

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 15, 2020

- Phone Conference •

**Present:**

President, Matt Schofield (V)	District 7, Jim Nissen (V)
Vice/Past Pres, Chris Rupley (V)	District 12, Fred Lumb, Jr (V)
Secretary, Lynne Rupley (NV)	District 13, Doug Smock (V)
Treasurer, Mike Chirillo (NV)	District 14, Mike Schindler (V)
District 1, Randy Rapedius (V)	National Gas Director, Matt Schofield (V)
District 2, Tom Kelly (V)	National FE Director, Mike Ball (V)
District 3, Mark Grannis (V)	National Tech Chair, Rick Grim (A)
District 4, Dave Halverson (V)	Ntl. Tech Review Hydro, Don Ferrette (A)
District 5, Nick Hartdegen (V)	Past Pres, Bill Zuber (NV)
District 6, Larry Conrad (V)	

**Absent:**

National Nitro Director, Mike Betke (V)	Ntl. Tech Review Mono, John Finch (A)
National Records, Brad Schafer (NV)	National O/B, Bob Kensill (A)
National Scale, Joe Wiebelhaus (A)	Other Past Presidents (NV)
National Safety, Robin Stebbins (A)	

*(V= Voting Executive Board; NV= Non-Voting Executive Board; A= Board Advisor position)*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Matt Schofield called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at **8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT**. The Secretary took roll call.

**President's Remarks**

President Matt Schofield welcomed new D12 Director Fred Lumb, and D3 Mark Grannis, who were voted in during October elections.

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to suspend the regular order of business to discuss limited agenda items during this meeting. **SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock. Motion carried without dissent.

**Item #1 – 2020 Gas Nationals:**

All April and most May events have already been cancelled in order to comply with CDC recommendations and State mandates against group gatherings in regards to COVID-19.

**The River City Racing Club has decided to “postpone” the 2020 Gas Nats until second week of June in 2021.** President agrees with this decision and wants to notify members as soon as possible.

Mike Schindler discussed the club's plan. Club has spent some funds to prepare for the event, paid fees and entries will automatically apply to 2021 in order to avoid bankrupting the club. Members may request a refund (minus PayPal fees) on a case-by-case basis, but would then have to apply for a wait list. Due to number of 2020 entries allowed, the race in 2021 would not likely be accepting any additions. Club had hoped to turn race into a 4-day event. That caused conflict as many signed-up because it was originally listed as a 3-day race (has been 3-day for number of years). Plan is to try to keep to 3-day for 2021.

Discussion followed concerning racers ability to commit to something in 2021, and refunds/cancellations to allow. VP noted it should be the club's decision how to handle.

Secretary questioned how notice would be given, and if dates are June 10, 11, & 12, 2021 with Sunday travel day. M. Schindler confirmed and would like IMPBA to post the information first since it is an organization Nationals race. Members would share/link to that website post on forums and facebook pages so message is consistent.

Members also expressed that the notice state that the club has made the decision, not the IMPBA. Discussion followed concerning "postpone" versus "cancel". M. Schindler noted that trying to reschedule for this season was not an option without disrupting other events that had already moved to accommodate the original Nats date. Announcement of the following year's event is often made at the Nats so this isn't that different as far as planning. Race has been filling in less than 15 minutes.

**MOTION** by VP Chris Rupley to announce Gas Nationals has been postponed until June 10, 11, 12 with Sunday travel day. **SECOND** by Doug Smock. None opposed. **Motion is passed.**

**ACTION: Secretary will draft announcement for website and Matt will post on IMPBA facebook page. Pres. and D14 will review. Members can link to or copy and paste so consistent message.**

## **Item #2 – Racing and Club activities for 2020 season:**

President Schofield noted that many of our ponds are on City, Municipal, and Parks Division owned property. IMPBA clubs should listen to their local guidelines and wishes of their property owners. Do not risk losing your pond by running if asked not to. Many races have been cancelled due to restrictions on group gatherings, and border closing. Schedule may be pretty fluid, but please try to keep the Secretary up-to-date on cancellations and rescheduling. Directors need to help monitor this.

Membership is down accordingly (only 717 as of meeting time), thus income is down. We had two clubs we were working with that had ponds and were ready to sign-up (D5 and D13), but this has caused that to be put on hold. Approximately \$5,000 less income than this point in time last year. It was noted that we have the insurance escrow account for emergency, but should not need it.

Race Sanction fees will not be refunded. The insurance is paid in advance for the year. Question was posed if lower membership numbers or less events will give us a break on the premium. Membership is the "who" that the company will pay a claim on behalf of, if activity by them causes an injury to third party, the events are the "basis" for premium (figured by risk at events where we potentially have non-member spectators), club meetings/events are a flat fee. We give as realistic a figure of events as we can when in renewal. Insurer does not charge for additional events as long as we are close, nor do they rebate for cancelled events. Non-audited policy like this is preferable. The agent did address this and the company is not offering a rebate on premium to its customers.

Directors should remind club president's to be sure that all persons using the insured facilities are paid up IMPBA. Some areas will still be able to have small club gatherings.

## **Item #3 – Director Duties:**

President reminded to review responsibilities in Constitution and in Bylaws. Keep informed about what's happening with the clubs in your district and get to know the members in your district so that you can represent their concerns and interests. Communicate with the office about schedules. IMPBA must commit to the event number during renewal (December 31<sup>st</sup>).

**Have a good tentative schedule in mind by late November.** This can be based on events held, or usually held, in your district. Cancelling and changing actual date is not an issue, but we don't want to be adding a bunch of items after renewing. If you think it's possible, put it on your tentative list. This also helps the Secretary to know when paperwork is missing and needs to be chased. VP noted that when he was director, he would send out a list at the end of season for the following year, and ask clubs to contact him if they had any issues/changes to request.

Rules state Directors should honor dates/weekends that clubs ran for the following season. If conflict, the club that normally holds that date gets preference. It is not first-come, first-serve. Clubs that had to, or willingly moved their event on a given year should get preference for the date they normally scheduled their event.

Secretary noted that Directors should make clear to clubs that they still need to work with Director on dates. We allow them to send the form and payment direct to the office for convenience. Office is not granting or approving dates. The office is only confirming by email that the director has approved a date. There seems to be some confusion on this issue.

D2 Tom Kelly reminded new directors to call other directors or Matt to bounce ideas off of, or ask questions. Also to coordinate schedules in neighboring districts.

D3 Mark Grannis questioned whether there was a limit to assistant positions a Director can create. There is nothing in the Bylaws that limits. Director may create positions to assist them in growing the district.

D5 Nick Hartdegen noted that both D5 clubs are dual sanctioned and that might work for D3 growth.

D4 Dave Halverson noted that when he took over, he could find info on duties, but there wasn't much "how to" info. He prepared a document for his district. Contact him for a copy. It could easily be modified for other districts. That way when you pass on office to another, you could provide a document to assist them.

President noted that Directors should also keep official IMPBA business & board discussions off social-media. If you see something being misrepresented, please clarify or copy rule book language and post.

PP Bill Zuber suggested Directors ask members for historical photos, stories since not much racing to report on.

### **Item #3 – Director Elections:**

Nominations are due by July 31. Terms for D1, D4, D6, D8(vacant), D13, LSG Director & FE Director.

D1 - incumbent Randy Rapedius will run.

D4 - incumbent Dave Halverson will run.

D6 - incumbent Larry Conrad will not run. Possible interest from Twin Cities member.

D8 - vacant

D13 - incumbent Doug Smock will not run. A member has expressed interest -nomination will be sent via email.

LSG - incumbent Matt Schofield will not run. Possible nominations to come. Question arose about whether non-voting NAMBA board member can run. Member willing to run, but would concede if another party was interested.

FE - incumbent Mike Ball will run.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MOTION** by Pres Matt Schofield to adjourn. **SECOND** by VP Chris Rupley.

**Meeting adjourned 9:28 PM. ET.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

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