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MRRA Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES

Date 13 Dec, 2005, 7:00 pm

Place The Brewery
Lowell, MA

Attendees Yes

1. Boathouse Status **Winter Access --** JayF reports that the boathouse is officially off-limits during the winter months, but small groups using ergs are advised that if they don't leave footprints, there may not be an issue with occasional boathouse access.

Boathouse 2.0 -- Joel reports that the HB 1443 with money for the boathouse didn't get resolved yet but should be decided by mid-January.

2. Finance JohnB reported that we are in typical sound financial shape, although without knowing the precise amount of the TRR contribution to the MRRA, we don't know exactly how well we are doing. Once he gets the number from JimP, we'll be all set for tax season.

3. Boat Usage Presentation 73% of the crowd heckled Secretary Carl during his Boat Usage presentation, up from 58% last year. The increase in heckling was due to the 50% decrease in free drink tickets this year versus last. For the full exciting details about boat usage, you can [see the reports on the Members home page](#). Or you can wait for the movie.

4. Elections Speech by JayF. For some reason he wasn't heckled, probably because people were drinking heavily during the Boat Usage presentation, so they were pretty buzzed by the time Jay stood up. Anyway, Jay said he could not run for President, probably because of some scandal or another (pictures to follow).

He nominated Joel for President. Joe promised not to make any long-winded speech, so Wilma agreed to second the nomination. Joe then nominated Jay to fill the one-year remaining on Joe's term as Trustee, and this was seconded

by Molly. All other positions were unopposed.

A motion was made to approve the following slate of Officers and Trustees - which is officially known as the MRRRA Board of Directors:

- President - JoeL
- VP - MollyG
- Treasurer - JohnB
- Secretary - CarlP
- Captain - BobS
- Trustee - MarkR (re-elected to 3yr term)
- Trustee - LizA (2yrs remaining on term)
- Trustee - JayF (1yr remaining on term)

The vote to accept this slate was passed 27-1, the one abstention by JayF who was just protesting the lack of free drink tickets at this point in the meeting.

Notes: As dictated by the MRRRA Articles of Incorporation, the Board consists of 8 persons - five officers and three trustees. The Captain is a single position, and we will be redefining the role of Captain in the coming months. PaulM would prefer to "deal with bristly fiberglass instead of bristly people", so the notion of a singular Captain works for him.

5. New Business

JimP asked that we remind all TRR key contributors that there will be a meeting on Jan 17, 7pm **at the Brewery** to transition a new team into place for 2006. If you were vital to the 2005 TRR, then you are vital to this meeting in January.

Someone left a sweater at the meeting: Navy blue/black woman's, with zipper in front. If it's yours, contact Joe.

The meeting was adjourned. Joe proceeded to hand out free drink tickets to all those who supported him during his campaign.

Submitted by Secretary Carl, Carl@merrimackrowing.org.

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