

MRRA Club Meeting

March 12, 2019

6pm-Safety Video

7pm-Club meeting

Location: Chelmsford Police Station

***Safety Video Attendance:**

Terry Freeman, Bob Bowen, Liz Albert, Mark Romanowsky, Dottie Semonian, Kath McGowan, Chur Masors, Wilma Breiland, Chloe Harrison, Joe Lafreniere, Jonah Sakala, Matt Crouthamel, Kyle Flood (13)

- 13 members (stated above) attended meeting to view the USROWING Safety Video at 6:00pm
- Veteran members can watch on YouTube and email secretary Secretary@merrimackrowing.org to confirm viewing.

Club Meeting Attendance:

***All of the above** and the following:

Bob Sengstaken, Dennis McCarthy, Barbara Mack, Jody DeCarolis, Peg Landry, Kent Springer, Jay Feenan, Karen Scammell, Carl Popolo (9)

Equipment Committee:

- Will assist to assembly and get the UML Barge in the water before June 1st – National Learn to Row Day.
- Need ‘volunteers’ needed to do all the work (chuckle)
- Would like to get a meeting together with volunteers soon
- Review equipment needs
- Get organized
- Bob S. to update online ‘Safety’ conditions.
- To volunteer, contact: boatcaptain@merrimackrowing.org

Program/Membership:

- **MASTERS** is looking for coxswains
- **LTSWEEP:** Terry F./Program Director and **MASTERS:** Jody D./Program Director have the program prices and schedules completed
- **LTSCULL** – Linas A./Program Director and Andy H. /Asst. Director
- **OPSWEEP:** Chloe Harrison will serve at point person
- **YOUTH: 13-18**
 - **Safety issues**
 - **Anyone interested in possibly running this program?**

Safety:

- Mark Romanowsky discussed possibly coordinating a CPR and First Aid training.
- Linas is a certified Life Guard

- Barbara Mack suggested USRowing clinic for coaches – she will look into getting more info. to share

Discussions:

- The Welcome Back to Rowing Day was not well attended.
Instead maybe we:
 - Do a group row/mentor row program
 - Tips on rowing
 - Need someone to coordinate
- **National Learn to Row Day- June 1st–**
 - MRRA member(s) needed to coordinate this event and volunteers needed
- **Regattas:**
 - Festival Regatta: Sunday, June 23, 2019 – Dottie Semonian/Festival Regatta Chair
 - TRR: Sunday, October 06, 2019 -
- UML Boathouse construction
 - Looking for possible aerial photos of member(s) rowing on river-Chris Pucella is orchestrating
 - NOTE: DO NOT USE DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM TO SHOWER AFTER 8AM. Upstairs is available for members to shower after 8am. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Requesting removal of buoys shortly after race as people were getting stuck on trees-serious safety issue.
- Docks are in – **NO** rowing until further notice.
- Proposed budget review
- Pursue Charitable Contributions – possible grants and Amazon Smile handouts provided
- TRR – Check is in the mail. (\$7,500.00)
- Rack Policy Review and simplification being worked on by Bob Sengstaken.
 - Discussion regarding the Boards decision not to grant waivers to individuals who have not met the Rack Policy's suggested 24 rows per season - there is a list of people on the Rack Waiting List.
 - Wilma suggest the Rack Policy to be brought to the membership
 - Request the Webmaster to post Rack Policy on the website

Motion:

To revoke and revise the board decision to deny waivers to Peg Landry and Liz Albert resulting in their loss of rack privileges.

A majority of those in attendance voted in support of the motion-Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm
Respectfully,
Terry Freeman/MRRA Secretary