

MRRA Members Meeting

October 10, 2017

Bellegarde Boathouse

Attendance: Karen Scammell, Andy Hutchinson, Rosemarie Mazzone, Steven Freund, Mary Theresa Freund, Bob Lynch, Mary Lynch, Joe LaFreniere, John Breiland, Wilma Breiland, Chur Masors, John Murphy, Jay Freenan, Peg Landry, Carl Popolo

Chair: Karen Scammell

Meeting called to Order - 7:10 PM

Safety Message

- It is getting dark - make sure you have lights White light facing stern
- Temp is falling. Not the time to go to a more high performance boat. Row with a partner, row in a double or quad.
- Be careful of the rocks off Tyng Island, Vesper Country Club, a few boat had hit them
 - To the right of the cabinets is a map that shows where most of the rocks are.
 - When river levels changes the Boat Captain will let membership know.
- The fog rule - if you cannot clearly see the bridge do not row.

Welcome new member Rose Mazzone – participated in Learn to Scull

Accept Sept Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept Karen, John 2nd -Pass.

Planning FOR END of SEASON– Saturday, November 11th

- Last row and then docks out
- Boat winterization – take down the racks, inventory for damage, de-rig, double bunk to get everything back in the boathouse.
- Jay will take out the Carolina Skiff earlier.

PLANNING FOR ELECTION FOR 2018

- Every position is for one term except the trustee that are three year term.
- Must have been a member for one year.
- Vote at Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 12
- Nominations must be in by: November 21st

New business - Carl – Web has been under attack by malware and hackers. Carl has put in new security measures. Our web site is about 10 years old. We will need to update. Will need to figure out what information should be moved over. Set up a Google drive for information being stored like minutes.

Need to figure out how to control Google Drive or other cloud Carl will make a budget request to the board.

TRR Wrap Up and feed back

- Ability to volunteer still needs to be improved
- would have been helpful to have volunteers help scullers with oars on the dock for the early morning scullers
- We need to have experienced volunteers write down what they know. We need to make sure that as LRRRA learns what and how to run the TRR that MRRRA has access to what they have learned so if they stop running it information will not be lost.
- Anyone who has constructive criticism please write it down and send it to Peg.
- Request to put notes and feedback in some place where it can be more easily accessed.
- Karen - Talked about having TRR Chair Person training in July.
- Peg suggests re-hire LRRRA to run event again
- Develop check lists that are available.
- Jess – looking for a better software - Carl wants to be able to review software before LRRRA purchases anything
- In term of supplies, it would be helpful to get involved a little earlier with committee chairs. Need to determine what supplies are used and what is never used. We can then get rid of un-needed supplies.
- When training new chair persons – we should begin cross training so that individual know more than one position.
- Get one person to volunteer to hand out swag
- Liked Dock Volunteer shirts
- Weighed in - we used wrist bands for those who were weighed. Bands were not checked on the boats but at some point we need to trust they are not cheating
- We need to be clear with what Referees and US Rowing folks are doing and coordinate with TRR staff volunteers.
- Herenow paperless results - Was set up a little late with no notice to our folks. In the end it all worked fine. Some of the screens were not working early.
- When boats are launched, check the bow number that they are secure. Have some duct tape available to tape down numbers if needed.
- Registration Wilma – have participants be much more proactive on their rosters. Compliance was a problem. One person has not paid. Can we say no refund for scratches after register time is passed? Will need to work some of these details with Regatta Central.
- Trailer permits went well, thanks to John.
- Shuttle van did not show up.

Meeting Closed at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Tom Barrington, Secretary