

## MRRA May 13, 2014 Monthly Meeting:

Attendees: Bronwyn Chapman, Barbara Sherman, Linas Alinskas, Susan Mathias, Jody Decarolis, Karen Scammell, Liz Albert, Carl Popolo, Jennifer Lown, Chur Masors, Jay Feenan, Mark Romanowsky, Wilma Breiland, Dennis McCarthy, Kathy McGowen, Dottie Semonian (16)

### Agenda:

- Safety message
- approve April minutes
- Hear and participate in promo activities for our programs (Jody and Terry)
- volunteer choices for June regattas and learn to scull
- committee updates
- boat rental agreement and summer student sculling
- other business as requested

**\*\* caution\*\*** the 2k course is being installed so be aware of buoys and stake platforms!  
This will remain in for 2-3 weeks

### SAFETY:

Update Tdap (Tetanus shots): Dr. Mark Romanowsky, reminder with higher bacteria levels in the water, caution.

Wash hands with soap and water, make sure immunizations up to date. Potential for infection with abrasion to hands, skin.

PFD: Stormy Seas: best inflatable about \$50-60 Can find on Amazon

HSB1 is the model

### April Meeting Minutes:

Approved

2 abstainers

Welcome Sue Mathias, returning to LogBook scull this season

Jody DeCarolis and Terry Freeman:

Have Created New Learn to Row Day Flier

Program Running 9 AM to Noon Saturday June 7 th

Hope to Get as many members as possible to help. Plan to row the barge, use Ergs

Learn to Scull: Chur Masors, requests for July class, has opening for June Class

Setting up coaching: Looks like: John Cotter evening Rob Walters will due Saturday

No inquires for Learn to Sweep on web site yet.

Looking for a Program Manager: Joe Bernard has done previously

Jody Decarolis and Terry Freeman agree to co-chair - be Program Managers

High School Regatta this week: Will leave some brochures at registration desk  
Advertising MRRA programs.

MRRA is allowed to post on the Windows of the Boat House: Terry will post, also web sites:

Terry Contacted 9 publications, submitted some information

Merrimack Valley and Mass Gov posted

Lowell Sun: Ran an article on the rafting, contacted reporter, may come

Club has Old Sign for Learn To Row, trying to find

Idea for Learn TO Row Day Saturday June 7th

Club Challenge Member bring a Member:

Bring a friend, for each person you bring name will go into drawing

2 prizes

Suggesting Learn to Sweep at a discounted rate: \$99 for 4 week session

Equipment: Plans a meeting: Oars ordered 4 sets Concept 2 Oars

Wintech light weight 1X is being delivered

Vespoli 2x Midweight has been purchased, expect delivery shortly

Safety: Buoys not up yet

Duck Deterrent being placed?

Discussion by Mark Romanowsky, prey call to deter ducks, would need to be wired with a speaker

Social Committee:

Learn to Row Day: Snacks, Learn to scull Saturday coffee

Rack Policy: Liz Albert, met a week ago, meeting again on May 20th

Room was reserved for meeting

Boat Rental Agreement: Discussion between UML and MRRA

Historically, MRRA paid UML, to rent boats, cost about \$1700 for last year was paid by MRRA to UML.(2013)

Larger Open Sweep group the year before the fee was higher

UML would like access to 1X, 2X, 4X sculling equipment, Dave Cormier wants to encourage UML Sweep rowing students to row during the summer

Access to row non peak, non A boats after 7:30 AM, important that members reserve boat, students won't be allowed to reserve boats with their memberships.

Discussion: Student Membership: Has existed from June 1- August 31

Time restrictions.

Off Peak Rowing you pay less

Suggest Students: Row later in the day

Review of current MRRA Programs:

Student fee \$65 June 1- Aug 31 after 7:30 AM and 9 AM on weekends

Must Volunteer for Regattas

Full membership: \$350 April- Nov

Limited Scull +\$100 this was adding to an already Sweep program after 9 AM

No racing, No A boats

Want Students to pay \$65 for membership and then \$50 for restricted sculling, after 7:30 AM

Boat User Agreement:

Discussion: With Dave Cormier about how many students he anticipates

Rating System: Self rating to determine rowers using A boats

Carl to amend the web site with the hours 7:30 AM and later for Students

Jay Feenan: US Rowing Junior Regional Championships: Being run similarly to the Masters first annual Masters/Festival

Jay requesting members come and volunteer for a position, different than our other races, would help familiarize members with what to expect in June.

US Rowing runs starts, finish, registration

Members please contact Jay if you can assist on either day.

Jessica Hayes Murray in charge of staffing, volunteers.

Chair People: Barbara Sherman organizing volunteers for June Regattas

Will provide practice times on Friday before the Masters June Race

Meeting Adjourned:

8:20 PM