

MRRA Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2017

Attendance: Chur Masor, Karen Scammell, Dottie Semonian, Tom Barrington,
Textile River Regatta Board Members: Carl Popolo, John Ballantine, Peg Landry
Jess Murray from LRRA sent her regrets

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Reviewed possible candidates for board in 2017

Dottie stated that she is not going to run again.
Need to send out notice asking for nominations. Tom said he will get it out.

Review of TRR

- Discussion of schedule – Carl tried to take priority of hulls and second people. To try to anticipate clubs and schools using boats in various events. Feedback was that the schedule worked well and people were appreciative of the efforts.
- Docks - Carl was glad we had only 580 boats.
 - Lots of volunteers in the morning. In the afternoon docks were light because so many masters sweep were rowing at that time.
 - The Herenow touch pads worked well.
 - Need to have better clarity about roles between USRowing Referees and TRR Volunteers
 - Only half the boats launched from the main dock.
 - Cannot do training of people to work the lower docks during the event.
- Peg, One of the problem we started too late partially due to not knowing about use of the boathouse.
- Peg - complaints were limited and a lot of compliments on the friendliness of the event.
- Dottie did team tent staking. Only one complaint. Spaces were maxed.
- Rourke Ramp for Singles and doubles. We could advertize better that we have the space. Rowers would like to registration at the Rourke Ramp and not have to come to boathouse. We would have to have Cox and coach. We had radio so we could broadcast it at Rourke. They had about 50 boats launch. That worked well and could handle a lot more.
- Karen - Start went well. Did not know how many Hear & Now people would be there.
- Jess and Rob did a great job. Did a lot of contingency pre planning
- Herenow had some early problems with their equipment but did get it figured out. Getting results out were delayed.
- Delay in positioning Marshals in beginning. There were some emails that did not go to Jess so there were some miscommunication between TRR Volunteers and LRRA. In the future we need to make sure everyone understand the communication chain.
- Need better marking of the rocks up by Tyng Island

- Parking – Instituted changed year. Robbie organized and Brandies U. and Westford Rowing manned the parking field.
- Size of the Regatta, do we have a cap?
- Need to get apprentices for the key committees heads.

Karen led a discussion about the boathouse user agreement and boat rental agreement.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Tom Barrington, Secretary