

MRRRA Board Meeting: September 8, 2015  
Boathouse: 6:25 PM

**Attendees:** Dennis McCarthy, Karen Scammell, David Morley, Joe LaFreniere, Bronwyn Chapman, Dottie Semonian, Terry Freeman, Chris Pucella (UML Boathouse Director).

Brief introduction of MRRRA Board to Chris Pucella. Review of each members duties. The additional committees within the MRRRA. Boat Captain, Equipment, Safety, membership committees.

**Sharing of the boathouse equipment:**

Chris Pucella has been receiving requests for UML Boat use. Discussion that MRRRA members requesting equipment need to ask the MRRRA Boat Captain. The Boat Captain will channel the requests to Chris. This includes requests for use of the trailer.

**UML: Back on the water.** Chris P realizing they need more Bow lights, borrowed some MRRRA bow lights. But, purchased more for his program today.  
Chris would like to see white stern lights on all boats in the AM.  
BOD reviewed with Chris that the MRRRA has “Strongly Recommended Stern Lights,” but has not made mandatory.

Joe LaFreniere: Chair of Safety Committee suggests the club follow the nautical rule of “**Sunset to Sunrise**” use of lights Bow and Stern.

Club members have been asked to use stern lights, headlights as a piece of personal equipment. Difficulty with attaching stern lights to various hulls.

**Chris Pucella, leaves the meeting, will return for Club Meeting at 7 PM.**

**Forming Boat House Building Commission:**

Karen in contact with Senator Donoghue: Goal to create a committee and find land on the river. Karen had brief discussion with David Cormier (Westford Recreation Dept/ Crew).

May be interested in being tenants.

Joe LaFreniere wants to make sure MRRRA plans this venture on our own to start. Does not like hearing about other towns, like Westford as part of the planning for expansion. “We have a history on the River.” He is urging the board to be cautious.

**Boathouse User Group Meetings:** Meets a few times a year. MRRRA President is a member. Joe LaFreniere would like to be notified when these meetings are scheduled. He would like to bring agenda items to the groups attention, through Karen if pertinent.

**Programs Update:** Terry Freeman

Learn to Sweep Session IV starting.

Masters Sweep, Open Sweep have entries in the HOOR. Will need access to 8”s and 4-Extra practice days. Karen will forward request to Chris P, Boat Captain not at meeting.

Dennis McCarthy concerned that the Stake Boats are still up river on the N. Chelmsford side.

Jim Deprofio has been reminded. LHS owns the Stake Boats and did not remove at the end of last season. Karen wants the BOD to know this is not a MRRRA problem. Not our equipment.

Meeting Adjourned 6:56 PM