

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Annual Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 14, 2016

- Nitro Nationals in Rochester, New York •

### **Present:**

President, Chris Rupley

Vice/ Past President, Kevin Sheren

District 2, Tom Kelly

District 5, Paul Traufler

District 12, Don Ferrette

District 13, Doug Smock

National Nitro Director, Mike Betke

Treasurer, Mike Chirillo

Secretary, Lynne Rupley

Records Director, Doug Smock

Natl OB Dir., Bob Kensill

National Tech Rev Hydro, Don Ferrette

Past President, Bill Zuber

### **Absent:**

District 1, Luc White

District 3, John Otto

District 4, Alan Archer

District 6, Larry Conrad

District 7, Jim Nissen

District 14, Mike Schindler

National Gas Director, vacant

National Fast Electric Director, Chris Harris

Natl Scale Dir., Joe Wiebelhaus

National Safety, Robin Stebbins

National Tech Rev. Mono, John Finch

National Tech Rev. Chairman, vacant

### **Guests in attendance:**

Sam Bowden #21047 S, Matt Schofield #20975 S CD, Randall Thomas #15366 L CD, Ted Dudley #7820 S CD, Doug Twaits #20799 S

### **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 Dec. 15, 2015 General Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

**MOTION** by VP/PP Kevin Sheren to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by D5 Paul Traufler. Motion carried without dissent.

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Mike Chirillo recapped the final Profit & Loss report from fiscal year Nov. 2014 thru Oct. 2015. Income was \$50,060 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. Final *adjusted* profit was \$4,017 (*attached*). This year's profit is expected to be lower.

Mike had comparison figures for previous and current year-to-date: Race sanction income down slightly, but membership income is up \$500, total income over all categories is up by only \$250. Spending has increased over last season largely due to insurance increase of \$2,200. Payroll expenses up – only \$150 was actual increased payroll, rest is tax increases. Decals for this season at \$450 and membership card blanks for 2 years were purchased at \$740 (both expenses were not incurred last year). Twice the amount of Rule Books were printed.

**MOTION** by D12 Don Ferrette to accept the Treasurer's Report. **SECOND** by VP/PP Kevin Sheren. Motion carried without dissent.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Chris Rupley noted Director elections upcoming. New board members were appointed this year: Mike Chirillo as Treasurer, and Don Ferrette as Tech Review Hydro position. Gas Director position needs filled. National events have good numbers this season as do most sanctioned races. One issue concerning Record Trials -- the Rule Book still states 1 or 2 days and longer events have been held for years, so that should be reviewed. Website working well and getting decent traffic numbers. Current membership is 953 as of this week. 44 clubs at 56 ponds. 55 events sanctioned and expecting some late requests. Office is getting inquiries about starting new clubs.

The organization is fulfilling our main mission which is to provide uniform racing and safety rules, assisting clubs, and recognizing records. One area for improvement would be the fostering of fellowship and sportsmanship in the ranks. As social media use increases we are seeing posts that may leave new members with negative impressions. While forums and facebook cannot be policed, the president asked all directors to do their best to combat incorrect or negative information they see.

The rule book continues to be cleaned up as items are discovered. Anything that is not strictly clean-up is brought to the board for a decision.

Chris will speak to the board about his recent resignation as Gas Director during Executive session. Letters of interest in the position have been received.

## **SECRETARY REPORT:**

Vote power corrected sheet sent. D14 should have 2 power votes. Insurance agent changed this year to local branch of Brown & Brown (same company). Our agent has some ideas for restructuring the insurance that could save the organization money. Lynne will report to the board when she has the information. Secretary will explore maintaining a final PDF listing of the each year's membership and clubs. No info other than city & state. Rule Book printing expensive -- some cost offset by the \$15 fee charged -- will monitor.

## **DISTRICT and DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**D2 Tom Kelly** -- Schedule was set and district has had several races. Membership steady. 11 clubs. Bulk of events in July and August.

**D5 Paul Traufler** -- Huntsville MBC Time Trials were held in May, another coming up in a week, and October & November. Fall Classic heat race has been added for Oct. 28-30. City still working on pavilion plans. Voodoo Gas World Championships will be in November in Reserve, LA.

**D12 Don Ferrette** -- A couple races into the district series and attendance is good. Old Dominion MBC will be hosting the Gas Nats for 2017. Membership numbers in the district holding steady.

**D13 Doug Smock** -- Attendance in the district is down a bit, but overall doing well.

**National Nitro Director Mike Betke** -- Racers are enjoying the Nitro Nats event. Some last minute no shows have reduced number to approx. 175-180 racers for a loss of around 25 boats. The Rochester MBC site is very nice and host club doing a great job.

Nitro Internats for next year may be US-1 format. Huntsville has expressed interest, but has not yet submitted a formal proposal. Plan is to do time trials first, then heat race of 4 days so racers could just come for heat racing if they want. Since site is a surveyed course, records could be set at the Internats. Mike will pass on any information as it becomes available.

**National Gas Director** -- Chris Rupley reported that 2016 event in Sellersburg went well and plans are being formalized for 2017 with Old Dominion MBC at Smithfield, VA. He has resigned from this position. BOD will need to appoint for remaining portion of current term. Position up for election at end of 2017 for new term Jan. 1, 2018.

**National O/B Director Bob Kensill** -- Bob has been approached by manufacturers to do a build of their kits and review them for a *Roostertail* article or possible how-to DVD. The head of Savannah Tech CNC Department is looking for ideas for parts that students can make, so if anyone has any projects such as a crankshaft, motor mount, rudder, etc., please contact him. Bob will write up the information for the newsletter.

Anyone wanting to sell equipment to contact him. He is helping several new boaters get involved and looking for used equipment.

Working on rules for the Gas Outboard Tunnel class and hoping to have those soon.

**National Records Director Doug Smock** -- Updated records are posted on the website. Flint, MI and Huntsville, AL record trials coming up. No issues at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2016 Vote Power** – please correct D14 for 2 votes if you have an incorrect sheet.

**2015 Ballot results** – #15-002: Crackerbox Class Rule Changes, #15-003: Guest-Limited Membership. Both items passed. Results were published in the March 2016 Roostertail. Rule Book was updated.

**Sport 40 as US-1 class and John Bridge Trophy change** – Could not find the minutes, but based on trophy being awarded since 2004 the change will be made. Mike B. also noted that Multi-engine Hydro should also be listed as that was not updated. Randall Thomas will look for documentation he may have for the files.

John Bridge should be eliminated from the rule book. Trophy has been returned to John Bridge, Jr.

**ACTION:** Secretary will update Sec. E, Chapter 111-Annual International Regatta, subsection 1(B) to include Sport 40 and Multi-Engine Hydro as recognized US-1 classes. John Bridge trophy listing will be removed from rule book.

**Missing 2009 HOF Recipient** – Herb Stewart is not currently listed although he received the award. Receipt and order for trophy was found in the office records from August of 2009. Wording from nomination was used as a Silent Engine which ran in Roostertail in Sept. 2009. That wording and pic will be used as a guide for HOF bio.

**2017 Gas Nats Bid approved by BOD** – Bid from Old Dominion Model Boat Club in D12 at Smithfield, VA approved by email poll of board May 5<sup>th</sup>. None opposed. No date specified, but late June early July preferred. Mike B. noted that Nitro Internats would likely be early so weather is cooler, late May early June. Don. F. noted that kids in school affected attendance last time Nitros were run early and urged club to consider that when deciding date.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Insurance Wording** – President would like the wording being used in Roostertail to be adopted for use in the Rule Book as it more clearly states the coverage. No opposition was noted.

**ACTION:** Secretary is requested to update insurance wording where found in Rule Book.

**Director Elections** - Districts 3, 7, 11, 12 and 14 are up for election for 3-yr. terms to begin Jan 1 2017. A nomination for District 12 was received. Current Director Don Ferrette declines to run and is fully supporting John Crouch and feels he will do an excellent job. Don will remain on board as Tech. Rev. Hydro. Emails will be sent to other incumbents to see if they wish to continue to serve.

**ACTION:** Ballot for D12 and any other district receiving nominations will be online and in Sept. newsletter.

**National Gas Director** – letters of interest will be discussed and an appointment made during executive session.

**LSG Stock Inspection clarifications** – Chris noted that Classic Thunderboat rule (which was published before Super Sport rule) has tolerance for gasket of .014 - .018. Super Sport Stock Engine Inspection rule, paragraph (4) needs to be changed so tolerance of item (b) Gasket; Base/Barrell matches since they refer to the same engine.

A piston tolerance will also be added. Several new and worn Zenoah pistons were measured and the largest difference of diameter above ring compared with diameter below wristpin was 0.0015 (one-and-a-half thousandths) on the worn pistons. This will also be noted on LSG Record Application Tech Inspection Sheet.

**ACTION:** Secretary will update appropriate sections of Sec. I- Large Scale Gas and the LSG Stock Motor Inspection Sheet and replace them on the website.

**Discussion Topic: Social Media** – Officer's posts are taken as official IMPBA statements. Please try to have a positive tone and be respectful when disagreeing with others' opinions. Think about post before hitting send. We must lead by example. Be careful not to state opinions as facts. Remember that social cues are not there in a written post and your meaning can be taken wrong. Often statements are made by individuals not formally associated with an event that get taken as fact. Going forward if an issue is causing much dissention and requires an official IMPBA response, Chris will post an announcement on our website and *links to that info* posted on social media versus the response being posted on social media. Discussion followed about getting more participation on the board to avoid members serving multiple positions.

**Discussion Topic: Race Entry Frequencies** – Discussion about racers entering contests and listing same frequency so they may pit for each other. Although some members against idea of purposefully listing wrong entry frequency, there is no penalty for this. Not a DQ offense. The Rule Book states "contestants responsible for correct frequency of entry and *contest officials will not be responsible for re-scheduling, re-arranging or juggling of scheduled heats due to incorrect frequency on entry forms, unless such re-scheduling may be done easily...*" Rule simply in place so CD was not required to reset entire heats after they were set when everyone ran 75 MHz and 27

MHz surface channels. Noted that in small number of entries in a class or shootout format, this tactic won't work anyway. Racer with less points would be asked to change if they end up in same heat. There was incorrect info about this matter on social forums.

**Guess comments and questions.** Question asked about guidelines for restrictions on sanctions and holding a non-sanctioned event. It was noted that non-sanctioned events should be club member only races that are not advertised. If you award trophies and prizes, invite IMPBA general membership and other organization (e.g. NAMBA) members to race, and want results to be recognized as official, then you should apply for sanction. One definite restriction is no sanctions granted on weekend prior to, or weekend of a US-1 format Internats within 300-mile radius of host site, but that is not the only reason sanctions can be denied. Approval is not guaranteed, it is up to District Director to "coordinate all activities in their district" and "approve sanctioned events".

### **Adjourn General Membership Meeting**

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

**MOTION** by VP/PP Kevin Sheren to adjourn. **SECOND** by D2 Tom Kelly.

**General Membership Meeting adjourned 9:04 PM. ET.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mike Zaborowski #16818 S CD was inducted into the Hall of Fame for 2016.

Board did not make Gas Director appointment. President was asked to discuss issue with both candidates.

***FOLLOW UP TO MEETING: Executive Board approved Matt Schofield #20975 S CD as Gas Director for remaining portion of current term by email vote 7/20.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

(2) Attachments:

2016 Vote Power numbers - corrected

Fiscal Year Nov 2014-Oct 2015 Profit & Loss Adjusted

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

	<u>Nov '14 - Oct 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	170.00
Club sanctions - Other	2,160.00
Total Club sanctions	<u>2,330.00</u>
Contributions incentive items	585.00
Membership Dues	
Family membership	970.00
J and JR Membership	940.00
Senior membership	41,270.00
Single-Event	795.00
Total Membership Dues	<u>43,975.00</u>
Newsletter sponsorship	685.00
Printed newsletter	910.00
Race sanctions	1,340.00
Rule book	225.00
Total Income	<u>50,050.00</u>
Gross Profit	50,050.00
Expense	
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
Total Computer and Internet Expenses	<u>1,886.61</u>
Conference Call Fees	100.00
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	15,387.35
Officers Insurance	991.00
Total Insurance Expense	<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
Total Payroll Expenses	<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
Total Expense	<u>45,902.27</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,147.73
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	8.36
Total Other Income	<u>8.36</u>
Net Other Income	8.36
Net Income	<u><u>4,156.09</u></u>

Final figure after payroll liabilities  
 and depreciation adjustments by CPA  
 received July 1, 2016:

\$4017.12

2016 VOTING POWER - based on 2015 total membership - corrected

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	2	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
	761	94	28	21	904