

International Model Power Boat Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 11, 2014

- Phone Conference •

Present:

President, Chris Rupley
Vice/ Past President, Kevin Sheren
Treasurer, Brian Schymik
Secretary, Lynne Rupley
District 1, Luc White
District 3, John Otto
District 5, Paul Trauffer
District 12, Don Ferrette
District 13, Doug Smock
National Nitro Director, Don Ferrette
National Fast Electric Director, Chris Harris
National Gas Director, Chris Rupley
National Record Director, Doug Smock
National Outboard Director, Bob Kensill
National Scale Director, Joe Wiebelhaus
Past President, Bill Zuber

Absent:

District 2, Tom Kelly
District 4, Paul Bychowski
District 6, Larry Conrad
District 7, Jim Nissen
District 14, Mike Schindler
Technical Review Mono, John Finch
National Technical Chair, VACANT
Technical Review Hydro, VACANT
National Safety Director, VACANT

Guests in attendance:

Alan Archer 19493 S – *D4 Director elect*

CALL TO ORDER:

President Chris Rupley called the special Board of Directors meeting to order at 7 p.m. CT/ 8 p.m. ET. The Secretary took roll call and determined a voting majority was present. The president suspended the regular order of business to discuss insurance. Special guest Jay Halbrehder was to discuss insurance but was unable to attend due to a family matter.

INSURANCE:

An overview of the Commercial General Liability (GL) Insurance was presented. Coverage protects the assets of members and pond owners from a variety of claims that can arise if there are damages or injuries to spectators caused by members during covered and supervised events. This coverage is *not* medical coverage for members. By participating in a sport such as RC boating, there is an assumption of risk. Liability insurance also covers the cost of your legal defense and any settlement or award should you or a pond owner be successfully sued. It is one of the organizations largest expenses, but is required by property owners, parks, and municipal governments in order to use their facilities for RC boating. Costs are staying fairly steady, but we do expect an increase for 2015 based on the number of members and event days. The current policy is up for renewal and we will receive a quote in January. The board will be contacted at that time with premium information.

We are investigating special risk insurance for members to see if costs *and* administration are feasible.

Return to Regular order of business:

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 19, 2014 meeting of the Board were submitted for approval.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Brian Schymik reported highlights of financial reports- Attachment A. IMPBA is solvent and has been able to run at small profit each year for the past several years. Total expenses for fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 2014 were \$47,051. Cost for 2014 GL insurance was \$13,054, 2014 Officers insurance was \$1,024. Income through Dues, club registrations event sanctions, advertising, newsletter subscriptions, T-shirt income and rule book income of roughly \$52,000. Although PayPal expense was 3.7% per transaction, more than half the income comes by PayPal and it is popular with the members for the convenience. The Medical Savings Account held at 5/3 Bank has \$15,229.37. End of Fiscal Year checking balance was \$28,539.84.

D5 Paul Traufler suggested contacting PayPal to see if IMPBA qualifies for volume discount..

MOTION by D1 Luc White to accept the Treasurer Report. SECOND by D12 Don Ferrette. Motion carried without dissent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

One incident report was filed for this year. It was a self inflicted member incident at the Fall Nats. The member was treated on site and later went for a couple stitches in his finger. The club followed all proper protocol.

Trophies for next season will be ordered. The President's Cup and LeFeber award will be ordered for the Nitro Nats and the Johnny Ber award for the Gas Nats is already on hand.

Membership was up just slightly to 1014 members for 2014, and we had a new club join District 13. The members live in Florida but run on a pond just over the Georgia line. Doug Smock was involved in helping the club get sanctioned.

The president would like to see a larger presence at the Toledo RC show if possible. Booths may be free or inexpensive for non-profits. Perhaps a joint venture with some of the clubs in the area just to get exposure.

DISTRICT AND DIRECTOR REPORTS:

D1 Luc White - The first year for the D1 Performance D' Excellence Point Series had good participation. District numbers are good. Gaining more French speaking members. Getting ready for next season. Hoping to host the Gas Nats in D1.

D3 John Otto –No D3 IMPBA clubs currently. There is some discussion about some NAMBA clubs wanting to go IMPBA if the 1 lap penalty for cutting a buoy is not addressed in D3. Clubs expressing interest in possibly sanctioning their clubs with IMPBA.

D4 Alan Archer (Director elect) – Alan is excited to be serving as Director and has plans to grow the district and get more people in the district involved. LSG is growing in D4. Jersey Skiff class is growing and the members are enjoying that. One idea the District is using is a "traveling" Jersey Skiff that they take around to various areas and let members try so they can see how fun they are to run.

D5 Paul Traufler - Still in active boating season in D5. Another event being held after Thanksgiving. It has grown and members seem to enjoy an alternative to the Black Friday shopping madness. Will be working in January planning next season's schedule. Meetings with the city are difficult to get until the first of the year. The Natatorium they use will be rebuilt in late 2015 and they need to see if and how that will affect the season. Trying to plan some heat racing events for 2015 in addition to the Time Trials.

D12 Don Ferrette - The district had a decent season. ODMBC was able to obtain a new pond this year and held their first District race in 4 or 5 years. Boat counts at events are up to back over 100 for the first time in several years. The combined FE and Nitro classes (B/P Mono combined and a B/P Ltd Hydro combined) has proven very successful, and have even been the largest classes with 2 and 3 heats. Trying to respond to what members in the district want. Race dates for the 2015 are set.

D13 Doug Smock – Overall, district is doing well. New club that started this year, the Nitro Ducks RC Model Boaters in Folkston, GA doing well, and they have a schedule put together for next year. They did have to cancel the last Grand Prix race. They lost a lot of tunnel racers to the Herb Stewart race in D3 which had changed their original date. The FE classes also had low sign-up numbers. Ready for next season.

D14 Brian Schymik for Mike Schindler – Brian thanked everyone for attending the Nitro Nationals in Evansville this season. They had 11 races in their district, and most had very good attendance. The last race in the fall was the largest turnout ever at that event with 180 boats registered. District numbers at 118.

Nitro Director Don Ferrette – Don reported that Charleston Model Boaters are excited to be hosting the 2015 Nitro Nationals June 24 - 27 (National format). Weather is hot, but not miserable, that time of year at low 80s typically. Cold pits, hot pits, and drivers stand are nicely shaded. It is great site and they work hard to put on a nice event. Some potential sites, but nothing firm for 2016 as of yet.

Gas Director Chris Rupley – The Gas Nationals held in District 5 on October 10 -12 in Reserve, LA hosted by VooDoo MBC were a success. There are over 170 boats that actually ran. The club puts on a great event and has a great site. This was be the club's third time hosting the Gas Nats. Attendance from all over the country. Possible that we will see some growth in western D5 and possibly eastern Texas. A club has bid to host 2015 and board approval will be requested during new business.

FE Director Chris Harris– Chris H. reported that FE is growing. He attended the May race in D13 which was nice. A Hopes to be around to other events more in the upcoming seasons.

Outboard Director Bob Kensill – Bob reported that attendance at outboard events has been very good. He is trying to find out more about a possible new outboard manufacturer – NovaRossi is possibly going to make a .21 outboard complete, which will give more options. Bob is working on a project that involves making parts on an aluminum 3D printer for very reasonable. Any parts you design can be created inexpensively and in quantity.

Scale Unlimited Director Joe Wiebelhaus – Joe reported success in D4, D14, and D2. He is glad to see the growth in D1. Races such as the Nitro Nats, the Evansville races, and the Hobart race are becoming very popular events for both Sport 40 and Scale contests. The classes are progressing very well and he hopes to see that continue and grow.

Records Director Doug Smock – 41 records have been set so far this year, so it has been very busy, and there is still one trial event to go in Hunstville, AL. Certificates are out to record holders and posted records are up-to-date on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Ballots coming up for December:

- **1-Year Trial Rule - Super Sport Exhaust by Kevin Sheren.** Chris noted that the change has been positive. There were no entries in 2013 in that class at the Gas Nats, but with the change they ended up with two full heats at the 2014 Nats,
- **Constitutional Amendment Secretary Position submitted by Dr. Gary Turner.** Chris reminded everyone that the board is not recommending this change..
- **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.

Nitro Nationals being held in Charleston was approved unanimously by a Board vote in August.

YES votes: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D12, D13, D14, Nitro Dir, Gas Dir.

NO votes: 0

Announced in the September Roostertail issue.

Late Season Membership Dues Clarification by Chris Rupley approved for Immediate Implementation by a Board vote in September

The \$30 Late Season Fee will be available to everyone both renewing and new. Making a new member pay the full \$60 for 3 months and then have to renew right away was potentially costing us new members.

YES votes: D1, D3, D5, D6, D12, D13, D14, Nitro Dir, Gas Dir, FE Dir, VP

NO votes: 0

The Rule Book has been updated to reflect this clarification.

Timing Equipment Inventory Update- Doug Smock

Flint, MI and Hunstville, AL both have a full set with 3 transmitters, 3 receivers, batteries, console, console battery charger, volt meter, and shipping case. The Eastern depot's spare receivers and transmitters do not have brackets. They will swap out the brackets from a bad sensor if needed. They do have a shipping case, but are storing the equipment in another container for ease of travel. Other spare equipment inventory: 1 transmitter, 3 receivers (no brackets), 1 console (can't confirm if it is operating), 1 spare shipping case minus the foam. Huntsville has an additional shipping case. Pictures of equipment to come. Files will be sent to the office.

It was discussed that the organization should start researching options for the future. Doug noted that Mark Bullard is working to develop a touch screen type system using infrared sensors. It will convert times and print out a time sheet. Cost of the system is unknown at this time.

Speed Patches – Kevin Sheren

Kevin still working on. They will be sent out for the 2015 season. Terry Keeley has received his.

IMPBA T-shirts – Kevin Sheren

Sold out of large shirts. Approximately 2 dozen XL. No formal inventory taken.

Rule Book Committee – Tom Kelly and Paul Traufler

No action taken to date. Now that racing season is closing, Chris is hopes to get something going on this. Looking only to clean up and consolidate rule book.

2015 Membership Cards and Decals – Lynne Rupley

2015 cards received. Printing looks fairly good, and they seem to be working well with our current printing system. We should have enough to get us through this season and most of next. They are starting to go out. Decals have been received and one is being included with each membership. Only 2,000 were ordered at this time to fill memberships. Life and Paid Life must turn in an application for address update to be able to send out decals to those. Too many bad addresses. Some were contacted during the Hall of Fame updating.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 forms – Printable forms have been updated on the website for 2015.

General Liability Insurance – Renewal at discount rate for club available, but insurance won't be renewed until January 31, so Certificates will go out after that for next year. Waiting on quote. We have an increase in event days this year that will affect the premium – hopefully not significantly. More events are being held and we want to make sure we have appropriate numbers.

Officers and Directors Policy- BB&T of Virginia held our policy for 2014 at \$1024. Brown & Brown of Florida has also quoted for the 2015 policy at \$991.

MOTION by D12 Don Ferrette to pay the Officers & Directors policy at \$991. SECOND by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION: Officers and Directors Policy will be paid and moved to Brown & Brown of FL.

Director Elections

Chris reported on the recent Director Elections. D13 is retained by Doug Smock and Alan Archer will be the new D4 Director. District 2, 5, 9, 10 & Nitro Director are up for elections next year for term to begin 2016. Nominations due by July. Voting will be in September.

Crackerbox Proposal by Garry Geiselman and Randy Rapedius – Proposal is an attempt to revive the Crackerbox class which has diminished over the years. Under the proposal no ride pads or strakes would be allowed. Skegged struts would be allowed and turn fins must be transom mounted and perpendicular to the bottom. The transom is clarified to be no more than 5-degree vee (deadrise) at the transom at 2-1/2 degrees per side. Spec Zenoah G260 PUM engines only and may run a stock unmodified 257 or the original 644 carburetor. The 45 - 50 MPH range will allow guys to get into the class fairly cheaply. Refer to proposal for more details. President recommended a 1-Yr Trial. A question was asked if National races are required to run under the trial rule if offering the class. President felt they should, but will allow deviation if posted on flyers.

MOTION by D1 Luc White that proposal be adopted as a 1-Year Trial Rule. SECOND by D13 Doug Smock. Vote by District taken:

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

Motion carries.

ACTION: Proposal will be published as a 1-Year Trial Rule to begin January 1.

FE and Nitro Scale Unlimited Concours Judging Distance re-submitted by Don Ferrette — Don resubmitted his proposal to change the judging distance from 10 feet to 5 feet as he was unable to attend the original meeting to state his case. The 10-foot rule hasn't been followed in years for a number of reasons – sometimes space constraints. It is a beauty pageant and extra effort and time spent should be recognized. Don was aware of the argument that boats that are raced can be damaged, but feels the repairs need to be better if they are to be recognized in *this* type of judging. President Rupley recognized this as a technical clarification that the board may take immediate action on. Scale director Joe Wiebelhaus was no longer present at this time to comment.

MOTION by D1 Luc White to adopt the change to 5 ft. as a technical clarification. SECOND by D12 Don Ferrette.

D1 - Yes	D2 - No by proxy	D3 - Yes	D4 - absent
D5 - Yes	D6 - absent	D7 - absent	D12 - Yes
D13 - No	D14 – No by proxy	Gas Dir. - Abstain	Nitro Dir. - Yes
FE Dir. - Yes	Past/Vice Pres – Yes		

Power votes: 8 FOR, 5 AGAINST. Motion carries.

ACTION: Change will be made to the Rule Book Sec. J and Sec. H and published in the upcoming *Roostertail* as an Immediate Implementation.

Hall of Fame Inductee Limit by Chris Rupley — Current rule allows two (2) nominations *per* district. There is no limit to inductees spelled out. This proposal makes no change to the number of *nominations* allowed, but would clarify a limit of *inductees* to two (2) per year. Board members concur that the limit is good and will keep the recognition elite.

MOTION by D12 Don Ferrette to adopt the change as presented. SECOND by FE Chris Harris. Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION: Change will be made to the Rule Book Sec. D and published in the upcoming *Roostertail* as an Immediate Implementation.

2015 Gas Nationals Bid by Rochester MBC in District 1 – Chris Rupley presented the board with the bid by the Rochester club to host the 2015 Gas Nationals. They propose a National format (no US-1) and shootout format to be followed. Potentially looking to hold the event July 16 through 19. Racing Thursday, Friday, Saturday, with overflow & travel will be Sunday. Banquet onsite available. Chris is working on drafting a formal Rule on this Gas format. It has been followed for several years this way.

MOTION by VP/PP Kevin Sheren to accept the Rochester Bid for the 2015 Gas Nationals. SECOND by D12 Don Ferrette. Motion carries without dissent.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Vice/Past Pres Kevin Sheren to adjourn. SECOND by D1 Luc White. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Rupley,
Secretary

ATTACHMENT A- Financial Reports

Expense Report - NOV 2013-OCT 2014 Dec/Jan include one-time expenses related to move of office. NOTE: Red indicates ALABAMA expenses & final quarter taxes

	Nov-13	Dec-13	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT EOFY
Indiana Incorporation Fee		10.00										
Ohio Corp fee- 5 Yr.		125.00										
Federal 941-Quarterly taxes			895.57						895.57			895.57
Federal 940-Annual tax			78.60						76.56			76.56
Ohio - Quarterly Tax									107.43			107.43
City - Quarterly Tax									14.08			
ODJFS - Otrly Unemploy Tax			17.54						50.00			
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	1,353.57	1,353.57	1,353.57	1,353.57	1,353.57
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	46.65	46.04	46.01	45.97	46.30
Wireless / Internet Connec.	42.95	42.95	65.72	57.51	50.13	50.13	50.13	50.13	50.13	50.13	50.13	50.26
Website hosting									225.00			
Conference Call Fees	106.83											
CPA fees		78.75			175.00				125.00			75.00
Legal Fees												
Postage - stamps and Intl.		73.85	238.85	4.43	12.65	11.54	20.23		14.16	7.75	11.50	3.89
Office /mailing Supplies			65.50	51.88	3.49	101.62	77.29			20.18	106.54	74.53
Printing-Roostertail		124.31			94.25			105.47		3.29	56.68	
Mailing Roostertail					38.99			51.83				13.20
Printing - Rule Book						66.15	64.03		43.97	104.58		14.75
Mailing Rule Book							33.77		13.35	30.00		29.15
Other Shipping								17.83	77.39	45.81		45.09
T-shirt Shipping PP												
Wristbands				149.25								
Wristband shipping			8.62	2.68	25.98	9.30	8.53	14.32	3.22	15.79	5.75	
NSF Fees & Check amounts			80.91	12.50					37.00	38.75	30.00	
Refunds by check		90.00								20.00	30.00	
PayPal Refunds		30.00	120.00			60.00	20.00	60.00	39.31	32.00	60.00	
Pay Pal Fees Gross	35.75	256.73	129.08	110.78	131.81	171.04	104.70	53.23	39.31	34.59	23.65	21.63
Miscellaneous			312.19		299.18	139.99	1,491.00			446.50	96.00	
Membership Cards										699.35		
Trophy/Patch/Life Cards	125.00				23.99					410.33	8.50	8.50
Regatta/Stipend		535.45							136.85			
Officers Ins (Alabama pd)		1,024.00										
INSURANCE (Alabama pd)			13,054.25									
EXPENSE TOTALS	1,807.89	4,133.99	16,488.02	1,885.90	2,255.05	3,252.67	3,897.89	1,853.03	3,426.28	3,386.99	1,952.44	2,711.28

Expenses paid by check or petty cash card --see individual ledgers for details

(Misc. Move)

(Misc. software)

(misc. brochures)

(Misc. software)

(misc. t-shirts)

(misc-decals)

(misc. batteries)

NOTE: PayPal Fees were later changed to NET \$1,100.92 making the actual total \$47,040.05

2014 EOFY EXPENSES \$ 47,051.43

Account Balances NOV 2013-OCT 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 EOMY
PP.com Balance Forward	677.27	1,591.52	1,730.66	1,365.06	1,174.28	917.47	948.17	479.05	623.73	581.32	910.35	687.74
PayPay Deposits	950.00	6,925.00	3,592.50	3,220.00	3,700.00	4,660.00	2,955.00	1,399.00	1,074.29	940.50	609.00	570.00
PayPal Refunds	-	(30.00)	(120.00)	-	-	(60.00)	(20.00)	(60.00)	(17.83)	(77.39)	(45.81)	(60.00)
PayPal Payments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17.83)	(77.39)	(39.31)	(34.59)	(45.09)
PayPal Fees	(35.75)	(256.73)	(129.08)	(110.78)	(131.81)	(171.04)	(104.70)	(53.23)	(39.31)	(34.59)	(23.65)	(21.63)
PayPal Fees refunded	-	0.87	3.48	-	-	1.74	0.58	1.74	-	0.93	-	2.04
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)	(1,125.00)	(1,000.00)	(500.00)	(750.00)	(806.58)
PayPal.com EOM BALANCE	\$ 1,591.52	\$ 1,730.66	\$ 1,365.06	\$ 1,174.28	\$ 917.47	\$ 948.17	\$ 479.05	\$ 623.73	\$ 581.32	\$ 910.35	\$ 687.74	\$ 384.44

PayPal Bank Bal. Forward	-	-	-	2,212.50	500.00	1,325.00	1,100.00	500.00	1,125.00	500.00	500.00	250.00
Transfers IN from PP.com	-	-	2,212.50	3,300.00	3,825.00	4,400.00	3,300.00	1,125.00	1,000.00	500.00	750.00	806.58
Transfer to Checking	-	-	-	(5,012.50)	(3,000.00)	(4,625.00)	(3,900.00)	(500.00)	(1,625.00)	(500.00)	(1,000.00)	(806.58)
PAYPAL BANK EOM BAL.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,212.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00

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

CHECKING Bal Forward	-	-	-	1,728.59	4,875.40	27,498.43	31,344.18	33,905.18	33,479.36	32,499.95	29,988.25	29,617.82
Checking Deposits	-	-	1,910.00	2,025.00	1,433.00	2,245.00	2,227.00	630.00	857.00	291.25	470.00	760.00
Transf from PP bank acct	-	-	-	5,012.50	23,532.16	4,625.00	3,900.00	500.00	1,625.00	500.00	1,000.00	806.58
Foreign Conv/Return Ck/Fees	-	-	(80.91)	(12.50)	-	-	-	-	(37.00)	(38.75)	-	-
Debits/ checks written	-	-	(100.50)	(100.50)	(3,878.19)	(2,342.13)	(3,024.25)	(3,566.00)	(3,424.41)	(3,264.20)	(1,840.43)	(2,644.56)
CHECKING BALANCE	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 5,873.08	\$ 340.00	\$ 1,728.59	\$ 4,875.40	\$ 27,498.43	\$ 31,344.18	\$ 33,905.18	\$ 33,479.36	\$ 32,499.95	\$ 29,988.25	\$ 28,539.84

\$20,532.16 transfer from AL, + \$3,000 from PP

MONEY MARKET begin bal	Alabama	15,213.55	15,213.47	15,217.81	15,220.39	15,221.65	15,222.95	15,224.21	15,225.51	15,226.81	15,228.07
Interest	0.36	-	1.92	2.34	2.58	1.26	1.30	1.26	1.30	1.30	1.26
MONEY MARKET BALANCE		\$ 15,215.47	\$ 15,217.81	\$ 15,220.39	\$ 15,221.65	\$ 15,222.95	\$ 15,224.21	\$ 15,225.51	\$ 15,226.81	\$ 15,228.07	\$ 15,229.37

Petty CASH from checking		175.00			300.00	225.00	221.51	14.32	M/C Bal EOM	M/C Bal EOM	M/C Bal EOM	M/C Bal EOM
PETTY CASH on hand EOM		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 218.89	\$ 221.51	\$ 14.32	CLOSED	\$ -	\$ 28.36	\$ -	\$ -

Alabama ck for petty cash moved from expense report - not an additional expense.

ASSETS ON HAND		\$ 20,521.62	\$ 21,767.49	\$ 45,180.18	\$ 48,835.51	\$ 50,121.50	\$ 50,452.30	\$ 48,806.78	\$ 46,653.77	\$ 45,783.63	\$ 44,403.65
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