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MRRA Meeting Minutes - 2008/04

16-Apr-2008

At the Chemsford PD

MINUTES

State of Row

The current state of rowing from the Bellegarde goes as follows:

- We have permission to use the boat bay portion of the house until 14-May when construction begins. Uncertain thereafter.
- The new docks are partially in; not enough for eights, but enough for 1x and 2x launching.
- There are porta-potties in the upstream fenced in area for your convenience. The fenced area has a padlock combo lock -- the solution to this lock is "DON1".
- **BOAT WASH AND FIRST ROW - THIS SATURDAY 26-APR, 8a to 12p.**
- We have additional TRR/FR materials that need to be removed from the boathouse. Two membership requests:
 - If you have significant available storage space that you could share with MRRA temporarily, please let us know.
 - If you are currently storing stuff for MRRA, let us know that too.
- Boathouse renovation plans are on the web at <http://biddoonline.com/projects.php?id=45>

FAQ

At this point you might have questions, for which there are no simple answers. In the spirit of making a good guess, here goes:

Can racked boats stay in the house? Maybe. At best, they will probably need to come out while the boat bay roof is shingled. At worst, we may be car-topping for a while. But if the roof work is the only impediment to racking, that

shouldn't be for very long.

Will rowing hours be restricted? Don't know. Joe will work with UML to make sure that we are coordinated with them so that construction trucks aren't blocking the bay doors when you return from an early row. Could this mean a formal system of regulated rowing hours? Don't know.

How do we get into the boathouse today? The short answer is that you don't, but starting after the boatwash, there will be the time-honored and traditional Key Access Fiasco that you have come to know and love. So stay tight with a keyholder, and you'll know when the boathouse is open.

More questions? If so, come to the next meeting and raise your hand, someone will have a really good guess.

Festival Regatta

After weighty discussion, it was decided to cancel the 2008 Festival Regatta for this year. CarlP to notify Row2k that we are cancelled due to boathouse construction.

LTR

Joe to meet with Lampron week of 21-Apr when he returns from vacation to determine feasibility of 16 pm classes.

DavidG nor TimD are available to lead the June session. MRRA members are encouraged to step forward now to avoid last minute panic. TomF mentioned that the new UML coach may be interested in doing this for a small fee.

We will do National LTR Day. **7-June.**

Membership

Membership system is closed temporarily while it is prepared for 2008. Renewing members will receive an email with last year's username/password when it's safe to renew membership in the on-line system. Members in good standing last year are still members this year until the renewal process is open.

Membership voted to keep dues and rack fees the same as last year, \$200 each. The student rate is kept at \$50 for any "18 or older student with sculling experience". All other students outside of this category are subject to review and/or may be mentored or closely supervised by a parent or guardian. LTR remains at \$100.

We are calling upon all members to renew this year, even in these uncertain times during the boathouse construction. The verbal timeline we have been given is that construction will be finished by early September, but regardless of the inconveniences we may incur, the outcome will be good, and club continuity is more important than ever.

Swim Certificates

No certy, no rowy. Make a copy of your swim certificate in case our copy gets lost in translation.

Equipment

Membership voted:

- To loan two large megaphones to UML, to be returned in working order
- To maintain two LHS scholarships for \$250 each. Joe will send out a message to Jen to let her know.

Minutes submitted by CarlP.

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