

MRRA Board meeting minutes

Monday September 9, 2013

Attendees: Jay Feenan, John Ballantine, Jason Holden, Karen Scammell, Roland Meijer

1. Karen asked that the discussion on the member issue that Jay has requested, be tabled until the October board meeting. This is because the bylaws clearly spell out timelines for resolution and with the TRR, it is going to be a distraction to achieve that in the month of September. All agreed to table this until October.
2. Erg Proposal from UML was presented and discussed. The board approves of this plan and Karen will present to the membership meeting on Tuesday for general agreement.
 - Sell ergs to UML for \$200 each (3 ergs). UML maintains fleet of 12-15 ergs
 - MRRA gets full use of ergs when UML not using them; when UML is using them, we are guaranteed 3 ergs for our use
 - \$400 per year added to boat rental agreement (in past was free)
 - Winter ergging: required Campus Rec Center membership @ \$125/3 months. Rec center will be opened by Dave Cormier at 5:30am; UML using them 4-5 days/week; again, we would have access to 3 at all times if paid CRC membership; other times possible with 2 ergs which are located in the CRC weight room. There is no studio available in the evenings for formal erg classes, so at this time, group erg sessions are not possible, except as organized individually and by availability of ergs/studio
2. Equipment committee:
 - We have the new Vespoli HW 4X/-, rigged as 4X right now. Sweep riggers on the way. The rudder is frozen and Bob Sengstaken has volunteered to take a look at this and fix.
 - Proposal to name the Vespoli 4X/1 after Paul Wenger
 - Naming Ceremony/dedication at October club meeting is proposed. Need to invite Wengers, Vee, etc.
 - Board and Equip committee recommend buying the Wintech HW Racing shell @ \$6K
 - Roland going to rig new 4X, Hudson, Swifts and maybe Peinerts for stroke coaches, as time permits.
 - Looking for volunteers to help with this activity
 - From Boatcaptain: Coaches and others must be sure to leave at least a half tank of gas in the launches at all times!! This is a major safety issue that in the event of an emergency, the launch may not have enough gas for a rescue. Anyone who uses a launch should check the gas level when returning to the dock to make sure tank is at least ½ full.
 - Fluid 1X has been picked up by Fluid and will be returned before HOCR. No estimate yet for repair cost, so discussion on what % Roland should pay of deductible was not

discussed. When that discussion occurs, Roland and Karen will be recusing themselves from the final decision/vote.

3. Membership committee report: Open Sweep is bringing on a new coach who needs to sign the paperwork, etc. MSweep continuing with their coaching. There is no morning sculling coaching at this time.

4. Safety committee report: Will prepare something for club meeting, since Mark not present.

5. Turn over to TRR discussion: Jay will have the list of volunteer positions still open and also general tasks still to be accomplished at the club meeting. Generally Jay feels that things are progressing well for TRR prep. Big items like additional docks and how we may tie in the HOCR needs is still being worked on. Permits in hand for Regatta field use, DCR, Vesper CC for start.

7:30pm meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Scammell