

MPSRA Championship Regatta Committee Meeting

Held at the Donahue Rowing Center on the 10 April 2005

Start:1:24 pm End: 2:50 pm

In attendance: Boston Latin, Bromfield, Brookline, Cambridge Rindge and Latin, Lowell , Northampton , Shrewsbury , Somerville , Wayland/Weston, Worcester

Please note that minutes are not chronological to keep relevant issues together. Example: motions made to vote on certain items.

Regatta Information:

- There will be 12 events: B & G 1-3 varsity 8+; B & G 1-2 novice 8+; B & G 1 varsity 4+

A motion was made to allow a B & G 3 novice 8+ to the schedule.

Motion passed unanimously with specific limitations: The event will take place at the end of the regatta and will not be part of the championship. With this specification it means that coaches from the programs involved will need to be on the water to run this event. There will not be a requirement for any of the personnel involved during the regatta to stay in place for this event, however if they so choose to there will not be an objection. Also, this event will not have medals awarded and will not be included in the point structure for the team trophy.

- All schools are only allowed to enter 1 boat per event and there shall not be any double rowing of crew members.

A motion was made that rowers may be allowed to row twice as long as it is between the 8+ and the 4+ race. A coach can seat a rower to compete in both events but this is only in the case where the rower will be in the 8+ event and then also in the 4+ event. You are not allowed to seat a rower twice between the 8+ events.

9 schools approve: Boston Latin, Bromfield, Brookline , CRLS, Lowell , Northampton , Shrewsbury , Somerville , Wayland/Weston

1 school opposed: Worcester

Motion passed

Fee Structure: the rates for the regatta have changed this year. We have changed the structure altogether.

- There will be a flat \$100 regatta fee then the cost for each entry
- It is \$45 for each 8+
- It is \$25 for each 4+
- The cap on the fees has been removed.

Other Pertinent Information:

- Entry information is due by May 8th to be sent to Angela Ruel 451 Winnacunnet Rd. # 309 Hampton , NH 03842. Entry information required will be team roster and completed waivers; actual entries; and payment. Please make the checks payable to Massachusetts Public Schools Rowing Association. Boating lists are not required until the day of the regatta.
- All registration information is available on the webpage: www.mpsra.org You will have the opportunity to create an invoice if needed so that you can submit to whomever may need it for your financial records.
- Coaches meeting is at 7:30 am, coxswains at 8:00 am and heats begin at 9:15 am
- A schedule will be posted on the web page by May 13 detailing the heat and final race times. This schedule will be firm and no changes shall be made to it.
- Bow balls, quick releases are required. Bow numbers will be distributed so please make sure you can affix them to your shell to maintain position through the entire race.
- On regatta day the parking lot will be open. Please inform parents that they are not allowed to park anywhere on the right hand side of the park, this side is reserved for crew trailers only. Vehicles towing the trailers must drop off the trailer and then move up to the left side of the lot to park also. There is a limited number of parking spots and once it is full parents will need to find other options.
- There is a small road way that you/parents can go down on the right that will bring you down next to the grass area where teams will set up, you are allowed to go thru there to drop off any thing needed for the team but you must follow up and exit the park.
- There will be an admission fee at the gate: \$3 per adult and \$2 per children and senior. This does not apply to competitors.

Host schools for this championship regatta are Shrewsbury High School and Worcester Public High Schools .

Host School Responsibilities:

1. Obtain lake and park use - Rich (WPHS) has already confirmed. The ability to drop off trailers the night prior to the regatta will not be allowed. The gates to the park will open at 6 am and teams will be allowed to bring in trailers any time after that. All trailers will be located on the right hand side of the lot when you pull in; vehicles that tow the trailers will not be allowed to stay within that area. They will need to move from that area and park in the upper lot. Parking in the upper lot will be available on a first come first serve basis. Once that area is full vehicles will need to find additional parking outside of the park.
2. Contact and set-up all required safety personnel for the regatta, this includes paramedics, divers, environmental police and any other outside support mandated by the QRA and the Lake Commission.
3. Equipment needed:
 - 9 launches and drivers - each launch to contain a paddle and 5 pfd's. Launches will be designated as 5 for referee use, 1 for traffic control, 2 for marshalls and 1 additional spare at regatta point. **All competing programs to provide 1 experienced launch driver***

Note: Dale (CRLS) has offered the use of 2 of their still water launches if someone has the ability to transport them to the regatta.

- 12 Radio's - designated for referees (5), launching dockmaster (1); traffic control (1); regatta co-ordinator (1); marshalls (2); finish (1); additional spare (1).

Additional Responsibilities to be fulfilled by participating programs at this years championship:

- Request for assistance with timing from Harry: Angela and Eric
- Co-ordinate with US Rowing Referees: Reba and Angela

Volunteers: There will be 4 shifts each lasting 2 hours for all area's starting at 8:30 am

1. Dock Masters - 4 per shift
2. Gates - 4 per shift
3. Finish Line - 3 per shift
4. Traffic control launch - 1 per shift. **This position will require a volunteer for a 4 hour shift, 1 for the morning and 1 for the afternoon.**

Total Volunteers Needed: 46

Anticipate 12 programs participating therefore 4 volunteers are required per school. Schools are to provide 1 volunteer per shift. I will need this information a week prior to the regatta so that I may organize and assign volunteers positions. Please let me know when the volunteers are able to help and also with what they are able to do. If they have more than one time slot available or experience with different tasks please note that for me but I will still only schedule them for 1 shift. It will be helpful to assign volunteers where they are most needed and also know who I can move around to be able to effectively give the most coverage for the day.

Medals:

- Rich (WPHS) designed and ordered 500 medals from Crown costing about \$3 a piece. By ordering this amount he was able to get the best price and we will have enough to last for both this championship and for the fall championship. Potentially there may even be some left still for next spring championship. I do not have an attachment currently to send out with the medal design but I will either try to send that out to all of the coaches soon or possibly have it posted on the web-site.
- Joelle (W/W) was not involved in this process for the medal design so she will speak to her sister about designing the ribbons that will be given out to the top boats in the events that will not have medals awarded.
- Medals will be awarded for all varsity events and for the 1st novice event. Depending upon the number of entries for each event will decide how many places will be awarded. There will need to be 3 entries for a 1st place medal; 4 entries for 1st & 2nd place and then 5 or more for 1st thru 3rd place. Ribbons will be awarded for the 2nd and 3rd novice events.

Team trophy:

- Rich (WPHS) was able to have a design made up for the team trophy. If everyone likes this design it would be \$500 and he already has someone who will pledge \$200 towards it. We would need to raise the remainder whether through donations or from regatta profits. It would be a plaque that has oars going in an arc at the top of it and each oar would have the team colors on it. All teams that are part of the MPSRA will be represented on it and then the Team trophy winners will each have a name plate put on the plaque with the year of the regatta. Please email Rich (WPS) what your oar colors are and the design as soon as possible. Rich's email is: starbeamsproductions@hotmail.com

Point Structure for Team Trophy:

		1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
1st Varsity 8+ Boys & Girls	6+	30	24	12	6	3	1.5
	5	30	24	12	3	1.5	
	4	30	18	9	1.5		
	3	30	12	6			
	2	30	6				
2nd Varsity 8+ Boys & Girls	6+	20	16	8	4	2	1
	5	20	16	8	2	1	
	4	20	12	6	1		
	3	20	8	4			
	2	20	4				
3rd Varsity 8+ & 1st Novice 8+ Boys & Girls	6+	15	12	6	3	1.5	0.75
	5	15	12	6	1.5	0.75	
	4	15	9	4.5	0.75		
	3	15	6	3			
	2	15	3				
1st Varsity 4+ Boys & Girls	6+	10	8	4	2	1	0.5
	5	10	8	4	1	0.5	
	4	10	6	3	0.5		
	3	10	4	2			
	2	10	2				

Other topics/discussions:

- All programs are encouraged to contact their local newspapers and inform them of the event. If any are interested and would like to join us for the part of the day or even all day have them contact me and I will try to accommodate them as much as we can.
- Suggestion was made to see if Sports Graphics would be available to come for the day. No one really took the initiative to look into this, but Eric and I will pursue information about this.
- Suggestion that programs should be made up and distributed at the regatta. Having local companies provide sponsorship for promotions to be included in the program. A great way to increase revenue for future events.
- Suggestion that for future regattas we look into other options in regards to medals that may decrease the cost. Currently with the \$3 per medal fee that
- Current plaques given out are the Christine Collins which is awarded to the 1st Girls Varsity 8+ and the Joe Garafolo which is awarded to the 1st Boys Varsity 8+. If anyone is interested to establish additional plaques for the other levels you are welcome to do so.

- Wayland Weston took the floor to request an exception be made for one of his entries. The girls team captain, whom has been rowing with the program for 2 years transferred to a small private school. Their team has grandfathered her in to allow her to finish out her senior year with the program as her school does not offer a crew program. It was requested that the committee make this one allowance to let her compete in this last championship. A motion was made and was passed unanimously. It was also discussed that it should be made known that this is a one time situation. If other questions or concerns arise they can be presented to the committee but it is the committee's sole discretion as what is allowed. Each situation will be reviewed on its own merits and no previous decisions will be allowed to affect the then current request. Just because there is an allowance made that does not mean going forward that allowance will always be accepted.
- Reba took the floor to verify that all of her rowers may participate even though they are from different public schools in the area. There are only a few of them but they do not have programs established at their high school and are allowed to participate in the Northampton Crew team

Anticipated entries: Please note this is the number of shells they are bringing, not necessarily the entry level they will be in.

Boston Latin: 3 GV8, 3 GN8

Bromfield: 3 GV8, 1 BV8, 1 GN8, 1 BN8

Brookline: 3 GV8, 3 BV8, 3 GN8, 1 BN8

CRLS: 1 GV4, 1 GV8, 1 BV8, 1GN8

G-Row: 1 GV4, 2 GV8, 2 GN8

Lowell: 1 GV4, 1BV4, 3 GV8, 1 BV8, 2 GN8, 1 BN8

Malden: 1 GV8, 1BV8, 1GN8, 1 BN8

Mystic Valley: 1 GV4, 1 BV4

Northampton: 1 GV4, 1 BV4, 2 GV8, 2 GN8, 1 BN8

Shrewsbury: 1 GV4, 1 BV4, 3 GV8, 3 BV8, 3GN8, 2BN8

Somerville: 1 GV8, 1 BV8, 1GN8, 1 BN8

Wayland/Weston: 2 GV8, 2 BV8, 3 GN8, 2 BN8

Worcester: 1 GV4, 1 BV4, 1 GV8, 2 BV8, 3 GN8, 2 BN8

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