

MPSRA Annual Meeting
January 27th, 2019

I. Roll Call (Laura Rothman, MPSRA Secretary)

Present:

Arlington-Belmont Crew
Alyssa Pomfrey

Boston Latin
Beata Coloyan
Jasmine Howard
Mark Grinberg

Bromfield Acton-Boxborough
Holly Hatton
Brian DeDominici
Pam Erdos

Brookline
Andy McLaughlin
Eddy Mog

CRLS
Catherine Davie
Ethan Dimmock

Haverhill
Connor Hayden

Hingham
Logan Greenlee

Lowell
Erinn McLaughlin

Malden
Sarah Jones

Medford
Meredith Penta

Milton
Jessica Burbridge

Row Boston
Kasha Ambroise
Samantha Clifford

Shrewsbury
Matt Hastings

Somerville-Everett
Kate Buckley

Wayland-Weston
Mike Baker

Worcester
Blair Granum
Mairecait Binienda
Jason Wigren

Other/board
Maddie Hopkins (Hamilton-Wenham)
Laura Rothman (MPSRA Secretary)

Absent
Duxbury
Methuen
Mystic Valley

II. Treasurer's Update/State of the MPSRA (Jasmine Howard, MPSRA Treasurer)

- Goals for 2018 were to lower cost of the regattas; have enough for a "rainy day" fund
- Expenses are decreasing; LRRR is more organized and using repeat vendors
- Currently in a strong position – much better than one year ago
- For 2019: team fees will go down to \$100 for the spring; \$75 for the fall
- Overview of expenses distributed – see Appendix 1

III. Discussion Topics

- Spring regatta date (Catherine Davie, CRLS)
 - Move to following weekend?
 - Concerns about conflicts with graduations; proms
 - Only allows one week before USRowing Youth Nationals
- Regatta (Mike Baker, Wayland-Weston)
 - Concerns about eliminating stakeboats, fairness of lanes
 - Pause in racing if course changes; make sure boats know before launching
 - Roughly half of teams prefer to cancel rather than run unfair finals
 - Time trials especially important (must continue)
 - If we go to 1000m must have aligner on shore with megaphone
 - Second round of time trials would be preferred over unfair/uneven finals
 - In the fall, rule for dress was inconsistently applied – if bad weather expected, coaches need to make sure kids are appropriately dressed/prepared – but it shouldn't be "disqualifying" – also communicate need for clothing in advance
- Spring seeding requirements (Laura Rothman)
 - 1st varsity 8+s and 4+s: 3 separate races vs. 3 different teams
 - All other boats: 2 separate races vs. 2 different teams
 - Must be MPSRA teams to count – other results will not be considered
 - The transitive property does not apply (you must race other MPSRA teams directly; you can't race a NEIRA team and compare your results to another team that raced that same NEIRA team).
 - If a certain boat does not have the required seeding results, that boat will still be permitted to race, but it will be placed at the bottom of the seeding order.

IV. Annual Board Member Elections (Laura Rothman, MPSRA Secretary)

- The following terms are complete: Holly Hatton, Jasmine Howard, and Andy McLaughlin.
- Steve Moriarty, Beata Coloyan, and Katy Ruderman have resigned their positions on the board.
- There are currently five people on the board. We can add up to six. We must have 5-11 people on the board.
- The following individuals were nominated for seats on the board: Andy McLaughlin, Jasmine Howard, Holly Hatton, Connor Hayden, and Mike Baker.
- A motion was made to add all 5 individuals to the board.
- The vote was as follows:
 - 16 for
 - 0 against
 - 0 abstain
- All 5 individuals were added as board members.

V. Miscellaneous business (All)

- Please make sure you have updated your contact info on the sheet that was passed around.
- If you want your team's picture on the web site, send it to Mark.
- If you would like to be part of the seeding committee in the spring, contact Mark.
- New coaches must read the bylaws! (available on the MPSRA web site)
- Pam Erdos and Chris Maietta will organize an administrators' group, all teams should provide their administrators' contact info for Holly.
- Bromfield is hosting an 8th grade sculling regatta the weekend of Regionals.
- CRASH-Bs needs volunteers!
- CBC is hosting a coxswain clinic in March.
- Somerville-Everett, Lowell, and Hingham are looking for coaches.

Appendix 1
MPSRA 2018 Report

2018 Goals:

Lower the cost of the regatta
Have enough savings to cover a "rainy day"

Result:

Lower team fees 2019

Current Bank Account:

\$41,059*

	2016	2017	2018
Fall	\$20,325	\$13,961	TBD
Spring	\$25,565	\$24,488	\$ 18,482

Services currently provided by LRRRA

Services Traffic Officers
Fire Dept/Divers
Dracut Police
EMT Rig - UML
UML Police
Environmental Police
Trash Removal

MPSRA Responsibilities

Regatta Director
Referees
HereNow
Medals/Trophies
Insurance
USRowing
Bibs

SERVICES Tent Rental
Port-a-Potties Rental
Radio Rental
UML Launch Rental Fees

LOC/Admin LOC Fee
Course Fee
DCR Staff & Permit Fees
Misc. (Generators, Gas, etc.)
Volunteer Snacks/Drinks/Etc
UML Fees (\$2 Per Athlete)
Cone Rental
Volunteer Lunch

REVENUES

Parking Revenue
Merchandise Revenue