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MRRA Meeting Minutes

13-JUN-06

MINUTES

Date	13 June, 2006, 7:00 pm
Place	Bellegarde Boathouse Lowell, MA
	Guest Minutes by Molly Ann -- the Secretary is in her debt for a job well done.
Attendees	JoelL., MollyG., JayF., JohnW., MarkM., JohnB., JimG., BobS., MikeS., Ray, Liz., Stavros, VirginaL., WilmaB., Chur., AnnB., JimP
Membership	Joe welcomed all absent new members. Contributions to club activities and work requests should be used as partial criteria for rack assignments and membership renewal criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns – Too aggressive• Nonconcern – Getting someone out who might be more active if they had a rack space.• Continue discussion; Propose idea at a BOD meeting and Vote on a full general membership club meeting.
Dock Work	1. Three weekends before FR including Memorial Day Weekend. LogBook documentation for volunteer efforts (setting docks, removed debris and cleaned) [Log your work hours in the log book]. Special shout out to: Ed Partyka = powerwashing, David Griggelstone cleaning out barge crap

2. Continued work efforts include replacement planks for Festival (some already put in by BobB and Ray)

Ownership of docks = purchased through UMass Lowell and uninsured (insured through UMass)

3. Signage: Getting permission from the DCR for signs for the docks. Tasks sign – MarciaB. (not to do the work, but to organize the sign)

4. Repairs – wood, angle, fix [Coordinate with BobB and BobS]

Community Rowing

National Learn-to-Row Day

[June 10]. Six rowers showed up in the pouring rain. Rowers got out, got on the erg, watched the video, etc. [Thanks to TIm, David, KenS and Ginny for the heavy lifting and all the other contributors and helpers on and before game day].

Sweeps Week. Week after Festival. Joe to write up a proposal for coaches/fees/etc.

MOTION to run sweeps week July 10 -14. Age 14 min 16 max, \$60/person with 70/30 split [70=MRRRA, 30=coaches?]

PASSED

NYSP. Molly to run 2 weeks in July if NYSP can coordinate.

Safety

Ginny ordered lots of equipment and was showing it to all attendees:

- Kits in each launch (safety items in a crate)
- LifeJackets
- Big horns

Basically, we've upgraded equipment and safety launches are loaded with gear. Mandatory when using launches:

- Wear life jackets
- Use kill switches

MOTION to purchase four nice vests for launch drivers
PASSED with unanimous votes.

Phone: Liz to call Verizon to see why outside pay phone doesn't work. [It's probably because no one told the guy in India who services that phone].

Captain's Report

Rowing Restrictions:

- No row below the 1500m mark with fast current

Boats:

- Vespoli heavy double – time to start looking for a replacement. Bad knees. It's in a condition where we could sell it. Our rate of use though will trash it. A good used boat would be a good replacement.

MOTION: to purchase Vespoli double up to \$5000 in the club funds plus salvage funds.

PASSED unanimous [Even Jay?]

Supplies:

- Buy two pop up style vendor tents with MRRRA logo (\$250-\$350 each) and Weatherproof Banner

MOTION to buy tent and banner. **PASSED** with unanimous votes.

Other:

- Flood Relief Fund Collection: Liz to look up.
- Don't leave food in boathouse. At end of this week, if it has doubled in size or turned an unnatural color, it's getting thrown out.

**FESTIVAL
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UPDATE**

Brought to you by Mike and Jim.

- Chief Referee has been acquired = Leah Penik.
Official Chief = John Quinn (shadow situation)
- Schedule = revised, Steve Lopez has updated copy as of today. All races capped.
- Coxes and Coaches at 7am
- Races 8am to 5:17 pm
- All Chairs Filled
- Letter to power boat club (Joel. and BobS.)
- Peg Landry to coordinate all volunteer efforts.
- JayF: Get the right people to close off the dam, etc.
Two contacts still to go out.
- Expand number of competitors, but already paid insurance.
- Next Festival Meeting
Tuesday June 27th at 7PM at the Boathouse

Submitted by VP Molly, vp@merrimackrowing.org.

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