

Merrimac River Rowing Association, Inc.
MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting date: 7 May 2018

Place: Boathouse Conference room

President Karen Scammel called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:05 PM at the Boathouse Conference room

those in attendance and constituting a quorum

were: Karen Scammel, Terry, Jody, Bob Sengstaken, Andrew H,
Joe L Absent: Chur, Betsey

MOTION

by Joe LaFreniere

Move to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2018, March 5, 2018 and April 2, 2018 board meetings. Seconded and carried without dissent.

President's Report:

President recommends that Safety address cold water rowing.

Treasurer's Report: Not available/Chur not in attendance.

Committee reports:

Equipment:

Specifications for new sweep and sculling oars submitted to Concept 2; waiting for review and quote. Jody requested estimate for oar availability as needed in programs; Joe agreed to request and inform her.

Sales: Pienert sold. 1 pair oars sold.

1 swift MW sold to Brookline/Hollis 1 Swift HW active buyer for boat and remaining hatchet oars

Joes stated other items being considered are smaller, shoes tracks etc. as necessary.

Rack Space: Need to check with secretary and confirm that notice of rack space has been set offering new spot to those on list.

Matt C's boat is in "new" rack on a temp basis, allowed by boat captain as space is otherwise empty. Joe will check with Betsey and request that secretary cc BC on rack communications.

Masters sweep: Jody report: Masters sweep in good shape.

Trying to recruit post collegiate rowers; working to resolve costs of competitive sweep plus masters 2 programs cost burden.

Terry: Raised issue of use of coaching launches outside of defined programs that include a coach (concern over need to charge for launch use when it has not been factored into program charges)

Discussion: Consider setting a "per use fee" for launch use outside of coached programs. Discussed \$10 per use/day generally; no decision.

MOTION

by Joe LaFreniere:

To approve a waiver for Peg Landry for failure to meet the rack-holder minimum boat use requirements for 2017. (Peg has paid 2018 rack fee)

Seconded and passed without dissent.

Secretary to notify Peg that she has been granted the waiver.

DISCUSSION:

Concern expressed over lack of information available to MRRA BOD over TRR finances and assets plus delays in transfer of payouts. Concern of boards responsibility for fiscal management unable without information.

MOTION

That TRR committee provide the MRRA board with the following:

Three years tax returns;

Three years worth of financial records and reports;

List of all assets routinely used by the TRR;

List of all assets owned or held by the TRR;

Including at least:

Bank account(s) identified by bank, account number and balance;

Docks, including number and purchase cost;

Radios, including number and purchase cost;

Names and trademarks;

Goodwill;

Any other assets held or used by TRR.

Seconded and passed.

Dissenting: Karen

MOTION

TO Accept memorandum of understanding between MRRA and Sarah Kuhn allowing MRRA use of Sarah's Alden for 2018. MOU to be filed with MRRA secretary (amended: add year of shell).

Seconded and passed, as amended

Karen requested we add year of boat and MRRA to add boat to

MRRA insurance policy. Joe will follow up with obtaining year of shell, provide to

Betsey to add to insurance.

MOTION by Karen:

MRRA to elect board members to TRR INC

Motion not seconded /Not passed

Discussion related to motion re TRR:

Karen asked Board to review TRR INC incorporation papers and

Bylaws; to be discussed at next meeting. Karen requested comments be sent to her regarding any proposed changes to documents.

Concern expressed over maintaining future MRRA control over MRRA assets, MRRA's ability to maintain future control of board of TRR Inc
Need to identify all MRRA assets and clarify what duties will be assigned By MRRA to TRR INC Bob Sengstaken pointed out that bylaws as presently drawn allow TRR to transfer assets to another non-profit on dissolution-why not back to MRRA?

Discussed need to define scope of authority and specify what management relationship between entities and determine what responsibilities will be assigned to TRR INC

Discussed need to clarify that MRRA should keep ownership and control of assets, including trademarks, goodwill, financial accounts other than working capital, other assets and define what limits of race management duties to be delegated to TRR INC

Discussion:

Concern over keeping MRRA BOD up to date and informed as to TRR procedures, contacts, and how to run the race, generally referred to as the TRR cookbook.

Karen reviewed letter of agreement/MOU with the group and found that agreement specifically requires the group to provide updated cookbook and information.

MOTION:

To request that Jess/Robbie Lowell Regatta Group provide MRRA BOD with TRR operations and procedures, contacts, and updated cookbook.

Seconded and passed without dissent.

ACTION ITEM:

LTS, LTR day, and programs dates, as well as remaining Lowell HS race dates and times to be announced at and included in minutes of general club meeting scheduled for 5/8/2018
Carl has added a MRRA calendar link to website; plan is for program leaders to update with times dates etc.
UML has a master boathouse calendar showing their and LHS practice times races etc. Carl has been requested to add a link to it to MRRA site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by Joe LaFreniere, Boat Captain (Secretary, Betsey Shrew is away).