

MRRA Board Meeting January 7, 2014
Chelmsford Library

Attendees: Karen Scammell, Dottie Semonian, Jason Holden, Dennis McCarthy, Bob Sengstaken, Jay Feenan, Bob Lynch, Bronwyn Chapman, John Ballentine

Agenda:

- * board orientation and choosing of committees -- we have a board member as a representative on all committees. According to the bylaws, the VP is on the Membership committee, all others are open for re-arrangement.
- * Update new board members on the status of disciplinary action taken against a member
- * Discussion on USRowing request to have MRRA co-host Regional Masters nationals (Jay)
- * Preliminary look at the finances and what will be sent to us from the TRR funds
- * other items as requested.

Committees:

Welcome New Board Members, Bob Lynch, Bronwyn Chapman and Bob Sengstaken

Karen: Board Liaison: Rack Policy

Jay: Membership committee

Jason: Membership committee

Bob Lynch: Safety

Equipment: Bob Sengstaken, dividing MRRA boats from motorized launches

Social: Dottie Semonian

Looking for Coaching for all levels

Sweep program discussion, Masters Sweep possibly offering a lower rate for learn to program

\$300 price point, has limited interest. possibly cut price in 1/2 and extend weeks

Need to encourage growth of membership

Youth Programs: Likely back to UMass

Jay Feenan made a \$500 donation to the club for volunteerism

Disciplinary Action Taken:

Jay Feenan issued a formal complaint in writing Nov 2013

Behavior that is detrimental to the well being of the club

Disciplinary action filed against member in November 2013 and appropriate discipline per unanimous agreement of board determined in accordance of the by laws.

As of Jan 1st this individual, no longer a member of MRRA
Must address board if wants to rejoin
Reviewed with new members of the Board

Jay: US Rowing Request to Co-Host Masters Regional

Jay is the Director of US Regional Regatta/ Juniors
Went well in 2013, own a course
Worcester bridge construction, US Rowing looking for other venues

Spring Junior US Regatta: Went well
Now asking if Regional Masters Regatta Series one day event can be hosted by MRRA
End of June, Early July
Course would need to put in
Need Budget, US rowing would control revenue stream
Could have parking, tent rental, concessions ...
Would need to borrow additional launches

Festival Regatta Sunday June 22, 2014
Thirty Year Anniversary of Event

Discussion about running both Festival and US Rowing event on the same weekend
One Saturday and one Sunday
Need a core group to members to commit to the work
Karen and Dottie interested in volunteering
Will bring to membership

Finances:

Presented at meeting in December
Lower revenues, lower program participation, converting learn to scull to membership
did not occur

Bob Sengstaken aware of boat for sale:
Vespoli convertible 2x one year old mid weight available
\$10 K. Similar Windtech \$8-9 K
Budget: Needs to be done, equipment committee decide what to sell, buy

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 PM