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MRRA Meeting Minutes - 2008/10

14-Oct-2008

At Sal's Pizza, Chelmsford

Attendees: Mostly Everyone

MINUTES

Agenda and Notes in stream of consciousness format:

I. Introductions:

- New Members Coach and Boathouse Director Veronika Platzer

Thank you to TRR for the pizza!

II. TRR...in brief first

- Initial Congratulations to all who worked to make it happen.
- Chairmen...Jay and Carl...Peg ...Toto award.
- Good cooperation from UML and LHS

Note: Need to organize and clean up buoys and equip.

Storage where?

Work party when?

III A Racing Report:

- Proud entries, good results
- TRR
- Other Races

IV. A Boathouse Hierarchy

- People have been very respectful in this regard
- Suggestion:
 1. For the most part, I am trying to and ask that MRRA members please leave Donald Lampron and Brad Navis alone
 2. Bring boathouse issues to the attention of a MRRA club officer, Boat Captain, or if appropriate the MRRA Safety Officer
 3. Club answers to Boathouse Director Platzer

IV B Safety Issues:

- Coach Platzer's Comments.

Coach Platzer stressed the use of proper nav lights: red/green on the bow and a stern light.

- Safety Committee
 - Past Safety Committee Head has volunteered to make a comeback: Ginny LaFreniere Will work with Coach Platzer with input from MRRA Boat Captain Note: New issue going forward we need to communicate with the swimmers
 - Lights. New Lights; bow and stern are available at the log in desk. Discussion about visibility of various lights.
 - Use of lights before sunrise and any low light/impaired visibility conditions
 - Note; When it is still twilight it is difficult to tell if the fog will dissipate or become dense; solution: lights.
- Note: Increase in shell traffic....hold to 1/3 1/3 1/3 up and down the river....caution around "Mother Rock" refrain from pieces around corner
- Encourage "communication" as in "hey scullers on your port bow"
- Sweep strokes should be encourage to communicate
- Water Temperature...Ginny check with H2O...new thermometer...
- Novice 4 oars in the water
- Bob S...comments as to time for full implementation
- Current water temp is 62 deg F as per H2O plant folk
- Plan is to go to universal 4 oars in the water rule as of 11/01/08, unless Boat

Captain determines advisable to do so sooner

- NOTE: Post meeting discussion and recalling previous suggestion: Bright colors stand out and are preferred for visibility and safety.
- Tie down boats at races...tie riggers to tent stakes. lower boats...short saw horses
- New Foam "towel" protectors....won't be lost to dry off boats

V. Docks;

- Log Jam: Ken did clean-up: Thanks...but too much for one person!
- Responsibility vs. organized work group; responsibility for clean up and log/debris... Removal needs to be determined
- Plan: Date for removal of docks? (not discussed)
- Removal, storage
- Non Skid tape purchased MRRA and applied UML

VI. Boat Use Issues

- Moot for season as to races so address later. Or at board level first.

V. Boats-For Sale

- Bob S

VI. Christmas Party!

- December 9th. VP JohnB to make site selection. Usual suspects are willing to eat around town to determine short list of options.

VII. Festival:

- Think about it.
- Do we want to hold, it?
- Is there a more beneficial date?

Changes to Format i.e. sculling/sweep/recreational/Alden

- Bigger/smaller longer shorter
- Discussion at November Meeting

VIII Old Business?

IX New Business?

- Coach Bauer Campbell addressed group.

X TRR Wrap_up

- Room for improvement
- New supporters:
 - Steve on AV, Norm (again)
- Awards:
 - Rower's appreciate them; no plans to decrease.
- New:
 - [Shelagh Donohoe](#).
 - Terri Slahive
 - Rep Tom Golden
 - USRowing Ref Amanda

Minutes submitted by Joel

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