

MPSRA Annual Meeting
January 11th, 2015

I. Roll Call (Laura Rothman, MPSRA Secretary)

Present:

Arlington-Belmont Crew

Laura Rothman

Mark Grinberg

Boston Latin

Beata Coloyan

Kerry Kennedy

Nick Carter

Bromfield Acton-Boxborough

Holly Hatton

Brian DeDominici

Pam Erdos (parent)

Brookline

Katy Ruderman

Andy McLaughlin

CRLS

Kate Smith

Marcus Caimi

Duxbury

Michaela Streitfield

Hingham

Doug McCaig

Dusan Nikolic

Lowell

KC Lumbard

Malden

Sarah Jones

Medford

Ed McCormick

Methuen

Travis Gardner

Milton

Milos Nikolic

Mystic Valley

Nick Wright

North Quincy/Quincy High

Alicia Golden

Pioneer Valley Rowing Club

Bob Englehardt

Row Boston

Drew Tennant

Shrewsbury

Pam Krause

Russ Krause

Somerville-Everett

Stu Whitney

Wayland-Weston

Gavin Kelley

KariAnne Kulig

Worcester

Rick Stavros

Other/board

Pat Scott

Absent:

Nauset-Nauset Tech

Westford-Littleton

II. Vote on new member team applications (Katy Ruderman, MPSRA President)

New programs:

- North Quincy/Quincy High
 - Started in Fall 2011. Rowing both Fall and Spring.
 - 20 athletes combined across all squads
 - Rowing 4+s (for now)
 - Self-funded, no school support
- Pioneer Valley Rowing Club
 - All boats, from 1xs to 8+s
 - Bob (coach) is a teacher
 - 20-30 athletes
 - Club team

There was a unanimous vote to add both teams as provisional members

III. Treasurer's update (Mark Grinberg, MPSRA Treasurer)

- We are in a good position financially
- Both of the 2014 regattas made money
- Any regatta profits supplement our rainy day fund
- The current balance is about \$20k
- It costs approximately \$15-17k to run each regatta
- We collect \$26k in revenue from entry fees
- Revenue is supplemented by parking fees and t-shirt revenue
- In Lowell, parking fees go towards boathouse user fees, profit is then split between host and MPSRA

IV. Sportsmanship (Katy Ruderman, MPSRA President)

The goal of the MPSRA is to provide a positive experience for all athletes – this takes precedence over coaches' own priorities. All coaches agreed.

V. New Proposals to Change Existing By-Laws (Katy Ruderman, MPSRA President)

1. Proposal for a league fee (Rick Stavros, Worcester) – see Appendix 1
 - There was a unanimous decision to postpone the vote on this proposal until a later date
2. Proposal for additional event trophies (Nick Wright, Mystic Valley) – see Appendix 2
 - Amended language to specifying trophies for 8+s and 4+s, varsity and novice, boys and girls
 - The vote was as follows:
 - 15 for
 - 1 against
 - Passes as amended
3. Proposal for six separate team points trophies (Nick Wright, Mystic Valley) – see Appendix 3
 - Amended language so that there are separate boys and girls 8+s and 4+s points trophies, but there is one overall team points trophy (no trophies for overall 8+s and overall 4+s for combined genders)
 - The vote was as follows:
 - 12 for
 - 1 against
 - 3 abstain
 - Passes as amended
4. Proposal for new team points structure (Nick Wright, Mystic Valley) – see Appendix 4

- This proposal was withdrawn
5. Proposal for modified language in the by-laws (Nick Wright, Mystic Valley) – see Appendix 5
 - The vote was as follows:
 - 9 for
 - 4 against
 - 3 abstain
 - Passes as written
 6. Proposal for new team points structure (Mark Grinberg, Arlington-Belmont and Pat Scott, MPSRA Board Member) – see Appendix 6
 - Amended language to state that if there is a floating start (Spring Championship only), boats that do not make the final do not earn points
 - The vote was as follows:
 - 14 for
 - 1 against
 - 1 abstain

VI. Annual Board Member Elections (Ed McCormick, MPSRA Vice President)

- The following individuals were nominated for seats on the board:
 - Katy Ruderman (Brookline)
 - Laura Rothman (Arlington-Belmont)
 - Brian DeDominici (Bromfield Acton-Boxborough)
 - Sarah Jones (Malden)

There was a unanimous vote to accept all 4 individuals as board members

VII. National Schools' Regatta update (Ed McCormick)

- The regatta will be in Virginia this year
- It will be more structured than in 2014

VIII. Seeding Committee update (Nick Wright)

- Coaches are needed to serve on the seeding committee for the Spring regatta. The following coaches agreed:
 - Mark Grinberg (Arlington-Belmont)
 - Nick Wright (Mystic Valley)
 - Stu Whitney (Somerville-Everett)
 - Pat Scott (MPSRA board member & Regatta Director)

IX. Miscellaneous

- The following dates for upcoming erg races were shared with all coaches:
 - Bromfield, February 8th
 - Hingham, February 8th
 - Worcester, April 5th

Appendix 1

Proposal for a League Fee to participate in Massachusetts Public Schools Rowing Association sponsored Spring and Fall Championship Regattas.

By Worcester Public Schools Crew Team

Proposal 1:

Insert new section 9.3.2.f:

Pay an annual league fee of \$1000.00 payable by April 15. Programs participating in only one season shall pay a league fee of \$750.00. No program will be allowed to row in a league championship regatta if fee is not paid.

AND

Replacement of 9.8.2 with the following:

9.8.2 The Regatta Host & Regatta Director

- a) The hosting team or teams will submit a petition to host by February 1st for the spring regatta and March 1st for the fall regatta. The petition must include the following information:
 - i. Venue Information: Course description, launch site(s), trailer arrival & parking, and spectator facilities
 - ii. Budget for the regatta as described in 9.8.4
- b) MPSRA board of directors will vote on each proposal on their first board meeting in February for the spring regatta and their first board meeting of March for the fall regatta.
- c) MPSRA board of directors will vote on a Regatta Director for the year at their January meeting
- d) The Regatta Director will be paid \$1500.00 per regatta.

AND

Replacement of 9.8.4 with the following:

9.8.4 Regatta Budget:

- e) Fee Allocation:
 - i. Spring: \$600.00 of each full league fee will be used to pay for that regatta expenses.
 - ii. Fall: \$400.00 of each full league fee will be used to pay for that regatta expenses.
 - iii. If a program is a single season participant their \$750.00 will be used to pay for that regatta.
- f) Host Team Income:
 - i. The hosting team(s) will be paid a total of \$1,000 and 50% of T-shirts or merchandise sold at the regatta.
 - ii. The hosting team or teams will also receive 25% of parking revenue after all expenses of the regatta have been paid.
 - iii. Exception: DCR fees, UML, local government fees, and/or charges for the course, will come off the top of the parking fee before any split of percentages.
- g) The MPSRA will solely be responsible for the following regatta costs, which should be budgeted:
 - i. Referee fees & referee housing
 - ii. Port-o-potties
 - iii. Dumpster and/or trash removal
 - iv. Safety Launch gas
 - v. Communication Devices (Radios/walkie-talkies)
 - vi. Safety personnel
 - vii. Permits, Insurance & Sanctioning Costs
 - viii. Office Costs directly related to regatta operations
 - ix. Regatta Central & credit card fees
- h) MPSRA will be responsible for the cost of medals and trophies. These are not to be included in the annual regatta budget.
- i) MPSRA will be responsible for shortage in funding up to 20% above the budgeted amount approved. The host team will be responsible for all additional expenses.

- j) Additional revenues to helping cover the MPSRA Championships costs & the reserve can be achieved in the following way:
 - i. A sponsorship of the regatta by a businesses or groups, etc.
 - ii. Naming of trophies \$500.00.
 - iii. Host can increase their revenues by putting together a program book and selling ads.

Explanation of Changes:

An annual fee of \$1000.00 payable by April 15 of each year for your team to participate in both the Spring and Fall Championship Regattas.

There would no longer be an administration fee and boat entry fee charged for your team to enter in either regatta.

If your team rows only one season, the Spring or the Fall the League Fee would then be \$750.00 for that season. Payable by April 15 for the Spring season or August 15 for the Fall Season.

Any team that has not paid their league fee in full prior to the day before the championship regatta will not be allowed to row.

There would be no other charges for either championship regatta and each team that has three or more coaches would be required to have one coach assigned to the regatta director/host team(s) to assist where needed. Their names and contact information must be sent to the Regatta Director one week prior to the regatta. You may have your coach do a morning session or and afternoon session. The Regatta Director working with the host team will publish a list two weeks prior of what position are needed and times.

The funding of each of these regattas would be as followed;

- 1) Spring \$600.00 of each full league fee would be used to pay for that regatta expenses.
- 2) Fall \$400.00 of each full league fee would be used to pay for that regatta expenses.
- 3) If a program is a single season participant their \$750.00 would be used to pay for that regatta.
- 4) The hosting team or teams would be paid \$1,000 and 50% of T-shirts or merchandise sold at the regatta.
- 5) The hosting team or teams would also receive 25% of parking revenue after all expenses of the regatta have been paid.
Exception, if hosted in Lowell the additional charge for

athlete/rowers and course rental would come off the top of the parking fee before any split of percentages. This would also apply to any hosting team that charges a rower or course fee.

- 6) The hosting team or teams would have to submit a proposal to host and a budget by February 1st for the spring regatta and March 1st for the fall regatta.
- 7) MPSRA board of directors will vote on each proposal on their first board meeting in February for the spring regatta and their first board meeting of March for the fall regatta.
- 8) MPSRA board of directors will vote on a Regatta Director for the year at their January meeting
- 9) The Regatta Director will be paid \$1500.00 per regatta.
- 10) MPSRA will be responsible for shortage in funding up to 20% above the budgeted amount approved. The host team will be responsible for all additional expenses.
- 11) MPSRA will be responsible for the cost of medals and trophies. These are not budgeted items.
- 12) Additional revenues for to helping cover MPSRA costs and income in reserve in the bank can be achieved in the following way
 - A) A sponsorship of the regatta by a businesses or groups, etc.
 - B) Naming of trophies \$500.00.
- 13) Host can increase their revenues by putting together a program book and selling ads.

Section 9.8 of the MPSRA by-laws, hosting a championship regatta will have to be modified to reflex these changes

Appendix 2

Proposal to change the MPSRA Bylaws Mystic Valley Regional Charter School for the 2015 Annual Meeting:

By: MYSTIC VALLEY RCS CREW

In the spirit of 9.5.1, That the MPSRA create/buy a perpetual trophy for every event offered in both Championships. An attempt should be made to find a sponsor for a \$500 contribution. In the event that a sponsor for an event cannot be found, the trophy shall be named after the event a purchased using MPSRA funds not using the \$10,000 “rainy day” portion of the bank account.

Appendix 3

Proposal to change the MPSRA Bylaws Mystic Valley Regional Charter School for the 2015 Annual Meeting:

By: MYSTIC VALLEY RCS CREW

Separate of any point structures, Appendix B shall be modified as follows to detail the awarding of Six (6) point Trophies. This proposal makes no suggestion on the point structure. This proposal also does not limit an award of an overall trophy.

Point Trophies shall be awarded for the following categories:

- Girls Fours, Boys Fours, Fours- Overall
- Girls Eights, Boys Eights, Eights- Overall

Appendix 4

Proposal to change the MPSRA Bylaws Mystic Valley Regional Charter School for the 2015 Annual Meeting:

By: MYSTIC VALLEY RCS CREW

The points structure of Appendix B shall be scrapped and replaced as follows:

Points shall be awarded as follows:

The point trophies for the fours and the eights will be calculated according to the following scheme:

Place:	1st boat	2nd boat	3rd boat	4 th 4+/N8+	N4+
1.	16	13	11	9	7
2.	14	11	9	8	6
3.	12	10	8	7	5
4.	11	9	7	6	4
5.	10	8	6	5	3
6.	9	7	5	4	2
7.	7				
8.	6				
9.	5				
10.	4				
11.	3				
12.	2				

In the event of a tie, the Point trophy would go to the school ranking highest in the 1st boat race from among those schools tied. The Point trophy remains in the custody of the highest scoring school for one year. In the case of 6 or less entries in an event, the higher point levels will be eliminated until the levels of points equals the number of entries in the final minus 1. (Example: If there are 4 entries is the 4rd boat: 9,8,7 will not be awarded, 1st gets 6pts, 2nd gets 5pts, 3rd 4 pts., 4th gets no points for last)

Appendix 5

Proposal to change the MPSRA Bylaws Mystic Valley Regional Charter School for the 2015 Annual Meeting:

By: MYSTIC VALLEY RCS CREW

The parenthetical and or phrase “at the Board’s Discretion” shall be deleted from the bylaws in Article IX wherever they appear.

Reasoning: The rules outlined in the bylaws are either the rules or they are not. We should not have teams coaching violating rules. If they are wrong or onerous they should be removed from the bylaws, not waived on a case by case basis. Keeping the parenthetical creates an appearance of an atmosphere of laxity of rules and of whims/favoritism. Race day discretion should be empowered in the paid Regatta Director, who should report to the board after the regatta.

Appendix 6

Massachusetts Public School Rowing Association Points Trophy Calculation for Fall and Spring Regattas - Sweep

The following proposal assumes the following:

1. The greater the number of seats in a boat class, the greater the difficulty in creating a fast boat of that class. This is largely based on the idea that a boat is the sum of its parts – you need eight rowers to make an eight, whereas you only need four rowers to make a four.
2. The greater the number of entries in an event, the greater the difficulty in doing well in that event. For example, an event with fifteen entries is harder to do well in than an event with five entries.
3. The greater the tier of the event, the harder that event is to win. For example, the first varsity eight is more difficult to win than the second varsity eight.

Points should therefore be calculated from the given formula for sweep boats:

$$\text{Factor} \times \text{Number of Beaten Boats in Event} \times \text{Number of Seats in Boat}^* = \text{Points Earned}$$

Table A (Sweep Factors)

1 st Varsity	4
2 nd Varsity	3
3 rd Varsity/1 st Novice	2
4 th Varsity**	1

For example, in the girls' or boys' 1st varsity 8, with 8 entries:

Finishing Position	Factor	Boats Beaten	Total Points
1 st Place	4	7	252
2 nd Place	4	6	216
3 rd Place	4	5	180
4 th Place	4	4	144
5 th Place	4	3	108
6 th Place	4	2	72
7 th Place	4	1	36
8 th Place	4	0	0

* Coxswains Included

** Fourth varsity fours only, based on the principle that a 4th varsity four is of equivalent level to a 2nd varsity eight

Massachusetts Public School Rowing Association
Points Trophy Calculation for Fall and Spring Regattas - Sculling

The following proposal assumes the following:

1. The greater the number of seats in a boat class, the greater the difficulty in creating a fast boat of that class. This is largely based on the idea that a boat is the sum of its parts – you need four rowers to create a quad, whereas you only need two to create a double.
2. The greater the number of entries in an event, the greater the difficult in doing well in that event. For example, an event with fifteen entries is harder to do well in than an event with five entries.
3. Though the octuplet is raced at Massachusetts Public School Rowing Association Championships, it is a rare event and many teams do not have the equipment required to field this event class. Therefore, it receives the same points as a quad.

Points should therefore be calculated from the given formula for sculling boats:

$$\text{Factor x Number of Beaten Boats in Event} = \text{Points Earned}$$

Table B (Sculling Factors)

8x+	20
4x	20
2x	10
1x	5

For example, in the girls' or boys' quad, with 8 entries:

Finishing Position	Factor	Boats Beaten	Total Points
1 st Place	20	7	140
2 nd Place	20	6	120
3 rd Place	20	5	100
4 th Place	20	4	80
5 th Place	20	3	60
6 th Place	20	2	40
7 th Place	20	1	20
8 th Place	20	0	0

Massachusetts Public School Rowing Association Points Trophy Calculation for Fall and Spring Regattas - Middle School

The following proposal assumes the following:

1. The greater the number of entries in an event, the greater the difficult in doing well in that event. For example, an event with fifteen entries is harder to do well in than an event with five entries.
2. Younger athletes are better served by the symmetrical motions and stresses of sculling, but not every program is equipped to scull at the middle school level.

Points should therefore be calculated from the given formula for middle school boats:

$$\text{Factor} \times \text{Number of Boats Beaten in Event} = \text{Points Earned}$$

Table C (Middle School Factors)

1st 8+	20
1st 4x	20
2nd 8+	10
2nd 4x	10

For example, in the boys' or girls' middle school 2nd 4x, with 8 entries:

Finishing Position	Factor	Boats Beaten	Total Points
1st	10	7	70
2nd	10	6	60
3rd	10	5	50
4rh	10	4	40
5th	10	3	30
6th	10	2	20
7th	10	1	10
8th	10	0	0