

MRRA Board Meeting
Monday May 4, 2015

Boathouse 6:30 PM

Attendees: Bronwyn Chapman, Dennis McCarthy, Joe LaFreniere, Karen Scammell, Dottie Semonian. On phone: David Morley

Agenda:

1. MRRA Donations
2. Rack Policy Update
3. Launches Rent vs Own
4. Capital Fund

MRRA Donations:

Traditionally \$1000 has been budgeted annually.

T(2) \$250 scholarships are awarded to High School Seniors. They are also allowed a free **Summer Student logbook membership**.

\$500 has been donated to the Water Shed.

Last year there was some discussion about making the \$500 donation available for other causes the club supports.

A MRRA Member has asked the board to consider making a donation to a MRRA member that is seeking donations toward Olympic training and purchase of a boat.

The Board did not feel this was a reasonable request.

A general discussion being, that many MRRA Members support all types of causes. It did not seem fair to make a donation to something that would just aid this member.

Joe LaFreniere suggested a site on the MRRA Website that might be an area for members to list their causes for others to consider.

Board Members agree that we are not trying to add more work for Carl Popolo who maintains the web site. BOD will discuss with the General Membership next week.

Rack Policy:

Joe LaFreniere has worked on updating the MRRA Rack Holder Policy. The Board was given the updated document.

The highlights, changes, Joe Struck the additional Volunteer Service Requirement. Simplified the Waiver Request for a Rack holder that is sick or injured and didn't meet the 24 row requirement.

The Rack Waiting List: discussion about \$20 fee to defer the year but stay on the list.

Karen Scammell did not agree to charge a fee for the waiting list. Joe L. felt it might make some individuals take their names off it cost them something.

The conflict for how the document was written tonight is that it names the MRRA BOD as the group to monitor and enforce. The MRRA ByLaws state the Rack Policy is under

the control of the Equipment Committee. Dennis McCarthy is the Chair of the Equipment Committee. He could defer the management of the Rack Policy to the BOD if his committee deems necessary or appropriate. Joe L. will make corrections and bring for review to the next BOD meeting.

Launches: Rent vs Own:

The Equipment Committee has met: They have a budget of \$22,500 for this year. The initial discussion was to keep some of the funds to purchase a Wakeless launch from 2015 and additional funds next year. The discussion now has been whether to purchase a wake less launch in 2015. Joe L. would like to see the MRRA invest in "our own fleet." "Adding to the MRRA assets." Karen S. has been to **Boathouse User Group** meetings and has heard discussion about UML potentially purchasing launches. UML must follow a bid process and Peter Murray has been waiting to discuss the particulars with the next UML Coach-Boathouse Director. (The job is posted, awaiting candidate.) If UML purchases launches would it make sense to "rent" from the Launch pool? We don't know what the cost would be. The MRRA would also have to budget funds for upkeep of the launch and potential additional cost for a trailer.

Joe L has a particular Wakeless launch in mind, Stillwater 25 XL, cost \$16,500. The BOD suggests the Equipment Committee spend some time driving launches to determine what is most appropriate for the club needs. The BOD also thought more information from UML was necessary.

Joe L. suggested Karen S. have additional club member going to the Boathouse User Meeting. Suggest Bob Sengstaken attend, he has communicated interest. The MRRA President is a member of the Boathouse User Group.

Capital Fund:

Karen Scammell suggest the MRRA start a Capital Fund toward a new boathouse for the MRRA.

Current bank account with about \$70,000. Need about \$30,00 for working capital. Could potentially move about \$ 40,000 to a fund. Bronwyn Chapman and David Morley will look into some funds that would be low risk, but perhaps better interest rate than the bank account.

Audit Committee:

Have made several requests for members to consider the Audit Committee
No volunteers. Suggest asking Bob Bowen and Liz Albert

Boathouse Committee:

Would like to see a group from MRRA reach out to other towns, clubs.
Let it be known looking for new location, land.

Meeting Adjourned:

8:15 pm