

MRRA March Meeting Boathouse

Tuesday March 10th, Budget Presentation 2015

6:15 PM Safety Video: (21) Members attended

7 PM General Meeting Start. Have a Quorum, 26 Members Present

Attendees: Sharon Morris, Wilma Breiland, Chur Masors, Liz Albert, Kathy McGowen, Elizabeth Christmas, Jennifer Lown, Joe Bernard, Sandy Bell, Dennis McCarthy, Doreen Jennings, Mark Romanowsky, Dottie Semonian, MaryGail Jaggars, David Morley, Karen Scammell, Tim Wheatley, Barbara Sherman, Linas Alinskas, Sue Mathias, Alex Gavriel, Bob Lynch, Joe LaFreniere, Jay Feenan, Bob Sengstaken, Jody DeCarolis, Carl Popolo. (27)

Motion to accept February Meeting Minutes: Accepted

Safety Message:

Safety DVD can be borrowed to be shown in small groups

Safety Video will be shown one more time at 6:15 PM before the April Meeting.

Starting a “**loaner library**,” materials, books, paper copies

If members have rowing books to lend to please leave in the cabinet

Boat Captain will give ok to row, watch web site. Docks need to be installed. Typically “Big boats first.” Will have cold weather rules. Reminder: If you Cannot See the Roarke Bridge due to Fog, you cannot row.

Safety committee wishes to reinforce caution when rowing in the early season. Conditions can change quickly. Consider your physical condition, take advantage of buddy system, Zephyr’s, 2x and 4X.

Liz Albert: Requesting club purchase, have available a hand held boat pump.

Primary agenda is MRRA Budget Presentation:

Before Slide Presentation: Brief discussion of additional items.

1. Learn To Row Programs will be run under the name “Lowell Community Rowing,” the objective is to appear more inclusive, friendlier more approachable name. LowellCommunityRowing.org- will redirect to the MRRA website.

2. Regattas are main financial source for the MRRA. Regatta Directors are well aware that a major weather event could cause a Regatta cancelation. There will be a note added to the entries for regattas that the event fee would be non refundable if the regatta was cancelled. Jay Feenan notes that by adding disclaimer we might be able to refund some money, but this would allow flexibility. (If more than 48 hour notice, could cancel police details, dumpster, portable toilets.)

3. Joe LaFreniere: Would like the Club to consider adding a Weather Station at the boathouse. Would allow visualization of river, conditions remotely. Cost might be \$2000. UML owns boathouse. Might be an item to share. Also concern about UML rules for installation.

The Slide Presentation was presented: HERE See attached PDF

****Asking for 3 members for the financial review committee to review MRRA Books
Unanimous vote to accept the budget as presented.**

Local Meeting for US Olympics Boston 2024 Tomorrow night at Lowell City Hall 6 PM. Club understands the discussions are in preliminary stages and many details remain. Generally the club has agreed to support the effort to bring the 2024 Olympics, rowing to Lowell.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM