

International Model Power Boat Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2014

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Present:

President, Chris Rupley
Vice/ Past President, Kevin Sheren
Treasurer, Brian Schymik
Secretary, Lynne Rupley
District 2, Tom Kelly
District 4, Paul Bychowski
District 5, Paul Trauffer
District 6, Larry Conrad
District 13, Doug Smock
District 14, Mike Schindler
National Gas Director, Chris Rupley
National Outboard Director, Bob Kensill
National Record Director, Doug Smock
Past President, Bill Zuber

Absent:

District 1, Luc White
District 3, John Otto
District 7, Jim Nissen
District 12, Don Ferrette
National Nitro Director, Don Ferrette
National Fast Electric Director, Chris Harris
National Scale Director, Joe Wiebelhaus
National Safety Director, VACANT
National Technical Chair, VACANT
Technical Review Mono, John Finch
Technical Review Hydro, VACANT

Guests in attendance:

Karen Kensill 9440 F CD
Peter Collinson 18431 PL
Steve Peterson 12677 S

Graham Lathan 18992 S
Terry Keeley 5394 S CD

Rob Betke 20993 S
Sam Bowden 21047 S

CALL TO ORDER:

President Chris Rupley called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:00 Central Time. The Secretary took roll call and determined a voting majority was present.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 5th, 2013 meeting of the Board were submitted for approval.

MOTION by D14 Mike Schindler to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. SECOND by Vice/Past President Kevin Sheren. Motion carried without dissent.

TREASURY REPORT:

Treasurer, Brian Schymik reported that all Regions Bank accounts in Alabama have been closed. IMBA funds are now held at Fifth Third Bank in Ohio. Current balances as of May 31 statement closing appear on financial report- Attachment A. We have 913 current members and a majority are utilizing the PayPal system. A MasterCard will be used for Petty Cash expenditures going forward instead of check reimbursements. The card statement will provide a detailed and simplified way to track expenditures. Brian noted areas where we are saving money and stated that IMPBA is currently in a good financial position and that Lynne will continue to look for cost saving measures.

MOTION by D6 Larry Conrad to accept the Treasury Report. SECOND by D2 Tom Kelly. Motion carried without dissent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

A good number of IMPBA events are planned for the season. A couple of cancellations early this year due to low attendance. The Nitro Nats are going well.

DISTRICT AND DIRECTOR REPORTS:

D2 Tom Kelly - The district has a full schedule. Racers are signing up late for events which has caused some clubs concern. The first race in Dayton was cancelled due to low number of entries. D2 will work with D14 Mike Schindler to minimize schedule conflicts. Dayton Club plans site improvements. D2 has an event scheduled nearly every weekend this season. He encouraged members to attend.

D4 Paul Bychowski - D4 has had two races this season. The June 8 race in Somers, Wisconsin went well, but was hampered by 25 mph. winds. He has not heard any feedback on the June 14 event. Next event is scheduled for middle of July. Races are scheduled throughout the season.

D5 Paul Traufler - The May 1 "RC Boat World Championship Series Race" was cancelled due to low turnout. Next event is scheduled for August 8 -10. There have traditionally been good turnouts. Record Trials are scheduled for August, October and November. These are also successful events.

D6 Larry Conrad - D6 has held two races. The previous weekend's event was rained out after one round. May 24 race went well although turnout was low due to holiday weekend. Three more races are scheduled over summer. Twin Cities Club has events July 19 & 20, and October 11 & 12. The Wichita Club has a race on September 13. Lots of rain in the District is causing high pond levels.

D13 Doug Smock - 6 races and a time trial have been held to date. Turnouts are low which seems to be the trend all over. The district has a new club forming in south Georgia. Doug has been in contact to encourage them to register with IMPBA.

D14 Mike Schindler - May 17 race had 150 boats entered. Sellersburg May 24 event was rained out. The Nitro Nats has 180 boats even with a few cancellations. The event is on track to finish as planned with open water each day. Everyone seems to be enjoying the event despite the 90 degree temperatures and high humidity. The district has a full schedule this season. Hobart information will be coming soon.

Records Director – Doug Smock informed the board that all records are up-to-date and posted on the IMPBA website. He has a few certificates to send out to new record holders. Time trials have been going well. Atlanta held their first Oval trial this year. 14 records were set during the event. There is a possibility that they will hold an additional time trial in the fall.

Gas Director – Chris Rupley reported that the Gas Nationals will be in District 5 on October 10 -12 in Reserve, Louisiana hosted by VooDoo MBC. There are over 100 boats entered already. The club puts on a great event and has a great site. This will be the club's third time hosting the Gas Nats.

Nitro Director – Chris Rupley reported on behalf of Don Ferrette. Charleston Model Boaters are very interested in hosting the 2015 Nitro Nationals in early June. A proposal will be submitted for board approval.

OLD BUSINESS

1-Year Trial Rule - Super Sport Exhaust by Kevin Sheren. It was noted that the change is a positive one for the Gas Super Sport Class as tuned pipes are quieter and cheaper.

ACTION: The proposal is slated to go to membership vote in December *Roostertail*.

IMPBA T-Shirts and Tri-Fold Promotional Brochures were printed in April with Board approval. Shirts are now available for sale. Info is on the forums and IMPBA website printable forms. Brochures left over from the Toledo R/C Show are available to clubs for the asking by contacting the office.

Can-Am Nationals name change request - President Rupley reported on a formal request made by District 1 Northern Lights Model Boat Club for the board's support to have their annual race designated as a "Nationals" event as they feel they are one of the largest and fastest growing IMPBA Districts. The board was polled on Feb. 6 since this meeting would be too late for the Club to get a decision. The Board responses indicated "Nationals" to be kept to the currently designated events. The resulting vote was: 1 Yes Vote, 6 No Votes, and 3 Abstain.

ACTION: The Board denied the request.

Safety Violations – A formal complaint of Safety Violations at the S.Tier NY RC Model Boaters May 17 & 18 event was filed by D1 Luc White after he received member complaints and saw a copy of a video which clearly showed spectators near the shore and launch area during racing. President Chris Rupley informed the board and a certified letter was sent to club president Pete Forcier on May 23. Chris spoke with Pete and was assured the club would rectify the situation immediately.

Charleston Protest - Chris Rupley reported a protest against Ron Shaw's boat in the B Tunnel Class at the 2014 OB Tunnel Masters on May 2 - 4. Proper protest protocol was not followed by the club and no inspection of the equipment was made. D13 Director Doug Smock, and Nitro Director Don Ferrette agreed to sending a formal warning letter to Mr. Shaw regarding the controversial flywheel. It was sent on May 6. (*Note: Points from the disputed class were disallowed.*)

NEW BUSINESS:

Sport B Outboard Tunnel Rule submitted by Bob Kensill - The proposal will allow interchanging of external parts from the same manufacturer for the same size outboard. Bob Kensill commented that the rule will allow a NAMBA stock motor to run in IMPBA class. Discussion clarified that air cooled parts may be used with water cooled, and anodized coatings may be removed. The rule aligns the class with what is available in outboard motors today.

MOTION by D6 Larry Conrad to put the proposal before the membership for a vote. SECOND by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION: Proposal will be put before the membership as a ballot for voting in December.

President Rupley noted that the ballots for voting will be in the December *Roostertail* and if passed would be posted in the March *Roostertail* as effective for the 2015 racing season. Results also posted online.

FE and Nitro Scale Unlimited Concours Judging Distance submitted by Don Ferrette – Proposed change from current 10 feet to 5 feet. Board members were not certain why the recently passed Gas concours judging rule was made 5 feet, and expressed concern that boats which actually race and are repaired should have the benefit of being judged at a distance.

MOTION by D4 Paul Bychowski to return proposal to the author for reconsideration. SECOND by D14 Mike Schindler. Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION: Proposal will be returned to the author for reconsideration.

Engine Classes Technical Clarification submitted by Don Ferrette – The purpose of the proposal is to clarify the Technical Standards for new boaters by adding the word "Nitro" to Article II, heading B. The point was made that no change is made to the rule. President Rupley noted that the board may take immediate action on a technical clarification.

MOTION by D14 Mike Schindler to add "Nitro" to Sec. K, Article II, paragraph B heading. SECOND by D2 Tom Kelly. Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION: Secretary will update Rule Book Section K.

Constitutional Amendment Secretary Position submitted by Dr. Gary Turner – The proposal would disallow a spouse, family member, or blood relative of a voting or non-voting member of the board to be appointed as secretary. Board members discussed the issue at length. Points were made that the secretary position strictly runs the office, does not advise the board, is a non-voting position, and therefore no conflict exists. The president cannot make appointments without approval of the board and has no executive privilege to act independently of the board. Past President Bill Zuber spoke on behalf of the submitter stating that the proposal was to address inability to remove a secretary who was a spouse. Board members noted that as a Constitutional Amendment proposal it was required per Article VIII - Amendments to go before the membership for a vote. President Chris Rupley stated that the board may choose to recommend the change or not. Several board members commented that it was the boards duty to remove a secretary who wasn't performing and no proposal was necessary. Comments were made that it would be difficult to fill positions if such a large number of candidates are disallowed.

MOTION by Vice/Past President Kevin Sheren that the board recommend this proposal be voted down.
SECOND by D13 Doug Smock. A vote was taken by district:

D1 - absent	D2 - Yes	D3 - absent	D4 - Yes
D5 - Yes	D6 - Yes	D7 - absent	D12 - Yes by proxy
D13 - Yes	D14 - Yes	Gas Dir. - Abstain	Nitro Dir. - Yes by proxy
FE Dir. - absent	Past/Vice Pres - Yes		

ACTION: Constitutional Amendment will go before the membership for a vote with the board recommending it be voted down. Ballot will be in the December *Roostertail*.

New Membership Card design proposal – IMPBA membership cards need to be ordered for 2015. Sample design was shown. Card is a perforated poly card. Slightly cheaper than the current integrated card style. Will use the flag style logo which was previously adopted as the official IMPBA logo. The Board accepted the design as presented.

ACTION: Secretary will order new membership cards.

Kevin Sheren noted that the T-Shirt design was done at no charge and IMPBA has full rights to use the artwork. He will obtain graphic files from the T-Shirt designer.

Decal Design Proposal – Secretary requested board approval to order decals to send with membership cards. A quote was presented for the IMPBA logo to be made as a contour cut 3.5 inch wide vinyl decal. Cost per 1000 laminated decals is \$218.75. Board members commented that samples should be tested to determine if they will hold up to Nitro fuel exposure. It was suggested that additional decals should be available to members by request and free of charge.

MOTION by Kevin Sheren to purchase 3000 decals to distribute to members - pending testing of sample. SECOND by D6 Larry Conrad. Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION: Secretary will test samples. If they survive Nitro exposure, she will order decals for distribution with 2015 membership cards with additional available to members upon request.

President solicited comments and questions from the guests in attendance.

Question was asked regarding T-Shirt cost versus income. It was noted that proceeds will go into the general treasury. Cost will be covered plus a small profit of possibly \$4 per shirt. A member commented that shirts should be available for purchase at events and from the clubs. A club could purchase a batch of shirts outright to resell so the money and inventory are accounted for.

Member asked a question regarding his specific membership. The secretary agreed to address the issue with him outside of the meeting.

Right to deny membership and single-event fees to boaters demonstrating unsafe behavior - Board discussed an RC boat racer who has posted videos demonstrating extremely unsafe practices. He has also claimed professional status but no proof is available. His behavior has caused a pond to be closed to all RC boat racing beginning in July. The behavior is harmful to the RC boating sport in general. The NAMBA board is considering a 5-year membership ban. Discussion ensued about ways to refuse single-event entries and/or IMPBA membership through a Safety Rule. IMPBA currently has no mechanism to do so. The boater has run in IMPBA time trials. He could put our organization in jeopardy. The possibility of putting a “no fly” list at the end of the Current List was suggested. This would require cooperation with NAMBA to get and give names of members suspended or denied membership.

Chris Rupley suggested D13/Records Director Doug Smock head up a committee to draft a Safety Rule Proposal. Doug accepted the task.

ACTION: D13/Records Director Doug Smock will draft a Safety Rule proposal to be distributed to the board. The Board will be polled. If passed, the safety rule will be immediately implemented.

Bill Oxidean is to be denied IMPBA membership due to a pending safety investigation. Any evidence collected will be sent to the office to keep on file.

Timing Equipment- Chris Rupley would like an inventory of Timing Equipment to be made by Records Director Doug Smock. Sensors and receivers are getting difficult to find. At present each timing depot has at least one spare receiver and transmitter. Doug also has a spare console.

ACTION: Records Director Doug Smock will prepare an inventory of timing equipment.

Rule Book - Chris reported that the Rule Book has been updated and reformatted and is online with the exception of the Hall of Fame Section D which is still being worked on. John Equi recently scanned photos and sent them to the office and a few bios must be researched and written. Anyone who has photos of Hall of Fame members or old directories is encouraged to send them to the office. Items remain which need to be reviewed and cleaned up. Chris noted that D2 Tom Kelly has agreed to head a committee to review the rule book.

Records Director would also like to solicit old records. He is currently archiving the "Black Book" and plans to put it online. Older records are proving difficult to find.

ACTION: D2 Tom Kelly will head a committee to review the Rule Book. D5 Paul Traufler agreed to assist. Especially noted were redundant Safety Rules which were to have been moved when the Safety Section was created several years ago. They will report their findings to the board.

Speed Patches - Kevin Sheren has inventoried the current stock and there are approximately 2,200. He suggests they be given out for personal accomplishments as long as the form is filled out. Board members had positive comments

MOTION by Vice/PastPres Kevin Sheren to send patches to clubs hosting Record Trials to be issued free of charge as IMPBA's recognition of a member's personal accomplishment. SECOND by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION: Kevin Sheren will send assortment of patches to clubs hosting time trials.

FE Nationals – Past President Bill Zuber would like to see IMPBA Fast Electric Nationals held in District 2. He questioned whether there was any chance current NAMBA FE Nationals could go IMPBA. Board discussed. FE is only recently becoming popular in IMPBA District 2 and the current FE event was created by NAMBA.

Sport 40 Grandfather issue - Guest member Steve Peterson noted that the transom on his design is narrower than current rule. He request minutes to reflect that this boat is grandfathered in case he runs it or sells it. Chris noted that boats which ran prior to the rule being passed were grandfathered. (*SIDE NOTE: minutes from February 20, 2013 discussed the grandfathering of existing boats*)

There are currently 3 grandfathered boat designs which have existing boats that were run prior to the 2014 rule change: MTO, Betke, Peterson. The board discussed the design from the same manufacturer as being grandfathered as long as it remains exactly the same. The difficulty of proving when a boat was built was discussed as a reason to grandfather the design. Any modifications would make it illegal. Steve offered to provide measurements of his current design. A makers marking was suggested.

The IMPBA Board recognizes the Peterson hull in its present form as grandfathered to be legal in the Sport 40 class.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Vice/Past Pres Kevin Sheren to adjourn. SECOND by D2 Tom Kelly. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Central Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,
Secretary

ATTACHMENT A- Financial Report

Account Balances 2014

Deposits include Membership Dues, Club Fees, Sanction Fees, Roostertail & Advertising & miscellaneous income.

	Nov-13	Dec-13	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT
PP Balance Forward	677.27	1,591.52	1,730.66	1,365.06	1,174.28	917.47	948.17					
PayPay Net Deposits	950.00	6,895.00	3,472.50	3,220.00	3,700.00	4,600.00	2,995.00					
PayPal Fees-net	35.57	(255.86)	(125.60)	(110.78)	(131.81)	(169.30)	(104.12)					
Transfers to Bank- Alabama		(6,500.00)	(1,500.00)									
Transfers to Bank- Ohio			(2,212.50)	(3,300.00)	(3,825.00)	(4,400.00)	(3,300.00)					
PayPal EOM BALANCE	\$ 1,591.52	\$ 1,730.66	\$ 1,365.06	\$ 1,174.28	\$ 917.47	\$ 948.17	\$ 479.05					
PAYPAL BANK EOM BAL.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,212.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 500.00					

This is a temporary transfer account only - moves to checking after PayPal system deposits.

	Nov-13	Dec-13	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT
CHECKING Bal Forward												
Checking Deposits			1,910.00	2,025.00	21,965.16	2,245.00	2,227.00					
Transf from PP bank acct				5,012.50	3,000.00	4,625.00	3,900.00					
Foreign Conversion/ Fees			(30.91)	(12.50)								
Debits/ checks written			(150.50)	(3,878.19)	(2,342.13)	(3,024.25)	(3,566.00)					
CHECKING BALANCE			\$ 1,728.59	\$ 4,875.40	\$ 27,498.43	\$ 31,344.18	\$ 33,905.18					

MONEY MARKET begin bal			15,213.55	15,215.47	15,217.81	15,220.39	15,221.65					
Interest			1.92	2.34	2.58	1.26	1.30					
MONEY MARKET BALANCE			\$ 15,215.47	\$ 15,217.81	\$ 15,220.39	\$ 15,221.65	\$ 15,222.95					
Petty CASH from checking					300.00	225.00						
PETTY CASH on hand EOM			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218.89	\$ 221.51	\$ 14.32					
ASSETS ON HAND			\$ 20,521.62	\$ 21,767.49	\$ 45,180.18	\$ 48,835.51	\$ 50,121.50					

Expense Report - Dec Jan include one-time expenses related to move of office. NOTE: Red indicates ALBAMA expenses & final quarter taxes

Federal 941-Quarterly taxes			895.57			895.57						
Federal 940-Annual tax		10.00	78.60									
Indiana Incorporation Fee												
Ohio Corp fee-one time -5-yr		125.00										
Ohio - Quarterly Tax												
City - Quarterly Tax												
ODJFS - Qtrly Unemploy Tax			17.54									
BWC - Bi-annual Tax			10.00									
Payroll -Net	1,414.89	1,414.89	1,353.57	1,353.57	1,353.57	1,353.57	1,353.57					
Alabama Ck for Petty Cash		175.00										
PO Box fee - annual		78.00										
Carbonite Backup - annual		59.99										
Phone	82.47	190.07	57.62	43.30	46.01	47.08	46.30					
Wireless / Internet Connec.	42.95	42.95	65.72	57.51	50.13	50.13	50.13					
Website hosting												
Conference Call Fees	106.83											
CPA Fees		78.75			175.00							
Legal Fees												
Postage - stamps and Intl.		73.85	238.85	4.43	12.65	11.54	20.23					
Wristband shipping			8.62	2.68	25.98	9.30	8.53					
Other Shipping												
Mailing Roostertail					38.99	33.77	33.47					
Office /mailing Supplies			65.51	51.88	3.49	101.62	77.29					
Printing-Roostertail					94.25							
Other Printing/ Rule Book						66.15	64.03					
Refunds by check		90.00										
Miscellaneous			312.19	100.00	299.18	139.99	1,491.00					
Trophy/Patch/Wristband/Life												
Regatta	125.00											
Officers Ins (Alabama pd)		535.45										
INSURANCE (Alabama pd)		1,024.00										
EXPENSE TOTALS	\$ 1,772.14	\$ 4,022.26	\$ 16,158.04	\$ 1,762.62	\$ 2,123.24	\$ 3,021.63	\$ 3,773.19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Expenses paid by check or petty cash - see individual ledgers for details (mbc, brochures) (mbc, shirts)