

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Annual Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, June 15, 2017

- Nitro Internats in Huntsville, Alabama / Phone Conference •

### **Present:**

President, Chris Rupley  
Secretary, Lynne Rupley  
Treasurer, Mike Chirillo  
District 5, Paul Traufler  
District 6, Larry Conrad  
District 13, Doug Smock  
District 14, Mike Schindler

Natl. Nitro Director, Mike Betke  
Natl. Gas Director, Matt Schofield  
Natl. Fast Electric Director, Chris Harris  
Natl. Records Director, Doug Smock  
Natl. Tech Review Chair, Rick Grim  
Natl. OB Director, Bob Kensill  
Past President, Bill Zuber

### **Absent:**

Vice/ Past President, Kevin Sheren  
District 1, Luc White  
District 2, Tom Kelly  
District 3, John Otto  
District 4, Alan Archer  
District 7, Jim Nissen  
District 12, John Crouch

Natl. Safety Dir., Robin Stebbins  
Natl. Scale Dir., Joe Wiebelhaus  
Natl. Tech Rev. Mono, John Finch  
Natl. Tech Rev. Hydro, Don Ferrette

### **Guests:**

Mark Bullard #9123 S CD, and Doc (Gary) Turner #6322 PL

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Chris Rupley called the Meeting to order at **8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT**. The Secretary took roll call. It was determined that more than half the voting board was present to conduct business.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of July 14, 2016 Annual Meeting and March 30, 2017 Special Meeting were submitted for approval.

**MOTION** by D14 Mike Schindler to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Treasurer, Mike Chirillo, recapped the final Profit & Loss report for fiscal year Nov. 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016. Income was \$49,458 (2014-15 was \$50,060). Expenses were \$49,281 (2014-15 was \$46,041). Profit was only \$177 (Report Attached). Current income down nearly \$785 over same period last year mostly due to decrease in Senior membership income of nearly \$600. Expenses are down over same time period, but that number is inflated due to the 11 month prorated GL insurance policy. Very little significant income will come in from this point on. Normal operating costs will continue to be paid. Internats trophy expenses include an Excellence of Performance Plaque/shipping of large trophy from 2012 recipient -- approx. \$465. Organization's portion of 2017 Regatta trophies (11 US-1s / Pres.Cup / Exc. Of Performance / LeFeber Award) was \$1,755.

**MOTION** by Nitro Dir. Mike Betke to accept the treasurer report. **SECOND** by D14 Mike Schindler. Motion carried without dissent.

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

President, Chris Rupley, noted we expect small number of late memberships through September. Website application process going well. We are receiving correct mailing addresses and therefore having fewer mailing issues. Cards are being received in a timely manner, the website is updated regularly, and the Rule Book is current

to date. Still regularly receiving calls from interested parties concerning membership and formation of clubs. Office equipment is in good shape. Office regularly looks for ways to save money.

New Board members since the last annual meeting are: John Crouch voted in by D12; Rick Grim as Tech Review Chair, Don Ferrette as Tech Review Hydro, and Matt Schofield as LSG Director, appointed to fill vacancies.

We currently have 43 clubs and 52 locations with some clubs sharing pond locations. We gained an all FE club, the Mid-Michigan Electrics Unlimited, but lost two D1 clubs: MMQ and Grand River Marine Modellers. We lost a couple of pond locations due to surrounding development. 58 events are currently scheduled, which is slightly down, however, both national events have good numbers. Expecting a few more events. Clubs need to get their sanctions in as early as possible so they are included on the calendar. Directors are urged to help follow up if they know of an event which they don't see listed on the website.

Pleased with the increase in use of 5 buoy turns. Chris urged clubs to try them out to prove to themselves that they help alleviate damaged boats and lane infractions.

The president noted that the organization is fulfilling its core mission. The CDs seem to be staying on top of conduct at races to keep events enjoyable for all.

He noted that it is not possible to have a rule that spells out every conceivable situation and that the board of directors does a great job of interpreting the rules and determining how they are to be applied when "gray" areas occur. Many items in the rule book still need to be updated or cleaned-up to reflect long standing practices. An example is sanction deadlines that were written before websites/race entry sites were in use and flyers had to be mailed out. Simple clarifications, technical updates, safety issues, and financial changes are approved by polling of the board. Anything more complex is done through the amendment procedure spelled out in the rule book.

Chris thanked the clubs and directors and noted that without the work of these people there would be no IMPBA. Safety issues have been addressed whenever concerns were raised. The wristbands need to be used at events as this is a simple way to assist the CD and clubs in determining who should be allowed in restricted areas. A question arose this season concerning age restriction in the hot pit areas. It is a safety call and CD/club call. We have had no incidents this year and are certain we will complete this season incident free due to everyone's diligence.

D13 Doug Smock commented that he would like to discuss wristbands under new business.

### **DISTRICTS:**

*Roostertail* director reports published days ago. The president requested suspending the usual district by district reports --unless anyone had an update to their recent report.

**District 5** - Paul Trauffer gave an update about the Nitro Internats event. 186 boats ran SAW in a 12 hour period. Event was ahead of schedule until storms with high winds this afternoon. Racing will start at 6:30 AM tomorrow in order to make up lost time. Paul noted that D5 has nearly doubled in membership since 2014 levels. He feels the exposure of events has led to this growth. He noted great response from companies/sponsors of goods and services for prizes. The racers were very pleased at the amount and quality of items given out. It was noted that there was no cost to the club for these items and no additional tickets were required to be purchased by racers – sponsors took notice of the number of racers and wanted to participate to reach their customer base.

**Nitro Director** – Mike Betke commented that he has been watching the facebook coverage of the Nats and that the club is doing an awesome job. Technically he would like to be announcing 2018 Nitro Nat site at this year's banquet, however, no club has agreed to hold the event next year. Mike asked all directors to please talk to any potential sites in their district. Huntsville would like to hold again, but possibly in two years.

**MOTION** by LSG Dir. Matt Schofield to suspend remaining district reports. **SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Vote power for 2017** with historical data for comparison was distributed (*handout attached*).

**Insurance wording** was made consistent in all rule book sections and the *Roostertail*.

**LSG stock inspection clarifications** were made to Sec. I- Large Scale Gas and the Stock Motor Inspection sheet. Gasket tolerance of Thunderboat and Super Sport were made consistent, and a piston tolerance was added.

**Ongoing Rule Book Projects:** Procedures section needs to be rewritten to address all power sources and list the available formats which currently only appear in the FE Regatta section. Rewrite would require membership vote. The president appointed LSG Dir. , FE Dir., and Nitro Dir. to review the draft before it is sent to entire BOD for decision. Safety Section also needs to be reviewed. This would be a clean-up only and BOD will approve/amend.

**Excellence of Performance Trophy.** BOD voted in March to retire the large three-tiered traveling trophy due to condition and shipping costs. Three local trophy shops consulted in Toledo declined to repair it. Winner will still receive the nice wall plaque. Huntsville Club spoke for the trophy before we could post information and now has it in their possession.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Director elections** - for terms to begin Jan 1, 2018: D1, D4, D6, D8, D13, National LSG, and National FE. Nominations are required to be turned in to the office by July 31. Unopposed incumbents will retain seats. Ballots will be online and in September Roostertail for any new nominations or contested positions. Voting to close Oct. 31.

**Hydro Hull Restrictions Language Clarification** – Sec. K Technical Standards. Under Article III (D)(2) add: “Refer to individual class rules for specific Hydro restrictions”. This will alert the reader that LSG and FE may have restrictions not detailed under item (a.) where it mentions Nitro restrictions.

**MOTION** by LSG Dir. Matt Schofield to make wording clarification to Hydro Hull Restrictions. **SECOND** by FE Dir. Chris Harris. Motion carried without dissent.

**ACTION:** Secretary will update rule book section and post online.

**Wristbands discussion** – President recognized earlier request to further discuss making wristband use during sanctioned events mandatory. The board may address this Safety item. It is not currently a written rule, and some clubs have become lax about using. It is an item that the insurance company recognizes as proactive concerning safety and helps us argue for better rates. Chris suggests adding to Sec. S-Safety. The General Rules of Competition section Article III states clubs must follow all safety rules, code of conduct rules, and that site safety issues must be corrected before competition begins or continues. D5 Paul noted that we should consider making the focus of the language about “positively identifying members” so that clubs could use the free wristbands or a method of their choice --such as the name badges being used at the current Nitro Nats event. D13 Doug and D14 Mike both commented that they felt keeping the rule as wristbands made things simpler and consistent. D13 noted that no one should be running a boat during open water until they are issued a band/ badge since only current members should be on an insured pond. Discussion about wording followed.

**MOTION** by D13 Doug Smock to have language drafted for Safety Section making wristband or other means to identify members mandatory during sanctioned events. **SECOND** by D5 Paul Trauffer. Motion carried without dissent.

**ACTION:** Secretary will draft language & with BOD for approval will update Sec.S- Safety.

**Proposal for LSG Tunnel Class** – Draft language distributed (attached). Submitted by Carl Van Houten #10632 S and 6 others. D5, D13, and D14 directors all state the class is gaining popularity. President suggests 1-Year Trial.

**MOTION** by D14 Mike Schindler to adopt LSG OB Tunnel class for 1-Year Trial Rule for 2018. **SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

**ACTION:** Proposal will be published in newsletter and 1-Year Trial Rule for 2018 posted online.

**Length of Record Trial Sanctions.** It was pointed out that rule book Section E-Procedures, Article I, Section 4 - Fees states “\$20 for one or two day events...” Longer sanctions have been granted as a past practice for many years. Chris suggests the language “one or two day event” be removed or updated. This is a financial matter since enforcing rule as is would mean charging multiple sanction fees for longer events. Discussion followed.

**MOTION** by D13 Doug Smock to add item (c) to Section 4 –Fees limiting events to 9 consecutive days per sanction. **SECOND** by D14 Mike Schindler. Motion carried without dissent.

**ACTION:** Sec. E- Procedures will be updated and posted online

**Roostertail Publication Dates** - Currently being published quarterly. Office receives many complaints that March is too early and June is too busy to submit material. Most material is being posted on facebook and other forums. We still need to have the newsletter as the “official” documentation. President proposes going to a 3 times a year schedule: April, August and December.

By April clubs should have had their meetings. Event listings are being missed in the March issue (as material has to be sent by mid February). By the time June issue publishes it’s too late for many items and it’s been very difficult to get material for June as clubs are holding events. Deadlines in the rule book were critical when mail was the means of communication, but no one has adhered to them for many, many years.

Discussion followed. 3 times a year would still allow proposals from Annual Meeting to be published in August prior to ballots in December issue. Also Director voting would remain in August for nominations received in July. Quarterly references throughout the rule book would need to be addressed. President pointed out that updates to rules are posted on website and are available in January and February. President again stated that we would look

for ALL instances where the rule book mentions Quarterly. Also it would make sense that new rules are in effect with the new season. Advertising was mentioned. Secretary noted that those who place ads nearly all have websites we link to. They are advertising more to support the organization than as a means of reaching customers. Note that they very seldom change their material, so the PDF online stays relevant every time it is viewed.

Secretary suggests putting idea out as a discussion item in September issue for member feedback.

**MOTION** by LSG Dir. Matt Schofield to take membership vote on publishing newsletter 3 times yearly.

**SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock.

District by district vote was taken: Yes - D1, D6, D13, D14, Nitro, LSG, FE; No - D5.

Motion carries.

**ACTION:** Secretary will draft a discussion item for September Roostertail with all areas of the Rule Book that refer to Quarterly publishing noted for member feedback in preparation for Dec. ballot & vote.

### **Guest Comments:**

Dr. Gary Turner of District 5, member #6322 PL asked the President to state the Nitro Director's mission statement or job description. Chris noted it is what is stated in the rule book — finding & approving location for the Nitro annual event. Nitro Director Mike Betke asked point of comment. Mike Betke noted that the meeting earlier in the year was over concern of low sign-up numbers and to offer host club any deviations they needed. Comment was made that Nitro director was not supportive. Heated discussion followed. Meeting was called to order. President read description from Rule Book. Board members/ Director's not required to attend/work at events — that is the duty of the host club as stated in the rule book. Board members expressed confidence in Mike's handling of responsibilities.

### **Additions to Agenda:**

D5 may draft a proposal to hold Nitro event only every two years. President reminded D5 that limiting the event is not necessary as there are multiple options for formats available. If it can be held it should be —even if not a US-1 format. There may be a time when circumstances are such that multiple years in a row are US-1 so why limit, however, D5 may certainly draft a proposal.

Question was asked about Guest Temporary Membership (not for racing) that allows someone to try out driving a boat for a few minutes with IMPBA member supervision. Bill Z. noted that it has worked well for Huntsville to gain some new members. Mostly for locations where general public sees the club running, such as city/state parks. The members who wanted the program intended to use it at exhibition type events.

### **ADJOURNMENT of General Session:**

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

**MOTION** by D13 Doug Smock to adjourn. **SECOND** by D6 Larry Conrad.

**General Meeting adjourned 9:27 p.m. ET.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

Members Jerry Betke #2120 S CD of D2, and Steve Ball #4071 S CD of D14 were voted in to the Hall of Fame for 2017. Steve to be notified at Nats morning driver meeting. Plaques to be presented at races in July and September.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MOTION** by D13 Doug Smock to adjourn. **SECOND** by Nitro Dir. Mike Betke.

**General Meeting adjourned 10 p.m. ET.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

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**International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
November 2015 through October 2016



	<u>Nov '15 - Oct 16</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	140.00
Club sanctions - Other	2,060.00
<b>Total Club sanctions</b>	<u>2,200.00</u>
Contributions incentive items	245.00
<b>Membership Dues</b>	
Family membership	1,050.00
J and JR Membership	1,060.00
Other Member Fees	25.00
Senior membership	41,440.00
Single-Event	345.00
Membership Dues - Other	0.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<u>43,920.00</u>
Newsletter sponsorship	895.00
Printed newsletter	700.00
Race sanctions	1,180.00
Rule book	300.00
Uncategorized Income	11.98
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>49,451.98</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	49,451.98
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charges	1,232.99
Business Licenses and Permits	7.14
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	719.88
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	64.34
<b>Total Computer and Internet Expenses</b>	<u>784.22</u>
Conference Call Fees	80.00
Depreciation Expense	97.73
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	17,594.80
Officers Insurance	991.00
<b>Total Insurance Expense</b>	<u>18,585.80</u>
Internet Connection	41.52
Miscellaneous Expense	223.38
Office Supplies	649.72
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	16,507.72
Taxes - BWC Semiannual	123.92
Taxes - City WH Qtrly	439.13
Taxes - Federal 940 Annual Tax	147.00
Taxes - Federal 941	3,712.35
Taxes - ODJFS Qtrly	324.00
Taxes - Ohio Withholding Qtr	350.46
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<u>21,604.58</u>
Postage and Delivery	1,129.13
Printing and Reproduction	2,143.73
Professional Fees	1,405.00
Refunds	250.00
Regatta	292.46
Rental Post Office Box	82.00
Telephone Expense	671.23
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>49,280.63</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	171.35
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
Interest Income	6.12
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>6.12</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>6.12</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>177.47</u></u>

# VOTING POWER HISTORICAL DATA

*District voting power based on previous year-end membership totals. Junior #s excluded for purpose of vote power.*

	2013 #s 2014 PWR		2014 #s 2015 PWR		2015 #s 2016 PWR		2016 #s 2017 PWR		2017 #s 2018 PWR		2019 PWR		2020 PWR	
D1	164	2	151	2	161	2	169	2						
D2	183	2	195	2	179	2	174	2						
D3	39	1	47	1	44	1	50	1						
D4	93	1	94	1	101	2	95	1						
D5	47	1	50	1	64	1	84	1						
D6	57	1	52	1	43	1	42	1						
D7	12	0	13	0	10	0	10	0						
D8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
D9	1	0	4	0	5	0	2	0						
D10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
D11	2	0	2	0	2	0	3	0						
D12	92	1	102	2	104	2	108	2						
D13	88	1	84	1	81	1	75	1						
D14	106	2	104	2	101	2	99	1						
D21	9	0	10	0	9	0	8	0						
Nitro Dir		1		1		1		1						
Gas Dir		1		1		1		1						
FE Dir		1		1		1		1						
VP/PP		1		1		1		1						
President	<i>Tie Break</i>	1	<i>Tie Break</i>	1	<i>Tie Break</i>	1	<i>Tie Break</i>	1						
	893		908		904		919		0		0		0	
	* voting members		* voting members		* voting members		* voting members		* voting members		* voting members		* voting members	

Total 2016  
Membership:  
1,020

Vote Power is based on previous year's **voting members**.

Juniors excluded from this total\*

15-100 = 1 PWR

101-200 = 2 PWR

201-300 = 3 PWR

# LSG OUTBOARD TUNNEL PROPOSAL

submitted 03/25/2017.

Secretary Draft-R1 (original email from D13 Director)

## Submitting Members In Good Standing:

Carl Van Houten IMPBA # 10632-S; Mike Talley IMPBA #10631-S; Mitch Atwell IMPBA # 17707-S-CD;  
Randy McCarty IMPBA #12023-S; Mitch Atwell Jr. IMPBA # 20313-S; Kevin Lee IMPBA # 18742-S

## LARGE SCALE GASOLINE

### V - SPECIALTY CLASSES

A. ...

B. ...

C. ...

D. ...

E. ...

F. ...

G. ...

H. Outboard Tunnel

#### 1. Hull Specification

- a. Hull must have two continuous keels or sponsons, thus creating a tunnel or air trap along the length of the hull.
- b. Minimum over-all length: 40 inches, and maximum over-all length: 55 inches. Must conform to current IMPBA maximum weight restrictions.
- c. Hull is required to have:
  - a. Actual cockpit with driver or simulated windshield.
  - b. Real or fictitious sponsor name on each side of deck or cowling.

#### 2. Engine Specification

- a. The engine must be two-stroke and naturally aspirated. The engine must use spark ignition. No glow plug or compression induced combustion allowed.
- b. Minimum displacement of 15 cc. Maximum displacement of 30.5 cc.
- c. Internal and external modifications may be made to the engine's major and/or minor parts. Major and minor parts from secondary manufacturers may be used.
- d. All engines must have a positive on-off switch from radio.
- e. Pull-start and electric starters are allowed.
- f. All engines must have a canister muffler, tuned pipe, or custom exhaust that meets the current IMPBA Db levels (as per section K-4 of the IMPBA Technical Standards).
- g. Engine, drive shaft, propeller, and single skeg/rudder will be as one unit and must pivot together as the only means of steering the boat. No secondary rudder allowed.
- h. Engine must be mounted to transom.