

MRRA MEMBERSHIP IN-PUT FOR BY-LAWS

The By-Laws Committee has worked for the past 2 years to re-visit and re-invision the original Constitution of the Club. We have modified wording throughout the document, made paragraphing changes, incorporated two Articles about voting into one, and proposed some more major changes. We have worked diligently to make the document internally consistent and a broad, philosophical statement.

Many changes are simply a more full expression of what currently exists: the addition of proxy voting, the articulation of important processes (as in the case of Expulsion and roles of committees, and clarification of quorums and percentages required to pass items.

However, some changes we felt the Club membership should weigh in on. We have offered our encapsulations of the possible options, and ask for you to consider which of these you prefer for the operation of our Club.

Article 1: Name

- ☐ Option A: Merrimac
- ☐ Option B: Merrimack
- ☐ Option C: Merrimac d.b.a. Lowell Community Rowing

Article 3: Membership (will affect wording of Article 6: Nominations/Elections)

- ☐ Option B: no provisional membership
- ☐ Option C: adds provisional membership to Non-Voting categories

Article 4: Role of the Board of Directors

- ☐ Option A: Board sees all matters of governance of the Club
- ☐ Option B: modified Board role: establishes broad policies, must present to Club for ratification budge, programs, fees, major purchases and sales

Article 5: Voting / Article 7: Meetings

- ☐ Option A: 1/3 quorum for Special Meetings for Amendment, Expulsion, Mail/E-mail
- ☐ Option B: 1/2 quorum for Special Meetings for Amendment, Expulsion, Mail/E-mail

Article 8: Committees (perhaps affected by choices in Article 4)

- ☐ Option A: no stated process
- ☐ Option B: The BoD shall determine which items should be put forward for a vote by Members