

MRRA Club minutes 8/8/2023:

Attendees: Kathy McGowan, Joe Bernard, Matt O'Brien, Bob Bowen, Dottie Semoian, Karen Scammell, Liz Albert, Barbara Mack

July meeting minutes accepted

User Agreement signed last of 3 year cycle. July 2024 there may be more \$\$ changes

Flow rate can be high make a good decision think about not going past the docks-1500 line too far given the speed of the water and getting back in the boat

User minutes Discussed; Jet skiers and the dangers. I have contacted the City Manager and Dan Rourke

the Pawtucketville council member regarding the dangers of their speed and wakes for kayakers and rowers. Lowell PD has also been contacted. I urged Justin to reach out also to those previously mentioned. It was suggested by Andy if the jet skiers proceeded below the bridge creating no wakes that would be acceptable. It would need to be monitored.

The dangers of a high flow rate was discussed. Should there be a rate that makes rowing unacceptable? We have put out warnings and members have rowed with a high flow rate at their own risk. Generally we have provided recommendations not restrictions. KC and Kate were going to check out other clubs with similar flow rates and their policy for rowing.

Dock cleaning was reviewed. The new power hose does work but needs to be fixed. We all agreed that the docks have been cleaner this season.

We need to add docks for the TRR. Kate will have her staff work on preparing the land docks. Some Sat. In Sept. the docks will be added. We will need volunteers from the Club to help out. UML will look into a ramp for the dock.

Kate is working on the Gas locker. We may need a new one.

Surveillance cameras will be mounted soon.

The Band Width will be increased in the Boat House which should help with phone access.

Kate will work on a log book for the launches. She will contact Carl for assistance.

MRRA program directors need to communicate with Kate regarding their schedules and needs.

Please enter the Boat House with key cards while the Kayak program is running. They prefer that we do not walk through their intake area.

The boat from Lawrence is back and is on the trailer. We need to discuss with Ashley regarding its storage.

Rob discussed the course which is still 1/2 to be removed once the flow subsides. Hopefully it is undamaged. He added info regarding the dock set up for the TRR, and launch usage.

Kate and Justin showed significant interest in making the Boat House and programming work for all.

LT scull 2 Carl with 3 free

Last Thursday started for 3 weeks

Water quality poor wash hands and be aware of socks/shoes/feet and cleaning them after rowing

Members please commit to TRR (volunteers needed registration, marshalls, launch, start, finish and other areas needed)

Saturday in September to add docks

UML is looking into a ramp to add to the docks

Be aware of gas locker each boat key will be eventually have added a gas locker key

Bandwidth Wifi will be added eventually

2x is on the trailer the equipment committee may have someone do some work

Will plan an annual meeting in Dracut at Lenzi's for December unless people have another idea.