

Meeting Notes From MPSRA Meeting on 2/15/22

Present:

Mark Grinberg
Holly Hatten
Catie Szymanoski
Oli Rosenblatt
Brian DeDominici
Connor Hayden
Katherine Faigen
Conor Fearon

Meeting opened with a vote on board positions (8:05 PM)

- Catie Szymanoski is stepping in as President
- Holly Hatten will be vice president
- Treasurer will be Oli Rosenblatt
- Secretary will be Katherine Faigen
- Outreach is Brian DeDominici

Spring race discussion. (8:13)

- Question at hand: Where can we hold the venue?
 - Rob and Jess are stepping down, and the board discussed who might replace them, where we might hold the race, and what questions we should consider in determining course setup.
 - The consensus of the discussion is that several board members would be reaching out to different programs to see the feasibility of hosting the regatta and placing the course. The aim is to reconvene at our next meeting in early March to decide on a location and action plan.
 - A following discussion ensued regarding Regatta Director for the spring. Names were put forward and the discussion pushed to the end of the meeting.

Continued discussion of middle school eligibility (8:32)

- This was a topic brought up at the MPSRA teams meeting in January about a rule in which 8th grade coxswains could cox in high school programs. We continued a robust discussion of the rule, evaluating the present rules surrounding middle school rowing, eligibility, and current practices of teams with middle schoolers and middle school programs.
- The decision after discussion: Let's further examine at the current rules alongside the new proposed rule and consider the discussion around
 - novice eligibility,
 - drawing (where you can draw students from),

- progression of coxswain,
 - and definition of certification.
- We'll follow up on this at our next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8:53. The next meeting will be 3/14/22