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MRRA Meeting Minutes

13-SEP-05

MINUTES

Date 13 Sep, 2005, 7:00 pm

Place Boathouse
Lowell, MA

Attendees Guest Minutes by JoeL, forgive him for not taking attendance.

1. Quad Discussion Request for general consensus on Quad Purchase:
Discussion: Joe L explained quad use at nationals, \$5k considered for purchase, storage problem and possible outside seasonal storage, limited racing opportunities offered for quads, 5k boat OK to use it in learn to row and for general club use but also for races.

Near unanimous support, no negative discussion, no no votes.

Note: JoeL opinion is that there is support for this as a non elite boat with broad access....we do need to address the speed and power of this beast at some point before it heads straight from the 2000m finish over the falls before Carl can slow it down.

2. Boathouse Status Joe L presented news regarding boathouse threatened with possible closing, need for new and varied funding, possibility of MRRA assuming greater management role but problem with lack of response from other programs.

Note: Tim, UML coach was in attendance and participated. UML has only @12 on men's squad.

Jen, LHS coach, was in the building but left without attending meeting.

3. TRR Polk ran successful TRR meeting.

4. Boathouse Status, followup JoeL, Liz, John Welch, John Carmichael, TimDe (new UML Coach) attended post meeting regarding closing threat and funding issues. Plan is to proceed with invitations to local politicians and civic leaders to attend TRR and visit a VIP

hospitality tent.

Joe L stressed that we can have people invited for observation, punch and cookies, and an award presentment or two but strongly suggested that this be WITHOUT any pressure or direct discussion of funding at the TRR. Need to establish location for VIP area, possibilities are deck, or area outside bay where Anita has set up in past. Discussion that if we do not use area outside bay for VIP then this should be kept open and Anita directed to find another spots as eights walk past here.

Submitted by JoeL. Comments to Carl@merrimackrowing.org.

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