

MPSRA General Meeting Notes
January 14, 2012

Representatives in Attendance:

Arlington-Belmont (Laura Rothman)
Boston Latin School (Shayne Rowan)
Bromfield-Acton-Boxboro (Holly Hatton)
Brookline (Joel Skaliotis)
Cambridge, Rindge & Latin (Dale Wickenheiser)
Duxbury (Kristenmarie McCarthy)
Hingham High School (Doug McCaig)
Lowell High School (Jessica Murray)
Malden High School (Sarah Jones)
Medford High School (Ed McCormack)
Mystic Valley Regional Charter School (Anne C)
Shrewsbury High School (Pam & Russ Krause)
Wayland-Weston (Brian Dedominici)
Westford High School (Eddie Bruce)
Worcester Public Schools (Rick Stavros)

Provisional Programs in Attendance:

Milton (John Rhee)
Nauset (Brett Fournier)
Somerville (Meli Mathis)

- I. Board Recap of Year
- II. New Program Introduction – Nauset & Somerville
- III. Provisional to Full Programs
- IV. Budget Discussion
 - Refunds from Fall Regatta – 2 proposals presented
 - Proposal A: Full entry fee refunded minus the \$125 program fee
3 programs in favor – Medford, Shrewsbury, Worcester
 - Proposal B: Refund the profit in a ratio according to entries paid
12 programs in favor – Arlington-Belmont, Boston Latin, Bromfield,
Brookline, Cambridge Rindge, Duxbury, Hingham, Lowell, Malden,
Mystic, Wayland-Weston, Westford
 - Proposal B approved – Checks to be mailed to programs.**
- V. Spring Regatta – Info from Lowell – Date is May 27, 2012
- VI. Vote on Proposals
 - Proposal 1: 11 – yes, 3 – no, 1 – abstain : **PASS**
 - Proposal 2: 14 – yes, 1 – no : **PASS**
 - Proposal 3: **Withdrawn**

- VII. Board Elections – (3) 3 year terms, (1) 2 year term, (1) 1 year term
Seated w/ remaining term - Angela Girard (1 year), Matt Hanig (1 year), Eric Girard (2 years)
Seats expired end of 2011 – Brett Fournier, Ken Gifford, Doug McCaig
Seats resigned in 2011 – Amy Byron, Kristenmarie McCarthy, Gillian Curran

Nominations:

Katy Ruderman nominated by Joel Skaliotis
Nick Wright nominated by Rick Stavros
Dusan Nikolic nominated by Doug McCaig
Laura Rothman nominated by Joel Skaliotis
Rick Stavros nominated by Ed McCormack
Matt Zatorski nominated by Laura Rothman

Proposal made and second by participant program to add 1 additional 3 year term for this 2012 election. 15 – yes : **PASS**

All nominations will have seat on board. Email voting to follow to determine terms.

- VIII. Designation of Seeding Committee
Volunteers: Pat Scott, Joel Skaliotis, Jess Murray, Nick Wright, Angela Girard
- IX. Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned

Proposal #1

Fall Points System

Was voted in to place for fall regatta 2011 to be voted on by leagues at January 2012 meeting.

<u>Event</u>	Varsity Eights	Varsity Fours	Novice Eights	Novice Fours	(Points) (Factor)
<u>Place</u>	18	18	18	18	
	4	2	2	1	
1	72	36	36	18	
2	68	34	34	17	
3	64	32	32	16	
4	60	30	30	15	
5	56	28	28	14	
6	52	26	26	13	
7	48	24	24	12	
8	44	22	22	11	
9	40	20	20	10	
10	36	18	18	9	
11	32	16	16	8	
12	28	14	14	7	
13	24	12	12	6	
14	20	10	10	5	
15	16	8	8	4	
16	12	6	6	3	
17	8	4	4	2	
18	4	2	2	1	

As in the past, the following notes apply:

*JV and Varsity events are combined for points purposes but separate for medals only

**Sculling events do not receive team points

Proposal #2

Submitted by Rick Stavros/ Worcester Public HS

Existing Rules:

Article XI, Section 4:

Section 4. Sculling

- a. In order for a sculling event to run at the regatta, the following conditions must be met:
 1. Entries must be received from at least 3 teams by the regatta deadline
 2. A minimum of 4 crews must be entered in the event
 3. All sculling boats must meet the seeding requirement of 2 races against 2 different teams (not necessarily MPSRA teams)
 4. Multiple entries from the same team will be allowed as long as they do not create new heats.

Proposal:

STRIKE current section 4 and replace as follows:

Section 4. Sculling and Small Boats

- a. Small boats:
 - 1) A small boat is defined exclusively as a straight pair.
 - 2) The pair event will be rowed within the sculling program, however, the pair will not be included in the sculling team points
 - 3) A rower in the pair, time permitting, may row again in another sweep event (double row).
- b. Sculling Program & order of events
 - 1) Boys & Girls Octuples (8x+)
 - 2) Boys & Girls Quads (4x)
 - 3) Boys & Girls Doubles (2x)
 - 4) Boys & Girls Pairs (2-)
 - 5) Boys & Girls Singles (1x)
- c. Event where there are more than 6 entries, the event will be run as a head race
 - 1) Any head races will be seeded according to Article VII, Section 6, subsections a. and d.
- d. All event will be run even if there is one entry
 - 1) Any event that has only one entry will be run for 2 years as a medal event.
 - 2) If, after the two year period, the event has no more than one entry, that event will be run as an exhibition event, with no medal or points awarded.
 - 3) Event will regain medal & points status only after entry by two different programs.
- e. Sculling Points will be awarded as follows:
 - 1) 5 points for 1st place
 - 2) 3 points for 2nd place
 - 3) 1 point for 3rd place
 - 4) If only one entry, only 3 points awarded to first place
 - 5) If only two entries, only first place points awarded.
 - 6) If 3 entries, only first and second place points awarded

Upon adoption of the above language, the same language, excluding subsection c., will be added to Article VII (Fall Championship) as Section 7.

REASONING:

The reason for this is to encourage small boats and sculling. Since we keep cancelling events every year, there is no incentive for coaches or programs to train rowers in these boats.

We should be biased against cancelling events, especially small boats, where programs, both small and large, can be sure to get athletes in races.

This is also meant to encourage programs and coaches to teach and coach sculling.

Proposal #3

Submitted by Rick Stavros/ Worcester Public HS

The coaches set up a standing committee to re-define the direction and future of MPSRA and report to the coaches before the start of the Spring 2012 Championship.