

MRRA General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday: Oct 11, 2016

Boathouse

Attendees: Karen Scammell, Joe LaFreniere, Dennis McCarthy, David Morley, Joe Bernard, Sandy Bell, Sue Mathias, Terry Freeman, Dottie Semonian, Andy Hutchinson , Carl Popolo. (11)

Meeting 7:03 PM

Safety: It is getting cold, members need to use lights
Remember lights if sun will set during your row
Carolina Skiff lights need to be repaired

Meeting minutes from September:

Motion to accept: made
All in favor to accept September meeting minutes
Joe LaFreniere will abstain, has not read them

Textile River Regatta 2016:

TRR Directors will meet and give a final update

Generally the Regatta went well.

Most MRRA Members completed required shifts. Always a challenge to get people to commit.

There was some feed back regarding the beach. A volunteer was using a bullhorn, was loud, a coach commented that the calls may have been a bit excessive. The TRR Directors will look into who this complaint. Also heard some mixed reviews regarding wet launching on the beach.

Rourke ramp: Joe LaFreniere, generally went well at this location.

US Rowing official, Marshall station also at this location

Report of some Wakes and a coxswain swearing.

Planning for the end of the season

Docks being pulled Sat Nov 12th at 9 AM

Will need members to show up and help, the more help, the quicker the clean up goes.

Carolina skiff will be pulled out of the water and winterized.

Asking MRRA members if Anyone has a location to store the Carolina Skiff for the winter.

Equipment will look for inexpensive cover. Plan to get boat on the trailer with help on clean up day.

Dave Morley will check into winterizing and storage for the winter, may have a location.

Equipment plans to bring some Oars to HOOR for grip repair at Concept 2.

Elections for MRRRA Board 2017:

Call for Board of Directors:

One trustee position (3) year seat

Terry has 2 more years

Joe LaFreniere has 1 more year

Can nominate anyone, can nominate yourself. All seats are open.

Annual meeting Tuesday Dec 13th

The MRRRA Secretary needs to have ballot ready by the end of November, early December

Absentee ballot must be available 2 weeks prior to the Tuesday Dec 13th, per the Bylaws.

MRRRA Board Position descriptions are listed in the bylaws.

The current BOD encourages members to seek out current officers regarding positions and ask what is required. Would like to see newer members getting more involved.

Board meets on the First Monday of the month

Annual Meeting will be Dec 13 th 7 PM.

Vesper Country Club, typically drinks and dinner, details to follow

Elections and vote on base membership for 2017

Karen Scammell, will ask to increase base membership to \$150, will be proposed at November meeting as well.

Plan is to limit business, discussion to 15-20 minutes and allow the remainder of the time for socializing.

Board decided to raffle off a free base membership for 2017, you have to be present to win.

We need a quorum, it is very important that all members attend. Currently 94 members, we need 1/3.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM