

MRRA Equipment Committee (MEC)
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Type/Number	Regular/#1
Date/Time	March 1st, 10:01 AM
Meeting Ended	11:46 AM
Place	Boathouse
Chair Person	Daniel Ernst
Scribe	Daniel Ernst
-----	-----
Members	Present (Blank if Absent)
• Daniel Ernst	Present
• Linas Alinskas	
• Barbara Sherman	
• Bob Bowen	Present
• John Ballantine	Present
• Bob Sengstaken	
• Joe Bernard	Present
• Tim Wheatley	
• Karen Scammell	Present
• Roland Meijer	
• Denis McCarthy	
• Dave Morley	
Next Meeting (Date/Time/Place)	March 19th - 6pm, Boathouse Conference Rm.

MRRA Equipment Committee (MEC)
Meeting Minutes

Agenda

Action	Deferred/Discussed
-----	-----
Equipment to Purchase/Sale	Discussed
Launch Purchase & Boat Maintenance	Discussed
Oars	Discussed
Bird Deterrents	Discussed

Equipment to Purchase/Sale →

1. Sell the two Fisa singles
2. Sell and Replace an old Vespoli double → Replace with: New Vespoli double?
3. Sell and Replace the Hudson Single → Replace with: x25 lwt?
4. Sell and Replace Fluid Single → Replace with: Mwt?

Fisas are old and need to be sold, same with the Vespoli but due to need Vespoli needs to be replaced. The Hudson and Fluid are far too expensive to constantly repair, looking for something that will be just as if not more used that will be far more durable.

** Two Boats were not sold last year so selling the 2 Fisas will leave us even in the boat inventory, not lacking.

Launch Purchase →

The Board wishes to wait for next year as there is serious talk on unifying the launch fleet under UMass Lowell. This action would mean that access to any of the launches would be available to the club so long as the scheduling with the other groups (UMass/LHS) do not conflict which it is believed it will not. Waiting until this is determined will decide who takes care of what cost for a new launch, if there is still one needed.

Boat (And Launch) Maintenance →

There is to be figured out this year a new system that is more effective and aid in the Boat Captain's responsibility. Proposed by Daniel is a system designed like a web where the responsibility trickles down to those who use whichever boat (will be elaborated upon at the next meeting).

Also, training sessions to make members more aware on how to maintain and fix issues with the boats, as well as to standardize the riggers spacing. Will propose to Carl to add a "No Problems Today" button prompting faster reports on issues with boats, or some other system (fixed log book?)

MRRA Equipment Committee (MEC)

Meeting Minutes

Oars →

Daniel will contact Concept 2 to find out what needs to be done, if anything, and what Concept 2 can do, if anything to refurbish the oars. There will be a painting day to get all the MRRA Oars to look like club oars. (Likely late March or early April)

3 Sets of Oars will be purchased and handle size for current oars will be looked into.

Bird Deterrents →

Bob Bowen will rebuild the bird deterrent system. At the Users Meeting an agreement will be made for universal boathouse caretaking of the deterrent system. Bob and Daniel will also teach the different groups how to take care of the deterrents.

Miscellania →

Daniel and Bob B. will figure out the space allocation with UML as there are some issues with the current standings. (Old Quad is not in a space that is technically ours, etc)