for vendors and such; leaving a balance of \$281.07

BoatCaptain:

- Discuss Capital Budget to be carried over from last year to this year. (2019)

Equipment:

- Last meeting, discussed notifying 6 rack holders who did not meet the required rows for the year. They may request a waiver. Notice is being drafted. Terry will send when ready.

Safety:

- Safety video to be shown at February meeting.
Meeting location: Chelmsford Police Station, 1 Olde North Road, Chelmsford, MA. **Time:** 7pm

Committee's:

- **Safety Committee:** Michelle Collier ? - **Members needed**
- **Equipment Committee** – Board Liaison: Bob Sengstacken - **Members needed**
- **Membership Committee-** Board Liaison: Andy Huthchinson
Needs to form and meet ASAP to begin working on 2019 Programs and have ready for Budget meeting. **Members needed**

Motions:

***Liz Albert made a motion to recognize Joe LaFreniere as MRRA Board/Club volunteer to be the Registered Agent for the 2019 calendar yr.**

-Motion 2nd by Joe L.

***Joe LaFreniere made a motion to request that the Boathouse Location Committee provide a report to the current Board.**

-All in favor

***Bob Sengstacken made a motion to send rack holders a notice to those who are not in compliance with the Rack Policy on number of rows for the season. (under 24 rows per season)**

-All in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32pm

Submitted by Terry Freeman