

March 2013 Board Meeting:

Attendees: (22) Roland Meijer, Sue Mathias, Martha McLarney, Richard McLarney, Stefaney Eck, Liz Albert, Llnas Alinskas, Joe Lafreniere, Bronwyn Chapman, Ginny Lafreniere, Veronika Platzer, Bob Sengstaken, Carl Popolo, Bob Lynch, Diana Shalkay, Dennis McCarthy, Jay Feenan, Jason Holden, Barbara Sherman, Mary Theresa Freund, Dottie Semonian, Karen Scammell.

Safety Committee: Joe Lafreniere message regarding Launch Equipment: Anchor, light, own PFD, throwable device, proper clothing, cell phone, radio, water. Check the fuel. Need to know how to operate the launch. DVD available, can learn, ask one of club officers. Happy to train more people.

Select the proper launch for the purpose. example: Brewer, not a rescue, one person. Have appropriate equipment. Strongly recommends all interested consider Coast Guard Auxiliary course:

Agenda: Quorum met

February Meeting Minutes were accepted

1. Programs and Membership
2. Equipment Purchase and Sale Recommendations
3. Budget 2013
4. Social Committee
5. New Computer based login

All 33 slides from the presentation are available for review. The notes below contain the discussion by attending members and **some** of the slide information.

Programs and membership

If Paid by Jan 15

\$100 membership

\$50 student

After Jan 15

\$125 membership fee

\$65 for college student

Base membership fee is paid by all club members

Base fee covers fixed costs of operation the club

Maintain principles of club membership fees

Additional fees based on programs each member choses

Summary of Sculling fees: No change from 2012 see slide 4 for details

Rack Fees \$350 Due March 15 Outdoor fee offered at \$150 if available

Member discussion about the Rack Policy- Question about the due date, last year was to be paid by March 15th, will be reviewed**

Family Membership \$100/ covers Married, domestic, children

Restricted \$100 after 9 AM

Racing Associate: \$100

Member of other club, rows with member always (training purpose in past)

Logbook unrestricted: \$250

Programs:

Masters Coached Sculling M-W-F @5:30 AM-7

(see slides for detail)

****Lengthy discussion** about all members being able to use Quad and reserve. Program would not be guaranteed availability of the 4X. Members would have to reserve, membership wants to allow equitable use of all equipment.

Advanced Coached Sculling

Target for Coaching 2 days per week in AM

Tues and Thurs 5:30-7Am

(see slides for details)

****Discussion:** Policy on how best to track reservations, may need to set a better policy Has been set for 3 times per week. Then wait until at least one other person reserves. Plan to post policy for review

Learn to Scull: can see slide (a/b) July and August

Program Manager: Chur Masors

Coach: Colleen Irby

Learn to Sweep-Masters

Need commitment of at least 8-10 sweep rowers (max 18)

One 6-week program, 2 rows/week

Start Mid June Mon-Wed evening 6-7:30 PM

(see slide for details)

Masters Sweep I/II

13 weeks each

2 rows/wk 26 sessions: Mon-Wed evening

Start 4/29

Discussion New this year : Longer sessions

? more racing

Hope to keep LTSweep grads in a second LTSweep sessions

Coach K.C Lumbard

Program manager- Carl Popolo

Junior Seep Camp I,II

3 rows per week for 3 week 2 session

Start # 1 June 24th week no session week of July 1

Start #2 July 15th week

Time: 8-10 am

*Use LHS sweep boats

*Includes tank shirts, suitable for racing

***Must advertise:** consider booth at HS races

Recommend Price: \$150/ session

Coach: Colleen Irby

Program manager: Denise Bergeron

Open Sweep Men/Women I/II/III

3 sessions per week 1 coached

All year for experienced sweep rowers looking to complete at national races

Recommend \$185 Coach TBA

Program manager Jason Holden

Complete Program Summary is available on slide 12

Program Schedule also available in great detail on slide

Detailed slides: Summary of 2012 equipment purchases as well as proposed purchases can be reviewed in detail. Has been reviewed in previous minutes.

Proposed Equipment Purchases and Budget

\$25K for equipment purchases for 2013

Allocate \$15K to improve three 1X's

Allocate \$10K to upgrade the current HW4X to a MW/HW 4+/4- slide 18

****Extensive discussion** involved the proposal to sell the current 4X and to take proceeds from the sale with additional allocation of \$10K to purchase a MW/HW 4X/4- (convertible Quad)

Club member concerns regarding sharing the equipment.

Rigging and de-rigging properly

MRRA rented a 4+/4- last season for Open Sweep, equipment was shared, and open sweep members rigged and de-rigged, they would plan to do the same this year

Extensive discussion and concern by members about wear and tear, time and possibility that equipment would travel for competition.

Members were reminded that there is no additional space for 2 (4x's)
UML Program growing

Review of slide 19

Proposal of sell Peinert #2,(1987)- est. proceeds \$1000

Peinert#3,(1989),-est. proceeds \$1000

Fisa 1 (1994)-est. proceeds \$1500

Suggest purchase of:

Peinert P26 or intermediate MW

Peinert P 26 or intermediate MW/HW

Purchase Vespoli HW or super heavy suitable for racing

Net cost \$15K

Time frame August 2013, per Paul Milde, Peinhert

Members in attendance could not come to agreement on equipment:

Discussion was lengthy. Meeting began promptly at 7PM, now 8:45 PM.

A motion by Liz Albert to vote on the budget but not on the particular purchases was not possible.

During the meeting members left and quorum was no longer met.

MRRA Budget: See Slides 20-25

Summary:

Growth of Sweep programs- more growth OK

Addition of coached sculling

Growth of sweep/sculling membership

Programs operating about break even

MRRA in profitable before Regattas

Replacing/ upgrading equipment ongoing

Strong cash position after purchases

Prepared for future plans

ADVERTISE ALL PROGRAMS ASA

Safety & Housekeeping Items

Activities currently planned by safety are:

Navigation Clinic: Marck Romanowski

Flip Clinic: Joe LafFreniere

Dates: TBA

CPR and First Aid Certification

Saturday March 23, 2013

UMass Lowell Rec Center Conference room

Taught by UML Certified staff member

9 AM to 3 PM

12 total can participate

Encourage all members to join

Cost \$60 for the member; Coaches free

Please indicate your interest TONIGHT or no later than Wednesday this week

You will be confirmed by Karen S to attend

Social Committee Events

March: **St Patrick's Day** refreshments: Samples of **MRRA outerwear** available for order

April: **Spring**, should be on the water, Samples of **MRRA outerwear** (hats, vests, safety jacket, shirts, long and short sleeve)

May 18-19th Booth Promoting MRRA programs at Jr. District Champs

June 1st National Learn to Row Day, **Breakfast**

June 23 **Festival Regatta**- Information on programs, snacks

Saturday AM Breakfast after session LTScull,...June/July

Evening activity after LTSweep and MSweep.. June/ July

July 8 Monthly Meeting: **Cocktails on the deck**, invite recent LTR/LT sweep

** Through Summer/Fall will organize Full Moon and Twilight Rows

Mentoring for new members

White Board to try to promote finding a buddy for rows.

MRRA LOGIN SYSTEM

See slide 29 for specifics: Carl has provided step by step instructions

MRRA Login System: <http://logbook.merrimackrowing.org>

Laptop MRRA user name and password

QCode from home now, future will only be from boathouse

Boats are available to row are attached to program you have paid for.

Personal 1X will have their boats in drop down and can also allow others to row

Set up choices for 2013 so boat is available.

Coaches and launches can also log others in program.

Close out when off the water Review of the history of boat usage

Meeting was Adjourned.

