

June 2004

In attendance: Shrewsbury HS, Worcester Public, Cambridge Rindge & Latin, Somerville, Bromfield School, and Lowell HS.

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm and introductions were made.

- 1.) Discussion on regatta, overall the end result was good but there are area's for improvement.
 - a. Better communication which will cause less confusion. Need to know about delays on the water therefore dock masters should always have communication if a race is delayed so they can hold up launching of shells. Possibly have a whiteboard in a central area that coaches can always refer to for an update and to know if there have been any delays. If possible all schools have Walkie talkies; that could mean school's are responsible for them or if the association has the extra funds they could possibly buy them.
 - b. Get more specifics of what is needed and make sure the needs are met.
 - c. Results need to be posted more efficiently so schools are not waiting until the break to know the heat results and etc.
 - d. School's are responsible to have spare parts for their own boats that can be kept at the DRC in case of any problems, that will also help with race delays.
 - e. Create a committee for future regatta's made up of coaches to help plan the regatta and be responsible for different aspects. If there is anyone who wants to help with this fall championship please let me know. We will definitely have a committee for the spring though so if anyone is able and interested to be on it please email me at some point.
- 2.) There was discussion of possibly changing the fall regatta date so that it is prior to the Head of Charles. If this was a possibility then an email ballot will be sent out to coaches. This was not possible for this year per say of the QRA, but it is an option we can discuss at the January meeting for next falls championship.
- 3.) There are 3 more charter schools anticipated to have rowing programs, Mystic Valley was one mentioned. If coaches know of any please email about them so we can extend them the opportunity to join our league and compete in the championships. As part of this and helping to develop new programs if coaches wanted to get together and go to schools presenting rowing and the opportunity of having a program to help bring about more fledgling programs.

4.) Entry of 4+'s. They will an event for 4+ for both men and women at the varsity level. The possibility of having 4+ events in the spring will be open for discussion at the January meeting. Part of the discussion on involving 4+ means that there will be stipulations. Through out the season if you race more than half the season in 8+, you will only be able to enter 8+ events, and vice versa for 4+ events. To keep track of this coaches will need to send their results from every race during the season to a person to be decided at a future date whom will track this information. Also this info will help to seed the heats better.

5.) We are still looking for a date for the spring championship, hope to announce at the January meeting.

6.) January meeting will be held on the same day as the Neira meeting and the New Englands meeting. Time and place TBA shortly.

7.) At the January meeting we should vote for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please think about this and have a nomination ready if you would like.