

MRRA General Meeting:  
April 12, 2016  
Boathouse

7 PM

Attendees: Tim Wheatley, Joe Lafreniere, David Morley, Jay Feenan, Linas Alinskas, Tom Barrington, Sue Mathias, Alex Gavriel, Jody DeCarolus, Terry Freeman, Chur Masors, Barbara Sherman, Joe Bernard, Sharon Morris, Dennis McCarthy, Dottie Semonian, Sandy Bell, Mary Theresa Freund, Bob Lynch, Mary Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Karen Scammell, Sarah Kuhn, Peg Landry, Mark Romanowsky, Bob Sengstaken, Carl Popolo

#### Agenda

1. Safety message
2. Accept March meeting minutes (which is the budget )
3. Committee updates - equipment (Joe) , safety (Dave) , social (Sue), programs - Advertising! (Jay and Terry)
2. Planning for Festival - Dottie
3. Planning for TRR (Joe and Jay) - We need a program manager for the TRR. Would be a Tri-Chair with Carl Popolo and Peg Landry -- need someone with program management skills.
- 4 Waivers -- explanation of waivers, insurance and board decision on waivers

#### Safety Message:

Thermometer depth, 18-24 inches deep  
Level IV: Phone PFD's - not until 45 degrees  
Boat Captain can waive, think if flow is up, should be supervised

Level: III Temp 100 water /Air water over 55 plus average temp of the week  
2 singles ( only experienced) Cell phone Copy remainder from web site

No MRRA launch in the water right now-  
Boat Captain has the right to waive the launch requirement  
Supervised means rowing close proximity to launch- within 50 yards

Welcome new member Sarah Kuhn

March Meeting Minutes:  
Accept motion to accept first and second

Unanomously accepted

#### Committee Updates:

Equipment Committee: Offered Rack space for Accomac

Space is too high

Plans to order cover

Still looking for cable to secure the outdoor singles on the outdoor rack

Work day March 19th'

Boats rigged, outside rack installed

Larger shoes for Accomac, have been painted with MRRA, under the log book area, white cabinet

Lap top is dead: Hardware problem

Will send out a note club wide to see if member has an old lap top to donate to the MRRA

Think there may be 3 more temporary racks in the LHS area, for 2016

Equipment committee still looking for Chairman

Cox boxes: Approved, who is going to order, need charging station

Alex Gavriel will arrange order

Will also do some grip repair

Joe L: Discussion about weather station- MRRA would purchase and make arrangements to install, weather cam, gauge fog, wind, launches may be viewed, water temp, wind speed.

\$500 cost, installation cost, asking MRRA to allocate up to \$1000 for the purchase

Joe L has contacted UML. possible student involvement

Asked equipment committee, generally didn't think was in the type of purchases equipment makes

After TRR, some more thought, wanted to ask general club

Talked with UML Coach, would back it, assist approvals, no discussion with LHS  
Permanent installation, would have to review with UML

Board Meeting: Thought good idea, needed funding

Contacted Prof at UML, Jay has tried to contact, Jay has secured some private funding for the purchase, Jay asking UML and LHS to participate, perhaps boathouse user group discussion.

Joe L: Could also ask TRR for the money

Group overall thinks a good idea- Joe to get a full estimate and to ask Equipment committee if they want to allocate the money

**Safety: David Morley:**

Discussed cold water Hyperventillating first gasp, deadly, then 10 minute rule before hypothermia, may have 1 hour of survival after hypothermia if wearing PFD and head above water.

Dr. Popsicle 1:10:1 rule.

US Rowing web site has the Safety Video, will add a link to MRRA web site

Fine for seasoned members

Asking new members and novice to watch in group

New and Novice to contact Safety Committee to arrange viewing

**Social Committee:**

Chair: Sue Mathais:

Bowling night week from Friday April 22, Kings in Burlington meet at 6 pm.

Spinners Game: Will get a group together June, firework nights

May: Billiards pool, food

July Deck party: Full moon rows

Saturday June 4th Learn to Row Day

**Membership programs:**

Fliers available for the Learn To Row Day, members to post around

Sent out notice to small community papers

**Learn to Scull:** Chur, 10-11 on list so far, plans start for last week in May

Membership 56 have paid, 19 rack owners

26 sculling

5 off peak sculling

undeclared the remainder- total 56 at this time of year

Open Sweep: Lost the men, moved

Karen Scammell will send note to UML students, sweep, sculling, to join for the Summer.

Reach out through alumni association for LHS- maybe ask Jessica Hayes Murray

UML Alumni rowing association- hope students will return after graduation

**Welcome back to rowing:**

May 21 Saturday: Come back to rowing- help get back on the water- open to club members to come back for a refresher

June 4 Saturday: Learn to Row Day

Festival Regatta: Dottie Semonian Director  
Floating start: Moving start, fixed finish

Referees:  
Ask Fred Gavriel to be chief  
Alex Gavriel  
Robby  
Bob Sengstaken

Member asked if private boat owner pay \$150, rack \$350  
Member asked for discount, reduced price for peak sculling.  
Board discussed and found not appropriate.  
If looking for reduced rate, to use off peak is a better price  
But no discount for peak use time

**Waiver:**

Members pay US Rowing Member: Pay championship membership and sign the waiver  
Prior: could sign with a free waiver  
This year US Rowing charging \$ 5.75 to pay waiver  
This year we had a member who did not want to pay for the waiver  
Jay contacted insurance company

Whole: 56 members: Join the club for programs but are not members, but we need to sign to cover through liability insurance. Gave Basic membership

To compete Masters \$60 us rowing member- members  
Now with the change, learn to row or learn to scull, aren't going to be US Rowing members, but need for liability

NORA waiver: will be used this year. Insurance company has provided  
The learn to programs will use this waiver

Members need to know they should pay the money if competing  
Festival: will use the Regatta Central waiver

Will make sure NORA waiver will be available on line/US Rowing waiver on the web site.

Codes: 3214  
1144 still works  
0500 for gate

TRR:

Jay and Joe:

Management structure:

Need a program manager: Ability to spend 5 hours a week now and when close almost full time in September, the last 2 weeks

Joe L: Doesn't want to continue in the position he had last year

Thinks there should be improvements, to organization, direction

Carl and Peg have often worked long hours to organize

Jay will be involved to try to organize, for another person can take over

MRRA is dependent UML, LHS and boathouse needs this regatta

Launch fees pay into the boathouse costs

Each group has to remember the increase in profit to each group over the past years

Need at least 150 people to run regatta- need more than the bodies of MRRA

700-735 starts to be the max on entries that can be managed for one day

Set goals for the year, size for 2016

Joe L: Work on sponsorship

Looking for some one with program management skills

More written procedures, logistics, goal has been not to change to maintain success.

How will it be modified for 2016- shrink, grow ?

Carl P: Would like the Board to decide the organizational chart for the TRR

Concern about GPL liability insurance, to address by those directing.

Jay got a copy of the policy: Directors are named in the Policy-

Carl P- to what degree are directors covered, can increase higher coverage for the TRR.

TRR: Would like to set a meeting time- spread sheets were 1/3 per Peg Landry

May 2, next board meeting: TRR review at that time

Looking for a tri captain for TRR

Meeting adjourned:

8:31 PM

