

MRRA March Board Meeting:

Monday March 3, 2014
Chelmsford Library

Attendees: Karen Scammell, Jason Holden, Bob Lynch, Bob Sengstaken,
Bronwyn Chapman, Dennis McCarthy

Agenda:

Updates from Equipment, Programs, Cost of programs, Rack Policy and the US
Rowing Contract for the June Regatta

Equipment Committee:

Met on Saturday and plans to meet again on Wednesday
Will make suggestions for equipment purchases for 2014, finalizing budget

Launches:

Peter Murray trying to put boat house user group meeting together
Can we have a common launch and maintenance group?
Expect discussion about adding a Wake-less launch
How would this happen, would need details, serious discussion for next year planned.

Equipment committee:

Karen Scammell was present: Met last Saturday, intends to meet again this
Wednesday
Daniel Ernst volunteering to chair under the guidance of Bob Bowen
Possible sale of Fluid 1x, and the Hudson 1X
Last season the Fluid 1X damaged, expensive to fix, Did the Hudson get rowed enough
Light weight women limited to Px 25 or Hudson, would need replacement
Would all better A boats be replaced by recreational hulls?
Bob Sengstaken- suggests that club continue to offer racing shells in the fleet, not
replace all hulls with recreational shells, should maintain variety for racing and
advanced scullers
Discussion about replacing Vespoli 2x/ 2-

Equipment budget:

MRRA will receive 13 K from TRR
The TRR will purchase docks with the other proceeds
This will allow expansion to launch sites up river for 2014
Could also use \$5000 from the Festival Regatta, giving 18K for the budget.

Programs:

Jason Holden: Chairman
Very few changes from 2013

No Junior Programs- Back to UML
Open Sweep will have fewer sessions this year
Learn to Scull Programs: need Coach

One Coaching Candidate: Will set up interview
Continue to advertise and spread word we are looking

Learn to Sweep:

Karen brought information from her discussion with Jody DeCarolis and Barbara Sherman, trying to increase Learn to Sweep participation. Have felt cost has limited interest, discussed lowering the price, shorter sessions 4 weeks (\$100) reduced from \$300, discussion about whether lowering cost for sweep would take individuals from learn to scull, is there a way to have both about the same fee?
Would offering a Saturday AM program for 4 weeks attract new interest?

Open Sweep:

Women will come back this season, small group
Katie Courtamache will set up to lead, probably 4 individuals- would cover cost of boat rental from UML
Open Sweep Men- expect 8
Budget for off peak sculling, 6 of the 8 open men will plan to also be logbook scullers

Costs and Fees of Programs: unchanged for 2013

Rack Fees: User fee is \$4500 for space and \$9000 membership
\$350, temporary rack gets paid to UML
Logbook Sculling \$250
Restricted logbook After hours, no reserving, no racing \$100
Racing Associate: membership is \$100
Out door rack \$150 for temporary if available
Family Membership \$100

Membership fee \$125 has been determined by the insurance. Has been covering the cost, Bronwyn Chapman and Karen Scammell will review the costs and determine if this continues to be the case, or if membership fees need to be increased in 2015.

Discussion about Racks, members who pay membership and rack only don't pay into the club equipment, Get an excellent value.

Plan is to update the rack policy: a group has volunteered to meet and review
Last year several rack holders did not complete the mandatory number of rows
Would these members consider moving boats out? Allowing a MRRA buddy to row there scull?

If not going to row the mandatory number in a season should there be a surcharge (boat penalty for not following the policy.) Some significant dollar amount added to \$350 if the scull is not rowed. Would this get individuals to think about moving boats out to allow other MRRA members an opportunity to have a rack space?

May deter members who are paying \$350 and storing the scull, intent was always for these boats to be actively used.

Other individuals would join if rack space was available

The BOD appreciates that some of the MRRA Rack holders are heavily involved in the club and volunteer extensively. The BOD does not want to be unfair to individuals that may not be rowing because they are keeping other commitments to the club.

Dennis McCarthy agrees to join the Rack Policy

Reviewed the US Rowing Contract: Briefly reviewed the Copy

Core MRRA Members have agreed to volunteering for this and the Festival Regatta

Will meet next month.

Meeting Adjourned