

MRRA Members meeting

June 13, 2017

The Bellegarde Boathouse

Attendance: Tom Barrington, Dottie Semonian, Barbara Mack, Bob Bowen, MaryGail Jagers, Peg Laundry, Terry Freeman, Joe LaFreniere, Cathryn Swenson-Gullotti, Bronwyn Chapman, Wilma Breiland, Jay Freeman, Carl Popolo, Kathy McGowan, Karen Scammell

Meeting called to order at 7:09 by Karen

Safety Message delivered by Joe LaFreniere

Jody email about jet skis and boat wakes. Jet skis have been a problem. We are trying to address with Lowell Police. We are encouraged to carry air horn or whistle.

Joe produced a new tag stating that scullers are on the water. If someone is going to be out late they should clip the sign on the slide bolt on the door. This way others will not lock them out.

Motion to accept the May meeting minutes. Accepted

Welcomed new member Katie Swenson-Gullotti

Equipment Committee:

- Andy reported to Karen that he will hold a meeting to get different people to be responsible for various things that need to get done.
- Jay reported that he fixed bilge pump.
- There has been an online conversation about the lights on launches are not working. This needs to be worked out within equipment committee.

Learn to Row Day:

- Terry reported that 23 came down, two signed up.
- We had plenty of member volunteers. It went well.
- All expressed thanks to Terry for a great job.

Learn to Scull They have a full class. Going well.

Treasurer: Chur is out of town for a few weeks. Karen is covering with the check book

Safety:

- Joe would like to hold a flip clinic. Will be on 6 PM on June 22nd. Thursday.
- Launch training was on June 10, Saturday with about 12 people. He will post a list of those who are trained on the launch. It went well.
- On jet skis, Jody reported that could not do Masters Sweep the day before because of the number and aggressive jet skis. Karen passed out Mass Boating Law Summery. Karen met with the director of the boathouse kayak program and got in touch with Lowell PD. They made

commitment in writing that they will increase patrolling especially during the time we are rowing

Learn to Sweep is beginning. They currently have 14 participants and looks like getting a few more.

Festival Regatta, June 25, 2017

- Dottie reported that most volunteer slots are full but we are short of members and a lot are away. Dottie reminded all that working the regatta is a mandatory part of membership. We will send out an email reminding members to help.
- Tonight is the last night for MRRRA members to register to row a race.

New Boathouse update

- We paid \$1,800 to get an appraisal. They put value at \$335,000.
- Ongoing discussion stressing that in the lease we must be sure we will be able to own it.
- We will call a special Board meeting to authorize a negotiating team.
- We are contracting for legal assistance with a lawyer that fully understands leases, lease to own and local Tyngsboro politics.
- We will be contacting other clubs about our move.
- We will extend our lease at Bellegarde Boathouse for six months.
- There was a brief discussion about funding the purchase of the new boathouse. We plan on using private funding sources.

Other business

- Carl has put on Guests into the logbook
- Special Thanks for those working on the new boathouse project.

8 pm Motion to Adjourn