

## **MRRA Board Meeting February 1, 2016**

Location: Reasonetics Hudson NH (Karen's Office)

### **Attendees:**

Karen Scammell, Dennis McCarthy, Terry Freeman, Jay Feenan, Dottie Semonian, Bronwyn Chapman

### **Dennis attended National Park Meeting regarding Dock:**

MRRA was notified very late, luckily Dennis was available to attend. UML, National Park representatives called the meeting.

Dennis reports brief discussion about docks, boat location, UML making sure still space for launches.

Discussion about adding additional sections to the dock, signs and locks, concern about individuals accessing the area. (Not boathouse tenants.)

Dock User Agreement: UML and the National Park. Chris and Peter attending, may use UML dock for handicap access.

Discussed using UML Calendar to post events, want all boathouse users to be able to visualize events on the river.

US Rowing Junior Regionals: Going to Worcestre 2016r- Won't be Lowell this year. May return the next year.

### **Agenda for General Meeting:**

Jay Feenan and TerryFreeman will present

Membership and Programs:

Have a spread sheet to review each program, review of the P&L.

The past Membership has wanted the membership fee to remain \$125 per year.

About 42 members have signed up under the Early Discount for \$100.

Membership: \$ 125

Rack fees will remain the same: \$350

Logbook Sculling: \$250

**Learn to Scull:** Chur Masors Director: Successful Year last year

Target class size of 8, run( 2 ) eight week sessions, may increase the price slightly this year.

### **Masters Sweep - Learn to Sweep program.**

Costly with paying Coach \$50 per session, Coxswain \$20 per session, twice a week rows = \$140. Tried to run the Learn To program at a cost that would be appealing to getting individuals to try the sport.

Need to grow the program. Retain the Learn To Sweep Members. Know 2 will return from last year. Last year sessions were 4 week, kept going for 4 sessions.

More members would reduce the cost per row,( 2 ) 8's better than one. Goal 10-12 members.

Perhaps coaching once per week instead of twice.

Program managers raised concern regarding safety, running programs without coach, launch.

Need to review cost of the program: \$395 allocated to Sweep for boat insurance cost.

Cost of launch and gas for 2016. No payment to UML in 2015.  
Expect to be billed something by UML for launch use.  
Review of the spread sheets by past program and number of attending.  
Payments appear less than what should have been for members.  
Challenging collecting payments throughout the season.  
Sweep programs don't pay one fee for the year, pay per 6 or 8 week sessions.

**Other difficulties for Sweep Program:**

Some conflict with shared equipment: Mostly in the Fall.

Equipment: UML and LHS Boats (3) 8's and some (3) 4's available  
Could we get a priority to use ?  
Fall will be an issue Practice times for UML Varsity in AM and Novice in the afternoon.

LHS is usually finished in the Afternoon, High school boats may be available.

**Equipment Committee:** Needs to meet and set location for new cox boxes and new megaphones.

Megaphones very expensive, is there a way to lock up?  
Keypad vs keys to open locked box.

Jay asking about **MRRA access to Ergs**. Could MRRA organize Erging sessions ?  
Summer no conflict with UML for ergs.  
Jay thinks it would be good for new members to try Erging, build up strength and learn rowing technique and vocabulary.  
Realize individuals think they will like rowing, but don't realize the physical condition that is required.  
Might also help build relationships with new potential members.

**Learn to Sweep 1 and 2** ( 4 weeks for each session). Then participants would be encouraged to join MRRA with the progression to Novice Masters.  
Will need to pay \$65 for Membership (would be August, so discounted time frame).

Karen and Dennis will meet with Chris P and Peter Murray about cost to join UML launch pool.  
Didn't pay anything to use launches in 2015.  
Aware 2015 Equipment committee has wanted to purchase a wake less launch.

**Discussion: Using Regatta Central to sign Members up for Programs**

Group briefly logged onto Regatta Central to see how other clubs have their programs listed.  
Costs of other local clubs much higher than MRRA.  
Ongoing issue with collecting payments.  
Bronwyn Chapman, Treasurer, finding it challenging to accept partial payments for programs.  
Paypal payments come in large amounts.  
Always awkward asking members to pay for programs.  
Program managers have done a better job getting individuals to pay for programs in 2015.  
Regatta Central has automated billing. MRRA Members would receive a bill.  
Other clubs using the site added the Regatta Central fee and credit card fee to the cost of their programs. Should look into this more closely.

**Program Fees for 2016:** Will be determined by March, will be present at March General Member meeting.

Next Tuesday, Karen traveling.  
Club meeting Tuesday Feb 8th  
Chelmsford Police Station, 7 PM, Safety Video 6:30 PM  
Jay will run meeting

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 PM