

**MRRA July Board Meeting:
Tuesday July 8, 2014**

Attendees: Bob Lynch, Karen Scammell, Jason Holden, Dottie Semonian
Bob Sengstaken, Bronwyn Chapman.

Regatta Income: Not Finalized

There will be costs for Launch repairs

1. The Brewer was found late Sunday night, downstream at about the 1500 meter area.
Karen Scammell accepts responsibility, may not have been properly secured after the Regatta.
There appears to be pontoon damage.

2. UML Whaler, skiff, has some damage from removing trees (large debris that was caught at the start of the course.)

3. Karen's Brother's boat failed on Sunday. Will require repair.

Festival and NEMA Regattas:

Estimates are:

Festival Regatta: \$9292 typical, net income around \$4800.

This year more was spent on feeding volunteers with a buffet style offering, previously a bagged lunch.

UML Collected \$1338 from parking

More students this year, plan to take 10% from parking and put toward food costs.

Festival Ran as it has previously. Many positive comments by participants.

MRRA Student Members manned the stake boats

Money spent on Regatta Volunteer Tanks

NEMA Regatta:

Final Revenue Pending

Did not get many tent reservations, (3) did not charge these clubs.

US Rowing paid \$10,000 to the MRRA to host and help run the Regatta.

Costs charged to NEMA, tents, portable toilets reduced the costs to the Festival with a two day rental and \$10 per portable toilet cleaning cost for the second day.

Costs and final income estimate is \$9400 for the two Regattas.

Karen Scammell reviewed the the membership, appeared all but one or two members participated in the regattas in some capacity.

All Agree plan to discuss with MRRA Membership whether or not we would bid on the NEMA Regatta again. Want to hear feedback from members and US Rowing.

Want to ask the membership if they would commit to the amount of work again.

Festival always enjoyable and the MRRA has run well. Running these regattas required a large commitment for the two day weekend by members during the summer. Could not have run without the LOC committee.

Discussion about moving the date to the weekend before, early June.

Not as close to the July 4th weekend.

Police: Chelmsford Police were exceptionally helpful. Agree money well spent.

The Lowell Regatta Rowing Association owns the course:

Cost \$1000 for the rental.

Drawings available for the new dock:

National Historical Park, National Park Service adding new permanent dock.

National park boat will be docked on one side.

UML, LHS, MRRA launches currently take up 70 feet. New dock will measure 120 feet.

Appears the dock will be too high to launch sculls, but for Textile River Regatta next year there may be an area to add docks.

Construction is planned to begin in November after this Rowing season ends.

MRRA Members will be able to review the plans at the July Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 PM