

# International Model Power Boat Association

## General Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, December 15, 2015

- Phone Conference •

### **Present:**

President, Chris Rupley	District 6, Larry Conrad
Vice/ Past President, Kevin Sheren	District 13, Doug Smock
Treasurer, Mike Chirillo / Brian Schymik	National Nitro Director (elect), Mike Betke
Secretary, Lynne Rupley	National Gas Director, Chris Rupley
District 1, Luc White	National Fast Electric Director, Chris Harris
District 5, Bill Zuber as proxy for Paul Trauffer	Records Director, Doug Smock
District 7, Jim Nissen	Past President, Bill Zuber

### **Absent:**

District 2, Tom Kelly	Natl OB Dir., Bob Kensill
District 3, John Otto	Natl Scale Dir., Joe Wiebelhaus
District 4, Alan Archer	National Safety, Robin Stebbins
District 12, Don Ferrette	National Tech Rev. Mono, John Finch
District 14, Mike Schindler	National Tech Rev Hydro, Don Ferrette
	National Tech Rev. Chairman, vacant

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Chris Rupley called the meeting of the General Board to order at **8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT**. The Secretary took roll call.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Sept. 1, 2015 Special Executive Board Meeting and the June 23, Annual Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

**MOTION** by D5 proxy Bill Zuber to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by D1 Luc White. Motion carried without dissent.

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Mike Chirillo who will be the new Treasurer, presented the report in Brian Schymik's absence. Mike thanked Brian for his years of service and discussed the Nov. 1 2014 - October 31, 2015 Fiscal Year Profit & Loss statement (*attached*). The Fiscal Year began with account balances of \$44,400. Income for FY was \$50,050 the majority of which came from Membership Dues. Club dues, race sanctions, and newsletter advertising makes up the rest.

Expenses for the FY were \$45,900. Two largest expenses are Payroll and insurance which totaled \$37,457. Net income for the FY was \$4,156. Current account balances as of today are \$54,146. Insurance for 2016 has not been paid out of this yet. Surplus from the year will remain in the regular account.

**MOTION** by Vice/Past Pres. Kevin Sheren to accept the Treasurer's Report. **SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Chris Rupley reported that the website will be updated with all of the new officers information in January. Events are posted as received. Clubs that do not sanction by June 1 will be deleted from the site.

The Secretary has filed the yearly Indiana Incorporation Business Entity Report, the P.O.Box and Carbonite backup renewed. Fiscal year reports were run from Quick Books and Lynne will work with CPA Tom Record to file the annual 990 Federal informational return. No software updates needed at this time. Membership blanks will need to be ordered for next year. Membership cards for 2016 are going out steadily. Certificates of Insurance will begin to go out once policy renews. Chris noted that we were discussing with the agent changing the renewal date to December 31 instead of January 31 since we are seeing early Feb. events down south. The current deadline only leaves a couple days to get insurance processed and could be an issue if there is a problem with a certificate. Current agent was unable to change for this year.

We *may* explore a facebook page for IMPBA to go along with the website which would allow the president to put notices up without the website needing to be changed as it does now. It would not be open for posting as monitoring would be an issue.

Vote power totals for 2016 have been established by 2015 Voting Member totals (*attached*). It was noted that the minimum number of voting members required for director to have a board vote is 15.

Nitro and Gas Nats are scheduled for 2016. The annual board meeting is slated to be held during the Nitro Nats in Rochester in July. Time and date will be sent to all board members.

The organization is in good shape with 45 clubs joining last season and several inquiries about starting new clubs. We had only minor safety and member issues. We have events being held early February to start season off.

### **DISTRICT and DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**D1 Luc White** – Good season. Numbers up from 172 previous year to 182 this year. One issue for this year will be the money exchange rate. The cost of a new membership would cost approx. \$81 Canadian.

**D5 Bill Zuber for Paul Trauffer** – D5 will have two clubs this year. Voodoo will dual sanction and hold at least one IMPBA sanctioned event and about 2/3 of their members are IMPBA now. Huntsville's new lake location is slated to have power and water eventually. Temporary air-conditioned restroom trailer will be provided by the city for events. Two pavilions and asphalt parking planned. New ADA compliant drivers stand to be built by the City in Spring after the records trial. Pres stated that he is very pleased to see the City support. A drone video of the site has been posted on the events page of the website.

**D6 Larry Conrad** – D6 has two clubs. Twin City usually sanctions at least 1 race. They had a lot of weed problems last season and are looking for new alternate sites. St. Louis Thunder Boaters have run their events in D4 at Mt. Vernon pond.

**D13 Doug Smock** - Attendance was down over years past for various reasons, but events went well and there were no accidents. Schedule for next year is being set.

**National Nitro Director** – (*Mike Betke to report on upcoming Nitro Nats, but lost phone service*) Chris Rupley noted they will be held in Rochester in July with same shootout format as Gas Nats. Expecting a good turnout. Flyer to come.

**National Gas Director Chris Rupley** - Noted that the Gas Nationals set for June 16-19 in Sellersburg, IN will open up for entries on RCRacingEvents at noon on Jan. 1. Expected to fill up fast this year. It will be a 5-round shootout format with total points going to the end to determine final round.

**National FE Director Chris Harris** - Electrics are growing in many areas and Chris noted that classes are being added for events. Glenn Quarles is holding a record trial in Valdosta in February which he hopes will attract electric. Luc noted electric was growing in D1 also.

**National Records Director Doug Smock** – *Many* records have been set. Updated records will be posted in the next day or so.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**New Treasurer appointment** –Mike Chirillo has agreed to replace Brian Schymik who is stepping down at the end of this month. This was approved by the board by an email poll in October.

Yes votes: D1, D2, D3, D5, D6, D7 ( no vote power-vote of support), D12, D13, D14, VP/PP,  
Nitro Dir., Gas Dir., FE Dir.,

**Tech. Review Hydro appointment-** Don Ferrette will begin in January when he finishes serving as Nitro Director. Board approved via email poll.

YES - D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D13, D14, FE Dir, Gas Dir.  
ABSTAIN: D12 and Nitro Dir. (Don Ferrette)

**2015 Executive Board Voting** - Mike Betke will serve as the new National Nitro Director. He was voted in by membership in September. In that same vote D2, D5 and President were unopposed and retain their positions.

**Logo decals for 2016** – Board approved the purchase of 2,000 decals @ \$218 per thousand. Total with shipping was \$454. Secretary to distributed with membership cards and by request.

**Rule Change Voting** – #15-002: Crackerbox class changes, #15-003: Guest Limited Membership. Set to close Dec. 31. To date 94 votes received. Both appear to be passing.

**ACTION:** Membership results by district will sent to Directors by Chris via email. Directors should reply with District Power Vote. Final results to be posted on site. Secretary will update Rule Book if required.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Website** – Secretary has been able to maintain the site and we will be able to renew at \$59.99 per mo. versus the \$150 for the support plan. Support can be purchased in ½ hour blocks if needed. Expected renewal cost approx. \$720 for the year.

**MOTION** by D1 to renew the website. **SECOND** by D7 Jim Nissen. Motion passed without dissent.

**Insurance Renewal** – waiting on quote from Brown & Brown of Florida. Director and Officer Policy is an auto-renew in the amount of \$991.

**MOTION** by D5 Bill Zuber for Paul Traufler to pay the D & O insurance policy. **SECOND** by D1 Luc White. Motion passed without dissent.

General liability expires January 31. Expecting increases as additional coverage days are needed. We have 100 days currently and we need to increase to between 115 – 125. We pay \$82 per event day with our current carrier (additional 25 days = approx. \$2,050 increase *if* rate stays the same. In past years they charged \$100 per event).

It was clarified that an event on the same day at two locations would count as two event days. In future, we may need to explore a pricing structure for sanctions based on the number of days an event is held as some are running 4, 5, or more days. We are counting open water days as a club function to get closer to the 115 number.

Chris and Lynne met with a local agency to try to obtain quotes from other specialty sporting event insurers for comparison. A detailed quote package was submitted and responses were that they don't feel they have a product at this time that would meet our needs. That agent suggested we should renew with Nautilus at this time.

Coverage is based on location insured with respects to supervised RC boat activity by a club. Members asked several questions about coverage. Secretary will follow up with agent and underwriter. The local agent of Brown & Brown may be able to help us more effectively. Lynne will meet with her and may be requesting that we change agent of record.

**ACTION:** Chris will contact the board when final quote is received.

**FOLLOW UP NOTE:** *The underwriter and agent responded to inquiries by phone to clarify that "official club activities" are covered as part of the basic policy. "Event days coverage" is for advertised races where spectators are expected or likely to attend (our Sanctioned events). The number of days we are requesting should be sufficient for the upcoming season events. Agent of record has been changed to the Ohio Brown & Brown Insurance company. Secretary will continue to inquire about the possibility of some kind of risk insurance that would give a benefit to our members if they are injured.*

**Trophies for Nationals** - Chris reported that we still have a Johnny Ber for a couple years. The LeFeber and President's Cup will be ordered for the Nitro Nationals. Approx. \$150.

**ACTION:** Chris will take trophies to the event.

**IMPBA Flags** – D1 Luc White would like us to look into getting flags for clubs to fly. Possibly a link to a vendor website so that no inventory would be needed. Members would order directly.

**ACTION:** Kevin Sheren will check with his source in Michigan to see if he would be willing to do a 3 x 5 flag, or other items such as coffee mugs to order from a link on our website to his business.

**RCRacingEvents** - will help sponsor the Nationals for an advertisement in trade.

**Secretary Position** - Secretary was asked to leave the meeting briefly for a discussion concerning her position. Brian Schymik came in late after another meeting. Chris thanked him for his years of service to the board and for helping to put the IMPBA in a better financial position than when he began. Brian has spoken with Mike concerning the duties and noted that the Quick Books transition has made it very easy for the treasurer to get information from the Secretary and stay on top of financials.

Kevin Sheren requested that the board give Secretary Lynne an increase. He stated she has done the job well and saved the organization money in several areas.

**MOTION** by VP/PP Kevin Sheren to give the Secretary a \$500 increase. **SECOND** by D6 Larry Conrad.  
It was clarified that this was a salary increase not a one-time bonus. Motion carried without dissent.

Secretary was recalled to the meeting and informed of the salary increase. Lynne thanked the board and will inform the CPA . VP/PP Kevin will verify if needed.

**International Regatta and Format for the US-1** – (Mike Betke was able to dial in to meeting at this time.) Mike discussed that members are trying to put together a formal proposal for offsite record trials to count toward US-1 awards. He noted there are several hurdles to address such as the “same hull” rule which would be hard to police. It would also need to be decided if the time trials should only be allowed on surveyed sites (not a current requirement). Some ideas were mentioned and when a formal proposal is put in it will be discussed further.

Mike recalled that Sport 40 was voted in as a US-1 class years ago, but it’s not in the rule book. Kevin suggested it might have been 2007. Also noted was that the John Bridge award section should be amended in the rule book. The award was returned to the family after not given out for many years. Secretary mentioned the Rule Book will be updated when December voting closes, so if possible any changes need to be verified and sent for that re-printing.

**ACTION:** Mike Betke to research Sport 40 issue and submit any findings to President.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was requested.

**MOTION** by VP/PP Kevin Sheren to adjourn. **SECOND** by D5 Bill Zuber.

Meeting adjourned 9:38 PM. ET.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

(2) Attachments:  
2016 Vote Power numbers  
Fiscal Year Nov 2014- Oct 2015 Profit & Loss

Call ID: 310169171

**International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 November 2014 through October 2015

**DRAFT**

	<u>Nov '14 - Oct 15</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	170.00
Club sanctions - Other	2,160.00
<b>Total Club sanctions</b>	<u>2,330.00</u>
Contributions incentive items	585.00
<b>Membership Dues</b>	
Family membership	970.00
J and JR Membership	940.00
Senior membership	41,270.00
Single-Event	795.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<u>43,975.00</u>
Newsletter sponsorship	685.00
Printed newsletter	910.00
Race sanctions	1,340.00
Rule book	225.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>50,050.00</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	50,050.00
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charges	1,169.60
Business Licenses and Permits	7.14
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	1,622.42
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	264.19
<b>Total Computer and Internet Expenses</b>	<u>1,886.61</u>
Conference Call Fees	100.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	15,387.35
Officers Insurance	991.00
<b>Total Insurance Expense</b>	<u>16,378.35</u>
Internet Connection	578.36
Miscellaneous Expense	70.00
Office Supplies	595.26
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	16,245.74
Taxes - BWC Semiannual	148.34
Taxes - City WH Qtrly	429.75
Taxes - Federal 940 Annual Tax	126.00
Taxes - Federal 941	3,582.28
Taxes - ODJFS Qtrly	243.00
Taxes - Ohio Withholding Qtr	303.63
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>21,078.74</u>
Postage and Delivery	947.40
Printing and Reproduction	824.72
Professional Fees	1,150.00
Refunds	430.00
Rental Post Office Box	80.00
Telephone Expense	606.09
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>45,902.27</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	4,147.73
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
Interest Income	8.36
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>8.36</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	8.36
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>4,156.09</u></u>

**DRAFT FINAL FIGURE--**

**CPA will deduct OCT withholding amounts  
 and add Depreciation Amounts**

2016 VOTING POWER - based on 2015 total membership

DISTRICT	2016 VOTING POWER	2015 Total	J & JR non-voting	S,F,L,PL VOTING
D1	2	182	-21	161
D2	2	191	-12	179
D3	1	49	-5	44
D4	2	117	-16	101
D5	1	66	-2	64
D6	1	47	-4	43
D7	0	10	0	10
D8	0	0	0	0
D9	0	5	0	5
D10	0	0	0	0
D11	0	2	0	2
D12	2	116	-12	104
D13	1	89	-8	81
D14	1	115	-14	101
D21	0	9	0	9
		<b>998</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>904</b>

998 TOTAL MEMBERS 2015

2015 VOTING MEMBERS BREAKOUT

	Senior	Family	Paid Life	Life/HL	
D1	140	18	2	1	161
D2	151	20	5	3	179
D3	35	2	1	6	44
D4	84	11	3	3	101
D5	52	4	4	4	64
D6	39	2	2	0	43
D7	7	0	3	0	10
D8	0	0	0	0	0
D9	4	1	0	0	5
D10	0	0	0	0	0
D11	2	0	0	0	2
D12	88	12	2	2	104
D13	68	11	1	1	81
D14	83	12	5	1	101
D21	8	1	0	0	9
	<b>761</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>904</b>