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MRRA Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES

Date	11 Oct, 2005, 7:00 pm
Place	Boathouse Lowell, MA
Attendees	JohnW, ShirleyJ, JayF, JennL, PaulaK, AnnB, JohnB, TimDe, TimD, JenC, MikeS, JayF, RayS, LizA, AshB, GinnyL, JoeL, WilmaB, MollyG, ChurT
1. Par-Tay	First things first. Holiday Meeting/Party details were put forth by MollyG. By reducing the number of free drink tickets from 2 to 1 per person, we save nearly enough money to stock the men's locker room with styling gel for 5 years. Motion to have the December meeting at the Brewery in Lowell (same place as last year) was made by Molly, seconded by JoeL and passed with 45-1. The lone dissenter was JoeL who was morally opposed to tying one on using his own nickel.
2. LHS	JenC reports that LHS is buying a new boat, it's being built at this very moment. They will be running a \$5 raffle (prize: a backyard barbecue) to raise money to pay for it. Details to follow. Apparently, she has compromising pictures of the UML crew team, because racking this new boat is not an issue.
3. Quad Status	Enthusiasm for a MRRA quad is at a fever pitch (translation: TimD woke from a sound sleep to add his two cents). JoeL to form a committee to research the options, expectation is that a quad/four will run the \$5k to \$8k range, not including Secretary Carl's donated time to run a one-day clinic on steering a coxless quad, tentatively titled <i>"My Foot, Your Boat, That Bridge: An Insider's Guide to Navigating a Quad around Large Immovable Objects."</i>
4. Boathouse Status	From the Quad discussion, a motion quickly fermented which basically authorizes Jay and the Board to put together a long-term operating plan to the State. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. Boats	

- White FISA out with rigger aches.
- Boat captains to pick a Boat Wash date -- the crowd suggested first weekend in November, which translates to Nov 5.
- JayF to find out (a) when the boathouse closes and (b) when the docks come out. We are not sure at this time if the boathouse will be off limits over the winter, and we will deal with erg issues after we know that.
- The assembled mob directed that the Boat captains should put together a combination of asset tag + spray paint scheme for clearly marking all MRRA assets in the boathouse.

6. LHS Scholarships

A motion was made by JayF, seconded by JohnB and approved unanimously to continue the two LHS scholarships for \$250 each.

7. Financial

JohnB hit the highlights of our YTD P&L. We're not in terrible shape, but we should do a better job of establishing some kind of replacement reserve.

There was no real motion to adjourn, people just got up and started to leave at around 8:35p.

Submitted by Secretary Carl, Carl@merrimackrowing.org.

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