

8/8/2023 Minutes Board Meeting

Attendees: Kathy McGowan, Dottie Semonian, Liz Albert, Matt O'Brien

Accepted the meeting minutes from July

Boat house user notes shared

Jet Skiers can be rowdy- notified with city manager danger with speed and wakes

Lowell PD contacted

Justin was present for this meeting

Signed user agreement unchanged from last year on the last of 3 year cycle- agreed to as before

User notes:

Discussed; Jet skiers and the dangers. I have contacted the City Manager and Dan Rourke the Pawtucketville council member regarding the dangers of their speed and wakes for kayakers and rowers. Lowell PD has also been contacted. I urged Justin to reach out also to those previously mentioned. It was suggested by Andy if the jet skiers proceeded below the bridge creating no wakes that would be acceptable. It would need to be monitored.

The dangers of a high flow rate was discussed. Should there be a rate that makes rowing unacceptable? We have put out warnings and members have rowed with a high flow rate at their own risk. Generally we have provided recommendations not restrictions. KC and Kate were going to check out other clubs with similar flow rates and their policy for rowing.

Dock cleaning was reviewed. The new power hose does work but needs to be fixed. We all agreed that the docks have been cleaner this season.

We need to add docks for the TRR. Kate will have her staff work on preparing the land docks. Some Sat. In Sept. the docks will be added. We will need volunteers from the Club to help out. UML will look into a ramp for the dock.

Kate is working on the Gas locker. We may need a new one.

Surveillance cameras will be mounted soon.

The Band Width will be increased in the Boat House which should help with phone access.

Kate will work on a log book for the launches. She will contact Carl for assistance.

MRRA program directors need to communicate with Kate regarding their schedules and needs.

Please enter the Boat House with key cards while the Kayak program is running. They prefer that we do not walk through their intake area.

The boat from Lawrence is back and is on the trailer. We need to discuss with Ashley regarding its storage.

Rob discussed the course which is still 1/2 to be removed once the flow subsides. Hopefully it is undamaged. He added info regarding the dock set up for the TRR, and launch usage.

Kate and Justin showed significant interest in making the Boat House and programming work for all.

Danger of high flow rates stay above beach near docks

Currently we will stay with educating users regarding flow rate recommendations

Docks much cleaner this year

Gas locker needs TLC- Kate

For those that know they can't be here for the TRR Friday and Saturday

There will be an earlier Saturday to help add docks prior to the TRR

Board agreed to donate \$100 to Lowell General Cancer Center in memory of Elizabeth (Beth) Brassel, who was involved in Masters Sweep

Annual meeting at Lenzi's-Dottie to call about this -Tuesday in December

Peg sent a sign up sheet in regards to the TRR