

August 13 th MRRA Meeting:

(19) Attendees: Linas Alinskas, Terry Freeman, Denise Bergeron, Wilma Beiland, Joe LaFreniere, Bob Lynch, John Ballantine, Chur Masors, Kat Flinner, Dennis Mc Carthy, Tim Wheatly, Mark Romanowsky, David Morley, Carl Popolo, Bronwyn Chapman, Karen Scammell, Ann Ballentine, Dottie Semonian, David Cormier.

- Safety message: time for lights at dawn and dusk; reminder on T-storm policy
 - Lights Located at Street end of the Boathouse, screw cap on, place on bow, after replace, for recharging. Stern lights, few different available. Please try and let Safety Committee know if you like them. Joe LaFreniere will purchase 4 more.
 - Thunderstorm Policy: Once hear, must get back to dock. Must wait 30 minutes after
 - Logbook has the Radar Map, Satellite may be able to better predict
- Accept minutes from July meeting: Joe Lafreniere would like to be sure PDF of previous meeting minutes be attached to the Meeting Agenda for the following month meeting.
 - o Meeting minutes Accepted

Dave Cormier addressing Club members: Proposing ERG sharing arrangement

ERGS: Winter Erging: Looking into keeping boat house open, doubt related to cost

UML has a Fleet of about 20 Ergs and a swingUlater, and track system for (simulates sweep rowing)

Trying to set up Rec dept hours for Erging : Open 6:30 AM Likely evening, will need to have some type of Rec Center membership.

Also wants to discuss Ergs currently at boathouse, Moved MRRA ergs to Boathouse bay

Proposes UML buying the MRRA ergs (3), and allowing all UML, MRRA, LHS use

AM could get rained out typically members may erg, conflict in Fall with UML,

UML would offer some Ergs to MRRA at all time (suggest 3).

UML would also maintain the ERGS.

MRRA would no longer own the ERGs, (informational discussion.)

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- General business:
 - o Boathouse user agreement signed effective July 1. Same as last year with addition of a 2nd hanging rack below Fluid 2X. This potentially impedes LHS access to their top rack, and if they are ever in need of that space, we have 60 days to move that lower boat. \$ 2 per head launch fee, added hanging rack below fluid double, (moving the Vespoli 2X) New 4 X/4- being picked up this weekend. Karen will scan and post on web site.
 - o SE Asian Water Festival next weekend Saturday August 17th. Races start at 9am, suggest everyone is out of the boathouse by 8:30.
 - o Discussion on Boat Classifications and approvals to row A boats.
 - o Roland not available: Self policing, point was boats for wide range of users, Zepher's , Pinerts's Fluid mid weight, Vespoli HW and Hudson (not intended for learn to row, intended for rowers with more advanced skills) Boat Captains with various styles. Fluid was noted to have damage
 - o No list for A Boat Rowers, message is for new, emerging, learn to row and interested in racing. To ask permission of boat captain to row.
 - o Opposition made by Ann Ballantine, not competing but row well, want the best boats available. Also have had damage made by advance rowers.
 - o Safety issue: Not skilled, may flip, "unlikely will not crash into rocks"
 - o Safety continues to work on the rating system, members should go on the web site and pick a rating, email safety for review. A, B or C or X sweep only
 - o The log book will eventually limit which boats may be logged out, based on rating
 - o Reminder about reservation system and need to talk with other users of a particular boat with head racing season coming. May start a piece of paper to list and start discussion,, request use, reservation not set in stone
 - o MRRA members allowed one race for the TRR **
 - o Masters Singles races will be early, Regatta Central to Open
- Equipment: Update membership on sale of Peinerts and purchase of Vespoli, 4X/-HW, all lightweights in program 4 years old, has been sitting in boathouse \$15 K or less
 - o Still to be decided: the type of HW 1X to purchase (Wintech has been demo'd)
- Safety: Successful Flip clinic 8/3 - no person nor boats were lost
- Bob Lynch working on signage for gate

- Membership: Junior Sweep Program finished. Next year preschedule afternoon as well
- Joe Lafreniere still asking for Donation for \$500 to the Boston One Fund
 - o Feels the will of the club not being followed by the board, although would have been an unbudgeted donation felt needed to support the cause. Has been brought up twice. Feels the Club is not acting appropriately. Karen notes there was not a quorum at the meeting. That the club needs to budget for donations.
- 7-8 members made personal contributions to the Henley Guys for \$550, John will check to see if tax deductible.
- Suggestion for Marketing, Junior Sweep, fliers at sporting events before school closed in Spring. Also approached gym teachers, offer a Demo. Boat, ERG, April, summer program dates (need members to help.)
- TRR - volunteering
- Carl about ready to open Regatta Central
- Linas Apprentice Course
- Terry Freeman medals
- Barbara Sherman to Learn roll of Volunteers
- Denise will coordinate, LHS, volunteer lunches
- T shirts handled by company
- John Ballantine: should discuss how we will make donations in the future, budget and what type of organizations we are going to support.

Propose to adjourn

Submitted by Dottie Semonian