

Agenda and **Minutes** for January, 2017 MRRA Meeting;
Location; Chelmsford Police Station Training room (off the lobby)
1 Olde North Road, Chelmsford (at the Drum Hill rotary, Jct Rte 4 South/Rte 3).

Agenda is in in BLACK **Minutes are in RED**

Equipment committee meeting at 6pm. See Dennis for more info (boatcaptain@merrimacrowing.org)

Meeting start; **7:08 PM**

Attendance: Dottie Semonian, Tom Barrington, Wilma Breiland, Tim Wheatley, Dennis McCarthy, Chur Masors, Kathy McGouan, Carl Popolo Karen Scammell sends her regrets, she is on a business trip.

1. Safety message (we will start showing the safety video at the Feb, March and April meetings)
No safety message. Will show safety video before the February, March and April meetings at 6:30 PM. It can be watched on line but we prefer it to be watched in a group.

2. Approval of November and December meeting minutes (attached here, CARL please post)
Minutes for November and December approved. Carl reports that all Minutes are up on the web site. One must be checked off as a member to access.

3. inform membership of assignment of board liaison positions - call for volunteers for committees; Safety, Equipment, Membership/Programs and Social. if interested, email board@merrimackrowing.org

We need people to serve on committees. Hard to get volunteers when attendance is so low at meetings.

4. Review timeline for budget and programs preparation. Need to get Equipment and Mem/Prog committees started right away!

Equipment committee Dennis said the committee met before the meeting. They decided to sell the Swift mid weight and Vespoli heavy weight. Looking to buy new Hudson or Wintec to replace them.

Mem/Pro committee: Need people who are willing to take on leadership. Chur can no longer lead Learn to Scull. She has done a great job. Will reach out to Jody and Terry about continuing the Sweep programs. Need to recruit coaches.

5. Jay update on boathouse search -- an interesting property has been investigated.
Dennis reported we are looking at Top Line Granite property, 3 Middlesex Rd, Tyngsboro. Looking to form a committee. George Bertos is the owner. Property will be available probably in 2019.

6. Discussion on program signups --Likely going to try Regatta Central for program signups. The small fee that RC charges will be added to the program cost.

Carl P. has developed the web site and looks forward to going to a third party like Regatta Central. We will still have issues with individuals who at the last minute seeking to row without having done all of the paper work. Suggest get a few programs on Regatta Central but keep our system going and then we will be able to compare and move towards their system. Look forward having them possibly even do the Log Book in the future. Need to think about details like what is the refund policy.

7. note that Festival Regatta date has been set for Sunday June 25th and Dottie Semonian will be the Regatta Director again (thank you). Please plan your summer to be able to race and help with the Festival !

Other business as requested.

Agreed to Adjourn at 7:52

Minutes prepared by Tom Barrington, Secretary

Karen Scammell
MRRA President