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MRRA Jul Meeting Minutes

18-JUL-07

MINUTES

Date	18 Jul, 2007, 7:00 pm
Place	Bellegarde Boathouse Lowell, MA
Attendees	Lotsa folks
Welcome to New Members	New members: Welcome to Dennis, Jen, and Ian, who joined since the last meeting
LTR	Learn To Row report: The first session was reported a success, and several students joined after completing the course. The current session has 7 participants, all have advanced to singles by the fourth session.
Boats; Equipment & Safety	Replacement single: There was discussion of retiring the white FISA heavyweight single.
	Some favored a more stable Alden or Maas, but the LTR staff felt a narrower single would be more useful (still heavyweight). Bob S. is going to investigate options, including Wintek, and make recommendations.
	Equipment Update: Liz and Ray's rack is fixed, Peg's rack has new lines and blocks.
	The hardware for the double rack is ready to install.
	Hudson repairs have been completed, and one of the FISA singles has a new skeg.
	The rack waiting list is going to be posted for interested parties.
Membership	Membership report: Carl reports 78 total members

for the season, including 12 students and the LTR group. Membership payments came in guite late this year, and ideas for improving timeliness were discussed. A motion was made and approved to set a date for annual dues for March 15, 2008. A late fee of \$50 will be added for memberships received after March 15. Bulletin board: Anyone with feedback or job cookbook information is encouraged to post it to the appropriate section of the TRR or Festival regatta topics. Please include in your cookbook entries which regatta the info is for. Kevs: The offices are to be rekeyed soon (this has been threatened for months). Liz has some keys available for the front door, with the caveat that they will stop working when the higher security locks are installed.

Reminder: The last person out should double check that the front door, deck door, and bay doors are all locked before leaving.

Boathouse report: There was a meeting of interested parties to discuss the boathouse renovation planning, held at UMass.

Three RFPs (request for proposals) have been submitted to architects for studies. A new dock system is to be included.

It is expected a series of followup meetings will be held as plans progress.

Next meeting: Second Tuesday of August, 8/14 TRR planning is expected to dominate discussion.

Minutes submitted by KentS.

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