

MRRA May General Meeting 5/10/16
UML Boathouse 7 PM

Attendees: Jay Feenan, David Morley, Bob Lynch, Mary Lynch, Denise Bergeron, Ben Cayes, Paul Doe, Terry Freeman, Chur Masors, Wilma Breiland, Jody DeCarolis, Dennis McCarthy, Gabrielle Rosengarten, Carl Popolo, Karen Scammell, Dottie Semonian, Susan Mathias Sam Moffett.

Safety:

Critical look at MRRA Policy and boathouse safety regarding early season cold weather rowing. Currently 50/50 and 4 oar rule, guidelines
Competitive rowers may want to have more expansion of the guidelines for access
Currently most members of MRRA are not on either extreme, think about 5% of the membership is trying to row early season, most of the club members prefer warmer weather rowing conditions.

Mark Romanowsky and David Morley: will review cold water safety, encourage more education for members. Want to make sure members are familiar with the role hypothermia has in a rowers ability to make decisions, physically move and get out of harms way.
Both think individuals who are interested can learn some cold water survival techniques.
Continue to encourage members to understand their own strengths and physical limitations.

Rocks painted yellow: Hazard buoys still not out

Accept April Meeting Minutes:

Motion made, accepted: All in favor

Equipment Damage: Discussion regarding the Obligation to members who damage equipment.

Damaging equipment, carry insurance on equipment and borrowed boat insurance for sweep boats.

1% or \$ 500, now deductible is \$1000, so this means damage could cost a member \$1000.

We have been fortunate, few incidents of equipment damage.

Board has decided to revise document: The deductible responsibility to member would be \$500 max per incident.

Club already budgets \$2000 to boat damage annually

This Change will be updated. Want members to be aware of the change.

Need to think about club equipment as their own, members owning sculls pay their own insurance. Would have to pay if damaged.

Not different for club equipment.

Festival Regatta:

Waiver: Entire membership will need to sign additional

Our insurance company will be offering a general waiver:

Members: one type of waiver

Participants of programs: (Learn to programs)

Participant of Events (Regatta) likely to use US Rowing Waiver

Waivers need to be retained for 7 years:

Membership: Report from Terry Freeman Jody DeCarolis

Learn To sweep Starting June 4th, Has Flier for programs

11 people came to meeting M-W

Learn To Row Day: Will need volunteers Sat June 4th. 9 AM - Noon

Learn to Scull: Near capacity, starting May 31st

Get back to Rowing Days: Weekend of May 21st, Chur will send email to last years

Have Coaches: Alex and Jonah

Anthony afternoon Masters sculling

Other coaches need to ask permission by Karen or Dennis McCarthy

Open Sweep Women: Program manager L Melinda Neale Tuesday/ Thursday Evenings

Open Sweep Men Ben Cayes: Program manager: will meet T-Thursday Evenings

** Reminder: sign out launches too, we are paying for one launch, need to track for usage and rental from UML.

Equipment Committee:

New Cox boxes : Will be stored on MRRA side, top cabinet. Will be locked. Program managers, Alex Gavriel have keys. To contact Board Member or program manager for assistance. Other members should not need access to this cabinet.

Social Committee: Billiard night: Pool and appetizers free

Friday nights are hard- getting little response

June Row to Rio Theme:

Group Rows, Full Moon Rows will be planned for summer months.

Update on the weather station: Jay Feenan

Working out which system to purchase. Plan to partner with UML, for boathouse user use.

Logbook: Water Temp, wind speed, color coded

Possible use UML graduate student to coordinate installation

Equipment Committee:

Update on the Carolina: Think it overheated, thermostat ordered, will be installed and will try this weekend for the LHS Regatta.

\$1000 per season, \$2000 for the year

Rack Space:

Still have the 3rd rack up on the LHS side, room for 2 sculls in this area

Joe L suggested a 2X

Equipment will go through the Rack list and offer to the next in line

Jess Murray selling her Hudson: Women's MW up to 175, contact her if interested

Chris P is going to sell the brewer, decide about the motor, take off or donate

TRR:

Chaired and managed by an experienced group for the past several years. After last year and discussion about liability, we don't have an MRRA member willing to be a regatta director.

TRR proceeds are about \$ 45K, breaks out to UML and LHS, MRRA payment and then retaining \$ purchased docks, equipment.

MRRA is trustee of the TRR, started by alumni of UML, then picked up by MRRA around 2005. Membership should know board has been discussing hiring a project management team.

As the regatta has grown, more financially important, significant asset to the MRRA.

Groups like UML and LHS have grown accustomed to the funds donated by the MRRA to these groups for their volunteer contribution.

The TRR has grown because year after year a core group have worked diligently to ensure its success.

MRRA would want to retain "ownership, still over see the direction." ,still participate in the same way. Needs to discuss cap of entries to maintain manageable size.

Logbook is back to working: New Lap top has been installed.

Adjourned: 8:02 PM