

MRRA Board Meeting
Monday, August 13, 2018

Present: B. Shew, K. Scammell, A. Hutchinson, B. Sengstaken, C. Masors, J. LaFreniere

Call to Order at 6:36

Announcements for Membership Meeting
Friday August 24 @ Mt. Hood Golf Club in Melrose - Jim Polcari Educational Trust Fund Benefit
Contact Karen Scammell or

Asian Water Festival - - Saturday, August 18. Off the water by 9:00.

July Meeting Minutes - Approved

Safety Message for Membership Meeting

Traffic Pattern for approaching the dock:

Row down river until you are past the launch dock and then after checking for traffic in the river, row across the river and then row up stream to the dock and land. Board members concur with this as the approved pattern. Will make sure that current maps are up to date and posted in appropriate locations.

Reminder to use lights as the days are starting to get shorter.

Bylaws:

Importance of reading the Bylaws as part of Board membership. Still an opportunity to review and revise this year.

Potential issues:

Protection from takeover of assets - provisional membership

Board votes - quorums, etc., especially for financial matters

Consider Bylaws from other organizations

Under what circumstances can the club go into debt I.e. in the event that there is an opportunity to purchase a boathouse.

Disciplinary Action

Members took boats to the Methuen Sprints and the boats were not fully rigged and put away according to boathouse rules when they were returned. Boat Captain discussed situation with the members who were authorized to borrow the boats. The responsible parties rowing privileges were temporarily suspended by the Boat Captain and the Board members were notified. Bylaws indicate that the Board is the only body that can authorize disciplinary action.

Boat Usage

Concerns were expressed regarding the frequency of removing boats for weekend and the liability to the club when the boats are removed. Need to mentor the Open Sweep Program Manager to make sure that paperwork is completed and program is integrated with over all club activities.

Cracks in the Fluid Mid Weight. There was damaged that was most likely not reported Fluid will be sent back after the HOOR to have them look at and repair.

TRR Planning

Discussion regarding a short course for TRR. Proposing a 4.5K rather than a 6K race course.

Need to make sure that members are volunteering for TRR. Opportunity to refine the jobs.

Investment Opportunities

CDs - small return on investment

Money Market account - 1.2%

Currently have \$127,000.

Voted to invest \$100,000.00 in Santander Money Market Account.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57