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MRRA April Meeting Minutes

10-APR-07

AGENDA

Date 10 Apr, 2007, 7:00 pm

Place Bellegarde Boathouse
Lowell, MA

Attendees

Community - National LTR Day National Learn to Row Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 9. The club should receive t-shirts and promotional materials. Volunteers are needed, Joe is organizing the effort. Possible activities include erg, barge rowing, open house, videos, food.

Community - MRRA LTR Program The schedule for LTR is in two sessions, 4 weeks each, June 4 -June 27 and July 9 - Aug 1, Monday and Wednesday.

Volunteers are needed to help with these sessions.

Fees for the session are \$100, and are credited toward club membership. There was interest in hiring a paid coach, Jay will post a listing on Row2K.

Community - MRRA support for NYSP Funding for NYSP program. Molly requested and the Club voted to contribute \$500 to the NYSP program that Molly is coordinating this summer.

Community - LHS Support LHS made a request to use MRRA launches during the remainder of their season, for their hosted regattas and in case of emergency.

After much discussion, the club voted to approve the use of the 9.9 launch during the LHS operating hours of Monday - Friday, 3-7:30 PM, and for races. The other launches will be available only for emergency use. This is contingent on the high school contributing \$400/yr for maintenance.

Start of Season The membership form is [nearly] ready to go up on the web site as soon as job signup opportunities are ready [from PegL]. Each member needs to sign a new waiver, send a check, and make sure their swim certificate is current.

- Membership \$200 for single or family
- Rack space \$200 single, \$300 double
- Members with expiring Swim Certificates have been notified by email that they should renew.

Discussion of rowing for <18 yr old members [and whether or not we accept membership apps from standalone 18-yo applicants]. Joe suggested a supervised rowing session for younger members. After some discussion, this was tabled for the board meeting, with Joe to collect proposals.

Boathouse

There will be some construction activity during the season, but no schedule yet. We should have access to the boat bays even if the main building is temporarily closed.

Floors are going to be stripped and waxed this weekend (4/14).

The club needs to advise UML of scheduled activities like regattas, LTR, etc.

The old sailing area has mostly been cleaned up and will be used for staging of construction material.

LHS is moving into the old DCR space, and MRRA will share office space with UML.

Bob is planning a new hanging rack for a double.

Equipment

Boat Wash and cleanup -- BobS wants to hold the spring boat wash next Saturday, 4/21, 1PM.

All members encouraged to attend.

[Apr 18: Email announcement will go out if this is to happen, unlikely given current weather and boathouse status of this week].

Minutes submitted by KentS.

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