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MRRA Meeting Minutes

12-Apr-05

MINUTES

Date 12 Apr 2005, 7:00 pm

Place Boathouse
Lowell, MA

Attendees BobS, PaulaK, AnneB, ChurT, BobB, BobL, RayS, KimballM,
PaulM, MarkS, MarkR, EdL, Joel, ShirleyJ, MarcC

1. Boathouse JayF/Joel changes to the Agreement draft never made it to the State, it was resent by Jay. Conversations ongoing for a multi-year agreement, preferably 5 years.

Key Inventory: We need to account for all the keys. Fess up, and bring your key or a note from your mother to the next meeting in May.

2. Membership Applications CarlP: All new for 2005 - online membership application allows new and returning members the opportunity to sign up for chores at the same time they register. Also, since the application data is collected electronically, the MRRA office staff concentrate on more important tasks like making an ice coffee run or testing the showers for traces of warm water.

BobS: For the Boat Captains' information, we are collecting body weights, heights and shoe sizes this year.

Joel motioned that a scale be tied to the upcoming card access system, so if you lied about your weight you are denied entry to the boathouse. The motion did not receive a second.

3. Boats 'n Racks

BobS:

- Boat and Rack Policy should be put out to the entire Club for review. In fact, this has been done by linking these documents to the online application form so that members can review the policies and swear that they have read them.
- FISA2 is fixed, Jay to pick it up. [Editor: PaulaK and PaulM are making a trip this Thursday 12-May to do the

pickup].

- Boat Wash is scheduled for 23-April. List of boat needs and feelings to be compiled.
- Private Oar People: Mark your oars or else we will graciously thank you for your donation.
- BobS to build a new Oar Rack for the back wall [Editor: The rack is built, to be installed soon]. BobS to conduct an oar inventory.
- V1 rigger has a twist. It's being fixed, and like the Oar Rack, the job is done and the rigger is in Bob's car.
- Discussion: Class-A boats versus "other" boats. Should there be a distinction based on "rec" versus "competitive" rowing capability. This discussion went nowhere, Secretary awoke a few minutes later with no notes taken.
- Racks: Decision to honor the list that BobS possesses. Next two available racks go to JimG and PaulaK.
- Dam ropes are not installed yet. Bob advises that you stop rowing before the boat goes vertical, and if at all possible, only row upriver from the boathouse.
- RayS sent CarlP an article on coldwater hazards to be posted on the web site. Not done yet.
- K1 discussion, boat stays or heads get busted.
- BobS / PaulM to provide CarlP with a list of boats for display on the web.

4. Festival Regatta

Spirited debate about whether or not MRRA is functionally capable of hosting the NE Masters Regionals. Discussion hosted by MikeS:

- Jody Pope from USR sees 300+ rowers
- JayF: All sculling events should/would become masters-only events.
- CarlP: Revenue hit if the mix of boat classes is significantly shifted away from high-margin eights to lower-margin singles.
- JoeL: Festival permit is currently only good for one day, Saturday 09-Jul.
- Starting line issue: Can we put together a USR-acceptable start.
- JayF/MikeS to figure out logistics for the May meeting. If they think it can be done, put to a membership vote.

5. Scholarships

Motion to continue the 2 x \$250 scholarships to the LHS. Motioned by BobS, second PaulM, unanimous approval.

ShirleyJ is looking for a warm body to attend the presentation:

The Athletic Banquet is May 26th at Lenzie's (the same place as last year). I need to know who will present the scholarships by May 13th so I can give the presenters name to the athletic office and the students who will receive the scholarships. I don't know who will present, if it will be Jay or Bob S or who ever.

6. Wrap-up

General discussion. Tentative stab at a May meeting agenda, motion to dismiss approved unanimously.

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