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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	<p>Joe welcomed all absent new members.</p> <p>Contributions to club activities and work requests should be used as partial criteria for rack assignments and membership renewal criteria:</p> <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	<p>1. Three weekends before FR including Memorial Day Weekend.</p> <p>LogBook documentation for volunteer efforts (setting docks, removed debris and cleaned) [Log your work hours in the log book].</p> <p>Special shout out to: Ed Partyka = powerwashing, David Grigglestone cleaning out barge crap</p>

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=MRRA, 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 MRRA 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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