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MRRA Aug Meeting Minutes

14-AUG-07

MINUTES

Date 14 Aug, 2007, 7:00 pm

Place Bellegarde Boathouse

Lowell, MA

Attendees Lotsa folks

Welcome to Welcome to new members Bob and Barbara **New Members**

Sherman and Mike Landry.

Boathouse update

The bay door lock is becoming difficult to close properly. Joe contacted UML about doing repairs.

Extra keys are available for the front door from Liz.

Festival Regatta

During the Festival Regatta, the University charged the club \$1400 for cleaning, but this was

negotiated down to \$500. The cleanup

requirements for TRR will be worked closely to

ensure that we don't overstaff.

The Festival regatta profit was ~\$200, but the final

numbers will need to come from the Festival

committee.

Anyone who worked the Festival and wants to contribute their job knowledge for future regattas can write up a cookbook entry and add it to the

bulletin board.

Boats; Equipment and Safety

Boat reservations for fall regattas: Use the bulletin board for signup requests, and boat captain Bob will arbitrate any conflicts and confirm use for the

events.

Boat lighting: The days are getting shorter, and anyone going out early should use a bow marker light.

Joe suggested getting some white LED lights for stern use as well.

Remember that in foggy conditions, the bridge should be clearly visible before venturing out.

Equipment: The club is going to purchase a set of Concept II hatchet blades (\$410/pr). Bob is selling the club a used pair for \$125.

Bob reported on his search for a single to replace the white FISA.

Canadian boats were ruled out on price, \$5-6K Likely candidates have been narrowed to Alden or Wintek, a decision will be made after a test row. These are about \$3500 to \$4K, depending on options. The retiring FISA will be put up for sale on Row2K.

TRR Carl gave a TRR update:

Permits and paperwork have been done, and the registration is ready on Regatta Central.

Powerhouse is going to be doing the timing.

All members should update their volunteer assignment preference so that Peg can coordinate jobs.

Sign up early for your favorite task!

Food concessions will be run by the LHS parents.

Anyone with ideas for shirt designs can contact Carl.

Minutes submitted by KentS.

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