

MRRA Executive Council meeting
Minutes
January 3, 2017

Text in Black are from the Agenda distributed by Karen. Text in Red are minutes of the meeting. TB

Attendance:

Karen Scammell, President
Dottie Semonian, Vice President
Tom Barrington, Secretary
Chur Masors, Treasurer
Dennis McCarthy, Boat Captain
Jay Feenan, Trustee through 2017
Bob Sengstaken, Trustee through 2019

Absent: Terry Freeman, Trustee through 2018

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

Dottie reported that the City of Lowell sent us a letter about new on line protocols for permits.

Business at hand in the short term:

1. Meeting locations for Board and Club for January, Feb and March will be at the Chelmsford Police Station, 1 Olde North Road, Chelmsford MA.

I have reserved the training room for 6:30 - 8:30pm for these nights:

Tuesday Jan 3rd - Board meeting at 6:30pm (is this OK with everyone, I am in Asia week of Jan 9th and will miss club meeting)

Tues Jan 10th - regular club meeting - 7pm start time, room open at 630pm

Monday Feb 6th for board meeting at 6:30pm

Tuesday Feb 14th for Club meeting at 7pm

Monday March 6th for board meeting at 6:30pm

Tuesday March 14th for club meeting (which will be budget presentation and approval) at 7pm

CARL: will you please update the email list: board@merrimackrowing.org to reflect the emails above. If anyone needs to change their preferred email, please let us all know. Also, please reset the Membership payments and paypal so that when I send out an announcement about the club meeting, we can also ask people to sign up.

2. Agenda for board meeting:

a. assignment of board liaison positions: trustees need to take on a committee for liaison (you can be the chair if you want, but nominally are the board liaison) -- Safety, Equipment and Social.

Membership/programs is automatically Dottie (as VP). Boatcaptain is default on Safety and equipment, so still need a board liaison.

Trustees need to be liaisons

Jay - Safety

Bob – Equipment

Terry – Social

Karen and Jay attended a boathouse usage meeting. Jay took lots of notes. Expansion of Kayak program seemed to feed a reluctant to give MRRA any extra space.

b. Review timeline for budget and programs preparation. Need to get Equipment and Mem/Prog committees started right away.

We need to get equipment up and running, especially looking into new boats. We are waiting to learn how much we will get from the TRR. That money has usually been designated for new equipment. Any new equipment that will cost more than proceeds from TRR will have to be discussed. Will look at three year histories and figure out what our boat usage and needs will be. Bob will try to get a January meeting of the Equipment Committee scheduled.

Membership/ Programs need to be figured out. Dottie, Chur and Tom should meet to work out details

Possibly need new coaches. Jonah moved away. Alex has five coaching jobs.

Want to get budget passed on March 14th meeting.

Need to get sub committees going to get input to the budget by the Feb 14th meeting.

c. KLS update on boathouse search and discussion on the need for this committee, to bring the board up to speed.

Karen, Jay & Alex looked at Top Line Granite property at 3 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsborough, MA 01879

They are moving. They have a good sized lot and useable buildings with lots of space. Access ramp to water. Owner is open to all scenarios. Karen suggests we take it to the next step of interest.

Need to boost the property committee. Karen cannot chair because of work commitments. Dennis will ask Fred if he want to serve.

d. Discussion on program signups -- investigate Regatta Central again? What to do about Safety Video viewing now that it is available online? recommend still offer and encourage public viewings before club meetings!?

Discussed using Regatta Central web site for club membership and registering for programs. We will need to work out details such as waivers and including processing fee in program costs. It was felt that we would get more interest in programs and our relatively lower fees will be an advantage.

e. this leads to discussion on Secretary and Treasurer support and roles/responsibilities. Membership programs committee with Chur, Dottie and Tom will look into logistics.

Offer Safety video, before meeting, and then have people view on their own time.

Other business:

Festival Regatta will be Sunday June 25, 2017

Karen will be traveling next week. Dottie will need to chair the Club meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:00PM

Submitted by Tom Barrington, Secretary