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MRRA November 2006 Meeting Minutes

14-NOV-06

AGENDA

Date	14 Nov, 2006, 7:00 pm
Place	Bellegarde Boathouse Lowell, MA
Attendees	Joel, LizA, RolandH, KentS, JoeBernard, PK, Ginny, MikeS, AnnB, JohnB, Jay, JohnW, JennL, PegL
Winter Projects	I. Winter Project: Review policies and procedures. Rack policies, Equipment use, damage, transport policies. Safety policy

1. Read actual policies
- a. Comment on suggested improvements/clarifications /changes
- b. Where are they?
- c. Make sure that policies can be easily located by club members

Board to review all club policies.

Organized Rowing Sessions

II. Organized Rowing Sessions:

1. Scheduled rowing groups:
 - a. Group sessions for novice/entry level/post learn to row scullers
 - b. Supervised youth row

Coaching/Learn to Row

1. Issue of providing limited coaching for MRRA members
 - a. learn to row,
 - b. Pay per use
 - c. Identify potential coach
2. Learn to Row:

Discuss changing to a paid coach/program manager.

Expanding sessions. Possibilities.m/w and tue/thurs

Also, add an earlier session.

Organized Rowing sessions

- Group row, e.g., Sat 11am, whatever
- Supervised youth row times
- Coaching
- LTR. Expand to include paid coaching, better coverage
- Identify paid coaching opportunities

Equipment

III. New Equipment: Bob Sengstaken: report on status of the fleet Members: urged to contact boat captain with any needs. Video camera. Boats: Likely construction/disruption

(These are TRR items listed here only as they relate to equipment)

TRR* Suggestion to TRR Communications:

Suggestions:

Identify a new type of radio and buy a "flock" of these; make the investment

JL initial suggestion. try VHF. Plus: no matter what manufacturer we buy from, these will "talk to each other"

Costco.com Motorola VHF radio's XV1100
\$139.99 ea

TRR Safety type ID Vests

Secretary to include "boat rank" on 2007 application. If you think there is a specific need for a new boat, email Joe/Bob.

MOTION: By Joe, Authorize purchase of a digicam for club use. Second Peg, passed UNANIMOUS.

Boathouse

IV. Physical Plant:

1. Discuss state of transfer to UML
2. Management:
Possible to agree to recognize UML as designated manager of the boathouse.
Pros/cons
b. Comment on website on suggestions.
C. Docks:
Carl..connect a dock
Problem: hard/heavy docks cost \$7-10k yr to set and haul and maintain
10' x 60' = \$20,000
How long is our span?
3. Issue of construction disrupting operations/programs/events in 2007

Boathouse transfer

- Transfer to UML is taking a while. DCR/UML need to establish property limits
- Docks coming out Friday (this is done)
- Dock discussion: UML will own the docks along with the boathouse. Joe will try to get Connect-A-Dock to make a presentation to UML in January
- Would be nice if MRRA could consult on bh renovation/rework

We need a January meeting location. If you have a place, preferably with a wet bar, write to Joe.

Don't yet know about winter access to the boathouse. Annual question of what to do with ergs.

Finance

V. Tax returns, Annual reports, charitable filing forms

Brief recap by JohnB. Its time for tax returns.

Government

VI. Elections: Need to review number of trustee positions actually authorized and determine which are up when. For some reason I have always thought that there were only two trustee positions authorized but that we have three. Note: Liz has informed me that she believes that her position may be up and that she does not intend to run for trustee again this election at this time. Discuss any change in format, i.e. ballots.

Party

VII. Christmas Party

Party will be at the Cafe Paradiso in Lowell, Dec 12 from 7 to 9:30p or when people stop buying drinks for the secretary, whichever comes first. NRSOs (Non-Rowing Significant Others) are invited and encouraged to attend. Invitation to go out shortly with details.

Elections. Secretary to come up with a pre-meeting nomination method to encourage new blood.

We might have a vote on K or Not-K.

TRR

VIII. TRR Report

While people may have a different idea, personally I would like to hold the "in general meeting" TRR portion to chairman's report. I believe that a more in depth TRR discussion should take place either in a designated TRR meeting or on a report to MRRA board.

TRR portion will be deferred to a TRR-specific meeting.

Other Biz

1... Board meetings over the winter, dates?

2... Design Review with UML on the boathouse? How to stay involved.

Yes.

Minutes submitted by CarlP.

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