

MRRA April Board Meeting
Monday April 7, 2014

Attendees: Karen Scammell, Dottie Semonian, Dennis McCarthy, Liz Albert

Agenda:

Liz Albert would like to address the Board regarding the: Rack Policy
The Rack policy committee has met once. Liz is concerned about the difference of opinion she encountered. Liz would like the wording changed. She does not feel a Rack holder should have to volunteer at both Regattas. She is also concerned that Rack holders are being held to a different standard than other MRRA Members.

Joe LaFreniere had edited the last rack policy from 2005, he gave the group copies of the current policy, discussion started on fees, participation, frequency of boats being rowed.

Liz, "as a rack renter we pay money, shouldn't have to do additional work, have to volunteer."

She expressed her not upset about how the meeting was written up.

Liz thought the document had been forwarded to the Board. The Board has not seen anything from the Rack Committee.

Liz Albert is trying to get the next meeting for Rack policy organized.

Karen Scammell reviewed with Liz that the Rack policy will be written for the club as a whole and should not be written to make considerations for individuals.

Board Meeting:

Equipment Committee: Will buy the 2X available in May

Sold 2 singles

May consider buying a Wintech 1X, (Lightweight).

Concept 2 Oars will be ordered

Karen Scammell reviewed coaches: one coach identified for Learn to Scull, and Learn to Sweep

KC would still work with Masters Sweep

Still need Morning Masters Sculling coach

The Boathouse User Group met:

Keybox: Now for Launches will be organized

Trophy Case will be in the Boathouse Lobby.

Gas Cabinets, Safety Board and lightening detector, will be locked up but available for MRRA use. the lightening detector is (hand held).

Discussion about the launches. Dave Cormier and UML would like the idea of a common launch pool. Would help LHS, groups would pay into a pool, fee.

Would take the Carolina skiff, but would like the motor to use on a wake less launch

Nothing would happen until July 1, 2014

Boat rental agreement:

UML wanted access to 2X and 1X, or re rig as a pair.

Dave Cormier would like to have a mutual agreement so MRRA can use 8's and 4's, and they (UML Rowers could access 1X , 2X, in the MRRA fleet, when rowing with coaches. Rowers will not use advanced boats and not peak times and cannot use reservation system. This will allow MRRA Members the opportunity to reserve boats.

MRRA Paid UML \$1762 for rent on 4+ and 8+. MRRA hopes LHS and UML students will join as Student Members in June at \$65. This would bring additional income.

High School Races:

Need to update the MRRACalendar

HS regattas every weekend in May

Novice Challenge

Lowell invitational

Junior Regional Championship

Update: May be getting on the water, temp is 40, more rain, cresting, may allow the 4X by the weekend.

Dottie Semonian will remind members:

US rowing Waiver needs to be completed. Paperwork and fees need to be paid in order to be OK TO ROW this season.

Meeting Adjourned.