

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Annual Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 23, 2015

- Phone Conference •

### **Present:**

President, Chris Rupley	District 13, Doug Smock
Treasurer, Brian Schymik	District 14, Mike Schindler
Secretary, Lynne Rupley	National Gas Director, Chris Rupley
District 1, Luc White	National Fast Electric Director, Chris Harris
District 2, Tom Kelly	National Record Director, Doug Smock
District 4, Alan Archer	National Safety Director, Robbin Stebbins
District 5, Bill Zuber proxy for Paul Trauffer	Past President, Bill Zuber
District 7, Jim Nissen	

### **Absent:**

Vice/ Past President, Kevin Sheren	National Outboard Director, Bob Kensill
District 3, John Otto	National Scale Director, Joe Wiebelhaus
District 6, Larry Conrad –voted by proxy	Technical Review Mono, John Finch
District 12, Don Ferrette	Technical Review Hydro, VACANT
National Nitro Director, Don Ferrette	National Technical Chair, VACANT

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Rupley called the Annual Board Meeting to order at 8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT. The Secretary took roll call.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of the November, 11, 2014 Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION by D1 Luc White to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. SECOND by D14 Mike Schindler. Motion carried without dissent.

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Treasurer Brian Schymik reported that the annual 990 IRS informational tax form has been filed by CPA Tom Record. It showed a \$5,557.92 profit for 2013-2014 fiscal year, which was a good year. Also first quarter organization/payroll withholding was filed.

Membership appears to be slightly down (897 through today), but actual paid Senior memberships are up by two as compared to the same week in 2014. The loss appears to be in Family/Junior memberships. We expect members to sign up through the end of the season. (*Note: In 2014 -additional 35 Full-Year and 40 Late Season sign ups by Oct. 31.*)

Profit and Loss statement covering 7 months of current fiscal year which runs Nov. 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015 was discussed. Current income to date is \$43,465.00. Current expenses are \$34,122.12. Expenses for internet, phone, teleconference calls are much lower than in past, however we did have expenses related to the new website. Insurance this year was up over \$2,200 from last season. Payroll is the other large expense. We have a surplus at this point, but still have 5 more months payroll, and minor additional expenses such as printing. We will use much of this surplus.

The insurance increase was questioned since we have been incident free. Secretary Lynne explained that the increase was due to industry increases and an increase in the number of event *days* that we insured for. Membership numbers only affect premium slightly. President Chris noted we may have to continue to increase this number to be able to cover the increased sanctioned and club race days. Note that one event can run multiple days. The insurance company did audit us. We were not required to send documentation, but gave verbal information. The insurer noted we must keep documentation to provide if requested. We cannot afford to cover 365

days a year. It must be made very clear that only sponsored, supervised events at insured pond locations are provided the General Liability insurance. *Its purpose is to provide protection to members and pond owners from third party (i.e. spectators/innocent bystanders) suits.* There is still confusion as to how the insurance works and directors need to be able to explain to their clubs that this is not medical insurance for members. This type of coverage is required by all corporate, municipal, and park board (and private) pond owners in order for us to be able to use their facilities.

The balance sheet showing Checking, Savings, and PayPal Transfer accounts held at Fifth Third Bank in Toledo, OH was discussed. We also have assets on account at PayPal.com which are regularly transferred to the bank. Total assets on hand are \$53,752.33. Organization is financially sound at this time.

Financial Reports attached.

MOTION by D5 Bill Zuber to accept the Treasurer Report. SECOND by D1 Luc White. Motion carried without dissent.

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

President, D2, D5, D9, D10, and Nitro Director elections coming up. Robin Stebbins of Virginia has been approved as the new National Safety Director. He is a member of District 12 since 2007. The new website is up and running and the application process seems to be working well. Online voting will be offered using a similar form. All votes will be verified for eligibility as they are now. A button will appear at the top of home page when voting is open.

The organization is generally healthy. We welcomed back St. Louis Thunderboaters this season. We have had some race cancellations due to pond issues and some due to low sign-up numbers. Some of those events will be rescheduled. The membership demographics indicate racers are staying close to home to attend events. Districts with lower totals members are showing decreased race attendance.

We have not received any nominations for the President position to date. Chris stated he would be willing to serve his second term.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Lynne restated the membership numbers are down overall, but paid senior memberships are at or slightly above numbers for this same week in 2014. District Vote Power for ballots will be based on paid senior & spouse membership numbers at end of 2014: D1, D2, D12, & D14 have 2 votes each; D3, D4, D5, D6, D13 have 1 vote each; D7, D8, D9, D10, D11 & D21 have 0 votes. Nitro, Gas, FE, VP each have 1 vote; President will serve as 1 tie-breaker vote.

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

**D1 Luc White** - D1 at about 154 compared to 172 previous year. Ottawa Valley Racers lost their site and are searching for a new one. Numbers up in Quebec and Rochester. S. Tier NY Club has had to cancel events due to weed problems. Lanaudiere Quebec, ON club had 74 boats at their recent event. Members from the states and western Ontario attended. Luc noted he was pleased with the progress of Rochester in preparing for the Gas Nats.

**D2 - Chris Rupley reported for Tom Kelly** - District is strong and boat counts are good for events. Cleveland club did not renew this year, and Performance MBC will not be hosting any events. Membership numbers in eastern part of Ohio are down.

**D4 Alan Archer** - Season off to great start. Three races have been held. There is an increase in membership in the district. Badger Club has seen members return who have been out of the hobby for ten years. Good boat counts at events. The new club presidents seem to be very enthusiastic to changes. The Marquette Club is developing a new race venue. It will be a premier race spot. Refer to the June Roostertail for pictures of the location.

**D5 - Bill Zuber reported for Paul Trauffer**- Currently two clubs in D5: Huntsville and Voodoo. Two events at Huntsville had to be cancelled this year due to low number of entries – the World Championship Point Series that is in conjunction with Voodoo, and Jean Taylor/John Hall Memorial was turned into a club fun run. It was a good time anyway. Record Trial end of July 31 – Aug. 2. will likely be mostly FE since it will be very hot weather. Huntsville club was informed that the city has a 2-3 year plan for improving Braham Park and adding two additional pools. The club is working with the city to relocate the model boating site further up on the hill, on the same side of the lake, but more to the center of the lake which would be good for SAW record trials.

**D6 - Chris Reported for Larry Conrad**- Larry mentioned that D6 has been having weed issues this season.

**D14 Mike Schindler** – D14 is also experiencing weed issues at ponds, but copper sulfate treatments have been effective. Great numbers, had over 180 boats two weeks ago in Evansville. St. Louis Thunder Boaters, a D6 club, held their event at the D4 Mt. Vernon, IL. pond with River City Club assisting them. River City has used that facility in the past, but was unable to get a club established in that area. The lake is a fantastic location so they are glad to see St. Louis utilizing it. The race went well and had 80-90 boats. May event had over 150 boats. Clubs are starting to have to limit boat entries which is a nice problem to have. Next up is Madison, IN. District in good shape.

**National Nitro Director - Chris reported for Don Ferrette** – The Nitro Nationals scheduled for Charleston, NC. had to be cancelled due to low number of race entries.

**National Large Scale Gas Director Chris Rupley** - 2015 Gas Nats preparations going well. Currently at 240+ boat entries. It was limited to allow proper time to run the classes without rushing everyone. There will be 42 heats per round. The format used since 2010 has been very successful. 5 rounds of heat racing in a shoot-out format with the top 6 points advancing to the final round. Heats running Thursday, Friday, Saturday which leaves Sunday open in case of rain delays or a travel day for out of town entrants. On-site banquet is held where members vote for the Johnny Ber Award recipient. Chris plans to write this up for the Rule Book LSG section as an alternative to the long format which hasn't been used the past several years due to the time commitment from both racers and host club.

**National FE Director Chris Harris** – D12 and D13 districts each have an FE series in conjunction with their district series. The Spring Nats in Atlanta had a very strong FE presence and even drew NAMBA FE racers. FE definitely seems stronger in the South. Luc White noted that P Hydro is strong in D1 with 11 boats entered in that class at their last race. Chris Rupley noted that IMPBA has a new FE Club – the Michigan Fast Electric SAW Club in Fort Gratiot, MI. Joel Mertz is president. They are working on securing a race site. Alan noted D4 has some renewed FE interest. Chris Harris would appreciate directors sending him an email highlighting FE in their districts.

**National Safety Director Robin Stebbins** – Robin mentioned that he would like to see a rule regarding mandatory life jacket use in retrieve boats. It is currently only a recommendation. Luc W. noted that in D1 he suggests to his clubs make it part of their club rules to wear the life jacket as its quite easy to fall out while reaching for a water logged boat.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**T-Shirts**- Large & Medium sold out. Just a few of the 2x, 3x, and a couple 4x left.

**Single-Event Fee** – The fee was raised to \$15 this year. New forms available on website. Other organization members may be used as many times as needed during the season.

Board approved by email. YES votes: D1, D2, D3, D5, D6, D7, D12, D13, D14, Nitro Dir., Gas Dir.

Rule Book has been updated to reflect this change.

**Speed Patches** – The existing stock has been distributed to clubs that hold record trials: Portersville, PA-D1, Flint, MI- D2, Huntsville, AL- D5, Atlanta, GA - D13, and Elizabeth City, NC - D12.

**Website** – New site was approved by the Board at a special meeting February, 24, 2015. The board approved a \$1,600 quote. Final price was negotiated down to \$1,260. This covered initial design set-up, first year of hosting and support. Domain name was purchased for 9 years at \$154.53. The support was a big factor in choice.

**2015 Trial Rule** –Crackerbox Class Change will be up for a vote in December. This had been a positive change.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Guest-Fee Proposal** – Board was polled on this matter. It was determined that this item should go before membership.. A guest would be able to pay a nominal fee at a club pond or event in order to be on the driver's stand with an IMPBA spotter to run the controls of a low-powered club/demonstration boat. By signing the waiver and form our liability insurance remains in force. The insurance company reviewed the proposed form and program. This is a limited-temporary membership. Not valid for racing.

ACTION: Proposal will be printed in the September Roostertail to be voted on in December

**Nitro Director Nomination received**- Mike Betke has been nominated for this position by 5 members in good standing and he has accepted the nomination. A ballot will be in the September Roostertail. No other nominations received for the other districts up for election or president.

**Website update**- The website is up and running. Not all pages are complete. Please notify the office if anything is missing or needs corrected. All suggestions are welcome and will be implemented where possible. It was noted that this site has limited capabilities unless additional third party modules are added. Lynne will look into modifying event listings.

**2016 Gas Nationals Bid** - Chris Rupley received a bid from Rocky Farmer, the president of D14 Quad Counties R/C/Boat Club located in Sellersburg, IN. (Near Louisville, KY) He proposed to hold the event in June.

MOTION by D14 Mike Schindler to accept the bid. SECOND by D1 Luc White. Motion carried without dissent.

**Rule Book update to History Section-** Dick Tyndall requested a correction to the 1998 Internats Excellence of Performance winner. There was a tie between Jerry Crowther and Steve Speas. Both were added to the trophy, but Steve's name had never been added to the History listing. The board agreed this correction should be made.

**Rule Book update to Section K** – Ballot 07-004 to remove Gas form Classes A thru F was passed by membership (in 2007) but language was never added. This has been updated. The vote results can be referenced in November 12, 2007 Minutes.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Executive Board only continued the meeting to vote on 2015 Hall of Fame nominees.

Tom Kelly D2 joined the meeting at this time.

Doug Smock D13 joined the meeting

Member Dave Hall #8658 S CD was voted in to the Hall of Fame. Plan is to presented at Hobart.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION by D5 proxy Bill Zuber to adjourn. SECOND by FE Director Chris Harris.  
Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

Call ID: 309390243

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06/17/15  
Cash Basis

**International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**November 1, 2014 through June 17, 2015**

	<u>Nov 1, '14 - Jun 17, 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	150.00
Club sanctions - Other	2,120.00
Total Club sanctions	2,270.00
Contributions incentive items	295.00
Membership Dues	
Family membership	900.00
J and JR Membership	810.00
Senior membership	36,460.00
Single-Event	195.00
Total Membership Dues	38,365.00
Newsletter sponsorship	635.00
Printed newsletter	630.00
Race sanctions	1,120.00
Rule book	150.00
Total Income	43,465.00
Gross Profit	43,465.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	976.53
Business Licenses and Permits	7.14
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	1,454.45
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	264.19
Total Computer and Internet Expenses	1,718.64
Conference Call Fees	50.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	15,387.35
Officers Insurance	991.00
Total Insurance Expense	16,378.35
Internet Connection	339.62
Office Supplies	274.44
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	9,476.44
Taxes - BWC Semiannual	50.00
Taxes - City WH Qtrly	214.87
Taxes - Federal 940 Annual Tax	126.00
Taxes - Federal 941	1,791.14
Taxes - ODJFS Qtrly	128.92
Taxes - Ohio Withholding Qtr	152.25
Total Payroll Expenses	11,939.62
Postage and Delivery	676.12
Printing and Reproduction	395.79
Professional Fees	450.00
Refunds	350.00
Rental Post Office Box	80.00
Rooster Tail Expenses	
Mailing Rooster Tail	34.51
Printing-Rooster Tail	101.31
Total Rooster Tail Expenses	135.82
Telephone Expense	350.05
Total Expense	34,122.12
Net Ordinary Income	9,342.88
Other Income/Expense	5.80
Net Income	<u>9,348.68</u>

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Cash Basis

**International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 17, 2015

	<u>Jun 17, 15</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
5/3 Bank - Checking	37,059.25
5/3 Bank - Checking PayPal Tran	250.00
5/3 Bank - Savings	15,235.17
PayPal.com	1,207.91
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>53,752.33</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>53,752.33</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>53,752.33</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>53,752.33</u>