

## **MEC 4/1/12 Meeting minutes**

Attendees

Bob

Erin

Vee

Jason

Roland

Mike P

Tim C

### **Automated MRRA login book**

Jay and Jason have been investigating options for an automated login with sufficient data base features for determining boat usage. No software was found or created. Jason began creating an automated login book, however, it quickly became apparent to him the time required to create a comprehensive login was well beyond his available time.

Roland has an Excel based Login spread sheet and will send to MEC members to test as a possible short term solution for an automated logbook.

The MEC believes at present there are no software solutions available for automated login at least for the near term; therefore, the manual log-in notebook will continue to be used by members until they are notified to use an accepted automated version.

Monthly Erin will manually keep track of club boat usage....no private rowing will be reviewed

### **Bird Deterrants**

Working and no longer an issue at this time

### **MRRA Ergometers**

It was unclear where the third MRRA ergometer was located; Vee had a model C erg in the Costello training room that was not being used and offered it as the third MRRA erg. The committee recommends each MRRA erg to be clearly labeled with "MRRA" and "For the use of MRRA members only". Sharing erg usage by the other groups has caused many unintentional problems in the past.

Erg storage will be on the 1st floor storage area at the end of the boat house opposite the boat bay and MRRA members will be able to erg in this area if they choose. It was noted that the area must be kept clean and orderly otherwise UML take notice and not allow the use of this area.

Vee offered to sell the MRRA one of UML's older model C ergs for \$300 - MEC recommends the purchase of this erg.

### **Open sweep**

Tim C. will negotiate a better/best rental rate for the 4- boat with Vespoli.

Jason presented a preliminary schedule for the 4- boat:

----June 12 the boat will on the premises for practices,

----First race for the 4-will be June 27-29

----Last race August 12 at this race Vespoli is expected to be present and able to take the boat back on their trailer.

Oars-The following oar specification for the sweep program was presented to MEC - smoothie 2 vortex -ultra light shaft - medium stiffness composite adjustable handles with blue foam grips - zero deg pitch - Concept2 \$330 x 8. Discussion included buying used

oars in place of new, the committee determined the best option would be to purchase new. - Mike will purchase on his personal credit card and be reimbursed by the MRRA - Oars to be shipped to UML

Oar storage - Vee will supply temporary space for storage of the new MRRA sweep oars and this could possibly become longer term storage pending investigation of the boathouse bylaw

### **MRRA Pair**

UML (VEE) would like to donate 8 training sweep oars to the MRRA in exchange for borrowing MRRA Swift Pair. Vee would need access to the pair 5 days of every week until May 11 to meet UML training needs- Fall requirements TBD - MEC recommends the Board to accept deal as it is unlikely any MRRA members will be able to / or have the desire to row the Pair before this date.

Given the short UML season, Vee requests the boards approval decision be given at the 4/2/2012 board meeting. If the board does not approve she will make other arrangements.

### **9.9 HP Outboard**

MEC recommends selling the older MRRA outboard for \$300.

The motor is too heavy for the aluminum skiffs and too short to fit the twin hull launches like the Brewer. MRRA Members will have 1st option to purchase before the motor is offered to the general public.

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