

MRRA January 4, 2016 Board Meeting:

Location Resonetics (Karen's office)
44 Simon Street Nashua NH

Attendees: Anna Michelson, Alex Gavriel, Jay Feenan, Karen Scammell, Dottie Semonian, Joe LaFreniere, Terry Freeman, Dennis McCarthy, David Morley

Agenda:

Alex and Anna here to discuss Boathouse Site/Search:

Location: 2 sites:

1. 784-814 Pawtucket Boulevard Owned by City of Lowell, has been a soccer field.

New bridge would line up with Old Ferry Road
would still allow room at this location for boathouse and parking.

2. Top Line Granite site may become available
only concern with this site is railroad tracks run across the entrance
Karen mentioned: 3. area near the North Chelmsford Ramp may be available

Questions about FEMA Maps: flood areas

City Assessors may have maps available with flood plains

Girls Inc, other programs for inner city youth, programs, may have grants available. Can discuss further in smaller groups

Boathouse Group needs to arrange a meeting

Agree to start: Secure Land first

Alex and Anna have some ideas for applying for grants. Had some ideas about Go Fund Me page. Board felt this was premature. Would like to see the Boathouse Site Committee find and secure location.

After this has been completed can start work on the Capital fund campaign.

Alex will contact the club secretary with location and time for meeting in addition to asking club members to join the committee.

Alex and Anna leave the meeting:

New Committee Liaison Assignments 2016:

Per ByLaws VP is on the Membership/Programs Committee- Jay Feenan, Terry Freeman will also be liaison for membership and programs

Need Liaison Safety, Equipment, Social

Trustees: will each chair committee

Safety: David Morley Liaison- Boat Captain is on this committee(Dennis McCarthy)

Equipment: Liaison Joe L. Boat Captain is on this committee(Dennis McCarthy)

Social: Dottie Semonian Liaison - Will find Chairman for committee

Need to get membership to the meetings

Can offer to show safety video. Is on line, will decide if we offer this , really need members to come to meetings.

Club meeting with safety video is good time to review traffic patterns and other club, safety issues.

Joe L will bring projector and Safety Video to the Tuesday meeting for 6:30 PM showing.

Festival Regatta Date:

Discussion about date for Festival 2016

Either June 19 or the following Sunday June 26th, July 4th weekend the following week, want to make sure no conflict with other regattas

Group decides to stay with:

Sunday June 19th Father's Day - Already posted on Regatta Central

Planning for Budget and Programs:

Liaisons: need to plan budgets and programs for 2016

Would like to get programs posted by February

Learn to Row Day: First Saturday in June

Need to convert Learn To Programs to membership earlier this season.

Plan to offer more Mentored rows for sculling
Different level of Masters Sweep programs:
Maybe a Masters Sweep I and II, based on experience

Liaisons need to get budget requests in promptly:

Joe L: Asking for a Motion:

Request Joe L or any other board member to obtain **Regatta Permits** for June 19th, Friday Sept 30, Sat Oct 1 and Sun Oct 2.

Second: Karen, approved.

UML Negotiating buying into the Launch Pool:

Has not been any further discussion about cost

Rack Policy: Review of Revised Rack Policy:

Discussion Jay Feenan would like the policy reviewed by club members.

Discussion about cleaning up the language. 24 rows by rack holder, perhaps members on the Waiting list should also be held to the 24 row rule in order to remain on the list. Scullers using club equipment at very high volume take that piece of equipment out of the common pool more than scullers who don't row as often. Seems to make sense to have these members first option to racks.

Group brief discussion, didn't feel need for the \$20 fee currently in the document. Also discussion about notifying Rack holders that do not meet the requirement by the end of the season, to allow a new rack holder time to purchase equipment. Doesn't seem timely to contact wait list member in late Spring that Rack is open. Doesn't allow time to purchase equipment.

Joe L. The document has been reviewed by the club, allowed time for club comment. Would like to see the document passed with clean up of language.

Board decides to read line by line and review the document again.

This becomes very time consuming.

Board decision to make the documents available in Google Doc format to allow review and input at home. Discussion about having club members review again vs board making the decision.

Club Meeting Next Tuesday:

Karen Scammell will not be available

Safety Video will be shown at 6:30 PM (Joe L).

Sign up for committees

Dottie will review some changes to signing up for membership this year.

Will see if any other new business for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned:

8:30 pm