

MRRA Meeting – General Club 01/08/2019

Place: UML Recreation Center

Meeting began at 7:00 PM

Presiding chairperson: Joe LaFreniere, President

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS:

Programs/Membership Committee: individuals interested in working with this committee please contact vp@merrimackrowing.org

Welcome back to club members .Welcome to new interested rower from Wentworth grad: Michael Pierce (Chur and Joe L had discussion with potential member)

Discussion of three committees chartered in bylaws that exist for 2019 as distinguished from committees that are year to year as requested by the board: Standing committees: Equipment; Safety; and Programs/membership

Request made especially as to those interested in working on Programs/Membership as this is critical in both setting our programs and fees for 2019 but is also necessary as it forms a key component of budget. Continuing members now are: Terry, Jody, Linas and Andy H

Interested persons were direct to contact Andy H.: vp@merrimackrowing.org

Discussion and congratulations to Andy Rialto who will be training full time at Craftsbury, VT!

ESSEX ROWING: Discussion of their plight and potential opportunity to operate their program. Suggestion and agreed to send an invitation to club to invite members to come to a MRRA meeting to discuss rowing with MRRA

Discussion of opportunity to add a limited scale youth rowing program, based in large part on gap left by Essex and potentially attractive revenue and new member stream.

BOATHOUSE SEARCH COMMITTEE: Chair stated that he has requested and is continuing to work to obtain information for 2018 Boathouse Search Comm. Anyone who can assist with providing this information please contact President@merrimackrowing.org. There was some hesitancy/skepticism expressed over a new boathouse and negative comments regarding borrowing for such.

Discussion regarding Long Term Planning review of options.

Chair stated that MRRA bank accounts and deposits may be moved to Enterprise Bank and Trust; no object stated except hesitance to borrow new monies.

Discussion of UML/MRRA User Group meeting: December 2018 attended by Joe LaFreniere

BATHROOM/SHOWER USE: MRRA members directed and reminded to follow the time restrictions posted in downstairs bathroom/showers. MRRA members wishing to shower outside of the designated hours may use second floor "team" shower rooms.

Next meeting: Chelmsford Police Station, notice will be sent

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

In attendance:

Carl Popolo

Chur

Kathy McGowan

John Ballantine

Joe LaFreniere

Bob Bowen

Tom Barrington

Mark Romanowski

Michael Pierce (guest)