

## **MRRA June 13, 2016 Board Meeting:**

Attendees: Karen Scammell, Jay Feenan, Joe LaFreniere, David Morley, Dottie Semonian, Bronwyn Chapman.

Festival Volunteer list Review:

Most positions are filled, will review with the membership at the next meeting.

## **Weather Station update:**

Jay has met with UML. UML will go forward with the project. UML will install and allow boat house users to have access to data.

MRRA contribution, will possibly have enough to order equipment in this fiscal year. (Donated Money).

Launch Dock Structure will be the likely location for the external equipment.

Some discussion about having a Graduate Student from UML involved. Not sure this will be possible.

System will have alerts.

GAS: MRRA can use UML Gas cans for the Regatta, Summer use. (Per Chris Pucella).

Resolute 8 black being repaired

McGowen and Modell will be repaired by Chris Pucella.

## **Rack Policy:**

Jay has provided update:

1. the current policy
2. the roles of the BoD, Equipment committee and Boat Captain relative to our bylaws
3. the concept of waiting list that integrates the "number of rows" required to those on the waiting list
4. introduces # 3 into the longevity re-ordering when a deferral is made ( ordering penalty vs token \$ penalty.)
5. rewords non-paid fee section to align with what we can legally do.
6. Eliminates cross referencing, exceptions, notes, etc and places the salient points under a defined section with a "reason for the piece of policy."
7. Changes the accounting of rows and notification to sync up the "boat purchasing cycle" means that rack assignments/boat usage is reviewed so boats can be purchased for the following reason
8. Introduce a mid-season evaluation of boat usage so everyone is aware of "under utilization areas."

Board Members to review the current Rack policy and come back with recommendations.

Joe LaFreniere: Has set up a paper Boat house/ River Community calendar of events Is on the boathouse bulletin board. This will alert members to other activities on the river that may impact rowing. For example Bridge swim events.

### **Safety Committee update:**

Discussion: Cold water training package would be put together.  
Would abide by boathouse policies, sign waiver, be educated regarding cold water temperature rowing. This may aid members in decision making.

Dennis McCarthy Boat Captain will put together, with help of other members of the committee.  
Joe L: Boathouse policy of boathouse, designed for sweep programs with trained coach and safety launch. This is different than an individual making a decision each time for their individual sculling.

Safety committee will meet again, encouraged to post minutes.

### **TRR planning with the LRRRA:**

Ownership: TRR or any regatta separating out as LLC with operational description, plan like LRRRA Lowell Rowing Regatta Association

Joe L. feels UML created the TRR and has always received the benefit of the financial component. Would want this to continue.  
if moving to a new entity, wants UML to remain a beneficial owner- more complicated to move to LLC.

Growth has continued, because the MRRRA has continued to build the regatta, has become an asset, did not start this way initially..

Asset has been built by the organization. Some board members feel ownership is with the MRRRA.

Lengthy discussion about ownership of the TRR. No agreement is met.

Joe L. wants a percentage to be guaranteed to UML as a beneficiary.

Call will be made to Jess and Robbie to work on TRR.

### **Review of the Boathouse user agreement: Karen needs to sign**

MRRRA Rowing equipment agreement with UML

Will need to pay for equipment in the Fall. About \$10 per row

Possible need to rent additional equipment from LHS or other entity

Masters group will likely continue on into the Fall

Open Sweep: pay \$250 need to Row Tuesday and Thursday nights to avoid overlap with Learn To and Masters Sweep.

In the past gave incidental access to sculling equipment when the numbers didn't work (odd rower out.)

Now asking for more sculling privileges at a discounted rate.

Board members discussed keeping the costs consistent through all programs. If Sweep wants to add sculling they can opt for off peak or full logbook. Otherwise can continue limited use during Open Sweep times if needed.

July Meeting:

Club Meeting Tuesday, July 12 7 pm. Board will meet from 6-7 PM.

Meeting adjourned