

## **MRRA General Meeting : Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

Location: Chelmsford Police Station, Training Room

**Safety Video:** 6:30 PM- Presented by Joe Lafreniere Safety Committee

Attendees: Joe Lafreniere, Dennis McCarthy, Terry Freeman, Paul Doe, David Morely, Dottie Semonian

**Safety DVD: Will be showed again before the February Meeting 6:30 PM**

### **General Meeting 7 PM**

Attendees: Terry Freeman, Kathy McGowen, Paul Doe, David Morley, Dennis McCarthy, Dottie Semonian, Tim Wheatley, Alex Gavriel, Carl Popolo, Jay Feenan

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES:

First, second, All approve

### **Discussion: Programs and Membership**

Review of the number of members, cost to run programs

Goal has been to have programs break even

Cannot cost the club money to run, much cover expenses with fees

Early Membership discount has been used by about 40 members so far. Discount ends Jan 15th. Discount of \$25 off the \$125 regular membership

Passing around sign up sheets for Committees: Safety, Equipment, Membership, Social, Boathouse site location.

Board Members are liaisons to committees- VP is liaison to Membership/Programs, per bylaws

Seeking Chair for each committee. Will e-mail request to membership

**Chairman Alex Gavriel:** Future Boathouse location site committee:

Alex asking for members to join his committee. He will be sending out a notification of location and time of meeting.

**Membership-Programs committee:** Needs to meet to set pricing for programs for 2016

Jay Feenan and Terry Freeman will arrange and include Chur Masors (Lean to Scull) and Jody DeCarolis (Learn to Sweep).

Discussion Masters Sweep: Program has run at a deficit, cost to the club about \$700

Goal is to make this program fee cover the cost

Carl Popolo- "what is the the cost for fun" Has used \$12 per row, per person, using an 8-10 members rowing twice a week to calculate the fees.

Cost of \$50 for coach \$ 20 for coxswain = \$70 per row, \$ 140 per week x 6 weeks

Also cost for boat use, insurance, launch, gas

Program fee was \$ 300 last year for 6 week sessions. Need to verify how many members paid and if there were 8 members or more. Terry and Jody managed the collection of fees.

Treasurer has mentioned difficulty tracking the payments when made as partial payments throughout the season. Discussion about program managers keeping spread sheets. Learn to Sweep was well attended. The sessions continued Learn To Sweep 1,2,3,4 May need to break down by sessions, need to convert Learn To Sweep to Masters Sweep Novice sooner. Have the individuals join the MRRRA after the second session, perhaps. Will need to have a group to progress to, join.

Discussion about Masters Sweep considering some non coached sessions.  
Open Sweep runs program without coaching each row

\$350 might be enough to cover each 6 week session. Will need to review the numbers. Goal is to retain Learn To Sweep individuals, build Master Sweep from Novice to more Advanced level. More members and more 8's would bring the cost down if one coach can coach 2 - 8's. Also brief discussion about cutting cost of coxswain by using students that inquire each year about coxswaining for experience and not money.

Jay Feehan: Comments: He has noticed no committee meeting minutes on the web page  
Liaison for committee should keep details of the meeting and pass along to Carl to post on the members page.

Motion to adjourn: 8 PM