

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Annual Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, July 21, 2020

- Phone Conference •

### **Present:**

President, Matt Schofield (V)  
Vice/Past Pres, Chris Rupley (V)  
Secretary, Lynne Rupley (NV)  
Treasurer, Mike Chirillo (NV)  
District 1, Randy Rapedius (V)  
District 2, Tom Kelly (V)  
District 3, Mark Grannis (V)  
District 5, Nick Hartdegen (V)  
District 7, Jim Nissen (V)

District 12, Fred Lumb, Jr. (V)  
District 13, Doug Smock (V)  
District 14, Brad Maglinger (V)  
National Nitro Director, Mike Betke (V)  
National LSG Director, Matt Schofield (V)  
National FE Director, Mike Ball (V)  
National Tech Chair, Rick Grim (NV)  
Ntl Tech Review Mono, John Finch (NV)

### **Absent:**

District 4, Dave Halverson (V)  
District 6, Larry Conrad (V)  
National Records, Brad Schafer (NV)  
National Safety, Robin Stebbins (A)

National Scale, Joe Wiebelhaus (A)  
Ntl. Tech Review Hydro, Don Ferrette (A)  
Ntl. O/B, Bob Kensill (A)  
Past Presidents (NV)

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

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of July 16, 2019 Annual Meeting, November 5, 2019 Special Meeting, and the April 15, 2020 Special Meeting were submitted for approval.

**MOTION** by VP Chris Rupley to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by D5 Nick Hartdegen. **Motion carried without dissent.**

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Mike Chirillo presented the final adjusted Profit & Loss for 2018-19 fiscal year. (*attached*). Final Adjusted figure was -\$1,105.76 loss. A comparison of year-to-date figures (Nov. 1 through June 30 time period) from last season to this season show \$2,276 reduction in expenses during this time period compared to prev. season. This includes the office purchase of new computer and software upgrades. Revenue is down \$6,753 during this period as compared to previous season, so estimated we will suffer a loss this season. Membership is currently about 150 less members than at this point traditionally. We still have a decent cushion in bank assets. Details of expenses can always be found in *Roostertail* if questions.

**MOTION** by D13 Doug Smock to accept the Treasurer Report. **SECOND** by D5 Nick Hartdegen. **Motion carried without dissent.**

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

President, Matt Schofield, noted the reduction in membership numbers, currently at 820 even though we have only been able to hold a limited number of sanctioned events thus far due to Covid-19 local restrictions.

Currently 38 clubs at 47 pond locations. Mid-Michigan did not renew with IMPBA, but we gained the Lone Star Model Boat Club of Crosby, TX in D7. Only 49 events were actually sanctioned to date. Nearly all of May, June, and most of July and August have been cancelled.

Insurance renewed with the same carrier this year. Other bids were extremely high and were rejected. Our agent inquired about a review of premium due to Covid cancellations. No premium break was received.

Silent Engines since the last annual meeting: Lew Van Duzer of D1 passed October 2019 – he was a founding member of S. Tier N.Y. Club; Eric Legendre of D5 Voodoo Club passed in March, 2020.

Rule book is current with all rules voted in by membership this past December.

Matt thanked outgoing board members. Doug Smock has served as D13 Director and Records Director for 10 years. He will not be running for the director position this year. Larry Conrad will not be running for re-election in D6. He also reminded the BOD to get their *Roostertail* submission turned in as soon as possible for the August 1 publish date.

## **DISTRICTS REPORTS:**

**District 1 – Randy Rapedius** noted the Can-Am cancellation due to the US-Canada border being closed. D1 has seen some new members and some older members who have not been active returning. Northern Lights club is over 30 members.

**District 2 – Tom Kelly** reported that many D2 races have been cancelled. Celina is still slated to run at this time, and “D2 Challenge” in Rochester Hills, MI is scheduled for September, but he encouraged members to check regularly for updates. The event is at a park, and it may be subject to restrictions.

**District 3 – Mark Grannis** stated that he has reached out to several key members in Gas, Nitro and Electric to assembling an assistant team to try to grow Florida IMPBA participation. There are plans to bring back “Main Event” racing to the area (the original Masters format). This style of racing includes qualifying to determine heat lineup. Plans are for combined Gas/Nitro. A timing system is being developed.

**District 5 – Nick Hartdegen** spoke about the Crosby, TX club and encouraged members to try to visit. Club has done a lot of work on their facility. Nitro Nationals slated for early April at Voodoo Club was cancelled due to low turnout. The race was converted to a shootout which subsequently had to be cancelled due to parish Covid restrictions. Voodoo Club is down a few members, but some generally sign up at late season for the Worlds competition in November.

Nick is working with groups to get new D5 clubs formed. One site in Patterson, LA looks promising. Previous members of the Mississippi Model Boaters (Holmes State Park) are actively looking for a new pond location, but events this year have made that search difficult. These may likely be dual-sanctioned clubs. The group from Knoxville, TN is still staying informal at this time, but they are active members and travel to many events. Huntsville club had to cancel the April Record Trials, but is still slated to hold the November trials.

**District 12 – Fred Lumb** reported many events cancelled. Baltimore Club race at Fort Ritchie still scheduled. Property is once again up for sale which makes approval process difficult. Old Dominion and Delmarva have held small club races.

**District 13 – Doug Smock** reported that D13 has not raced since February. September and after events are still scheduled. Clubs have been able to hold member only fun runs. Fall Nats is still tentative.

**District 14 – Brad Maglinger** noted the Gas Nats were pushed to next season, but D14 has been fortunate to be able to run some single-day events. Propwalkers of Madison, IN race also went well. Coming up on the schedule are the Celina race, the sold out. S. Indiana PropNuts “Wine Run” in August, and the River City “Kohlmeyer Classic” in Evansville in Sept. Clubs are doing well with following safety protocols.

**Nitro Director - Mike Betke** noted the Nitro Nats were cancelled and he is in discussions with Huntsville club for possible US-1 event in 2021. There may need to be some discussion on dates as the Gas Nats being pushed to June of next year might be close to the dates the club was tentatively planning for Nitro.

**LSG Director – Matt Schofield** discussed the postponement of Gas Nats decided on at the spring meeting. It was pointed out that there has been no formal request for Nitro Nats dates. Gas Nats moved to the same dates for the following year and were unaware of any potential conflict. Huntsville president Rick Grim noted that the club had not formalized anything at this time. Members noted that in prior years the dates had been close and both events still did well. It would be preferable to spread them out more than two or three weeks so that members may be able to attend both. Limited weeks available in areas where heat is a problem makes this difficult. Matt noted we should work this out as soon as possible since members often have to schedule vacation time to attend.

**FE Director – Mike Ball** reported that the D2 Mid-Michigan FE club returned to NAMBA this season. Florida had a large FE race early this year in NAMBA but there hasn't been much growth in IMPBA FE.

**Tech Review Mono - John Finch** noted that there have been no new mono designs received. He continues to get requests regarding the legality of boats which are generally quickly sorted out.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

President gave a recap of the BOD actions since last year's Annual Meeting. Details of these actions can be found in previous minutes and *Roostertail* Newsletters.

**Vote Power figures for 2020** – (*hand out attached.*)

**Board appointment of Randy Rapedius** to complete the D1 term (*Luc White resigned Sept. 2019*).

**Board elections:** Mark Grannis was voted in as D3 Director, and Fred Lumb, Jr. was voted in as D12 Director (*district elections Oct. 2019*).

**Disability accommodations for races** – waiver of radio rule (*special meeting Nov. 5, 2019*)

**Rule Book updates for 2020 book:**

- Sec. H – Nitro. Technical clarification regarding Drive Dog in Scale Unlimited (*July 2019 Annual Mtg.*)
- Sec. I – LSG Specialty Classes. 1027 stock unmodified carburetor added. (*BOD email vote Sep. 2019*)
- FE Scale Unlimited Motor Tech Notice (*remains in effect, approved July 2018 Annual Mtg.*)
- Sec. I - TLSG 64 Max. Displacement (Twin Gas Only) (#19-003 passed by membership Dec. 2019)
- Sec. G - Racing Rules - Optional Two-Minute Start Clock (#19-004 passed by membership Dec. 2019)
- Sec. I – LSG Gas Sport Hydro Rules (#19-005 passed by membership Dec. 2019)
- Sec. I – LSG Classic Thunderboat Rules (#19-006 passed by membership Dec. 2019)
- Sec. N – History updated. 2 errors found by members were corrected.

**2020 Nitro Nats** - Scheduled for April 2-4, 2020 in Reserve, LA were cancelled. (*approved Dec. 2019- cancelled Feb. 2020*).

**Waiver of Sec. E – Procedures “Grandfather clause”.** No penalty for races cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. (*BOD email vote March 2020*)

**2020 Gas Nats** - Approved by BOD for Sept. 10-13 in Celina, OH, hosted by Driftwood MBC. Later withdrawn. Second bid approved for June 11-13 hosted by River City RC. Club made decision to postpone to June 10-12, 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions (*see special meeting April 15, 2020*).

**Board appointment of Brad Maglinger** to complete D14 term ending 2022. (*Mike Schindler resigned May 2020*)

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Director elections: District 1, 4, 6, 8, 13, LSG, FE** for 3-yr. terms to begin Jan. 1, 2021.

- D1 – Incumbent Randy Rapedius – willing to serve new term.
- D4 – Incumbent Dave Halverson – willing to serve new term.
- D6 – Incumbent Larry Conrad - declines. If no nominations received this will be a write-in ballot.
- D8 – vacant - no eligible members in district (*districts with less than 15 primary members may still elect a representative although he/she will have 0 power votes.*)
- D13 – Incumbent Doug Smock – declines. Nomination for William Shackelford received.
- LSG Director – Incumbent Matt Schofield – declines. Nomination for Lance Ledet received.
- FE Director – Incumbent Mike Ball – willing to serve new term.

A ballot for any new directors (even unopposed races) will appear in September *Roostertail*, and online through Oct. 31. No ballot will be run for incumbents willing to serve for another term if unopposed.

**LSG Super Boat Offshore Proposal** – Proposal submitted by William McCauley #21099 S and supported by five members in good standing. Presented to BOD by Matt Schofield and suggested for 1-yr trial. Request to adopt as a formal class for the larger, more powerful Super Boats currently racing in south, east coast, Midwest, and the islands. They currently run in Open LSG Offshore, but are 10 to 20 mph faster. Minimum 55-inch Mono and Catamaran hulls. Class rules are understood and being followed by both IMPBA and NAMBA members. 42 boats ran this class in Melbourne, FL in Feb. 2020. Tech Review Mono John Finch addressed several questions. Measure is bow to the stern per Tech Standards. Offshore course A or B only, no left turns are run due to speed – it becomes a safety issue. D5 Nick Hartdegen noted that NAMBA D3 are running these. Matt noted that clubs can dictate on entry that Superboats will/or will not run in Open Offshore. All IMPBA weight, length,,and noise restrictions in Technical Standards apply. Members feel we should reference Tech Standards in the rule.

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to adopt this proposal (with addition of Tech Standards reference) for a 1-Year Trial Rule. **SECOND** by D7 Jim Nissen.

**D3 opposed. Majority supports. Motion carries for 1-YEAR TRIAL RULE for 2021 season.**

**2022 Gas Nats Bid** – Voodoo Club of Reserve, LA is bidding to hold mid-May (12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, of 2022 tentatively). This would be the club's fifth time hosting. They have the members and facility to hold large events. Gas Director supports.

**MOTION** by LSG Matt Schofield to accept bid for 2022 Gas Nats. **SECOND** by VP/PP Chris Rupley.  
**Motion carried without dissent.**

**IMPBA right to deny membership** – Discussion regarding serious, but unfounded accusations against the organization and members. These persons are not current with IMPBA, but have called the office, sent multiple emails, and made multiple posts regarding IMPBA. They have harassed members and clubs. If these persons became members, their posts and statements will reflect badly on the organization. BOD members stated the Safety clause regarding "Code of Conduct" was sufficient to deny membership. Important point that there **MUST** be clear documentation of issue, (not hearsay). Each of these cases have been banned from multiple public forums, asked not to come to club events due to their behavior, or denied club membership. Secretary noted that the cases are well documented. Club may need to consider a "stay away" or restraining order if behavior escalates. Names will be added to database with notes for future reference.

**Motion** by VP Chris Rupley to deny membership in cases where clear documentation supports.  
**SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock. **Motion carried without dissent.**

***ACTION** – Secretary will add 2 names and notations to Membership Database for banned persons. If membership applications are received, a refund will be sent and application marked "membership denied". No phone conversations or emails should sent. Documentation **MUST** support this action and be kept for proof in each/any case. **This is not a blanket authorization. Each instance must be discussed with BOD prior to making notation on database.***

#### **ADJOURNMENT GENERAL SESSION:**

There being no further general business, a motion to adjourn the meeting and go to Executive Session was requested.

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to adjourn. **SECOND** by VP Chris Rupley.  
**General Session adjourned 9:25 PM. ET.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Board voted on Hall of Fame nominations. It was asked that names be kept confidential so that a surprise presentation could be made. Secretary will order plaques.

#### **ADJOURNMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn Executive Session was requested.

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to adjourn. **SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock.  
**Adjourned 9:45 PM. ET.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

**International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 November 2018 through October 2019

FINAL ADJUSTED  
 FIGURES

	<u>Nov '18 - Oct 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	120.00
Club sanctions - Other	1,700.00
Total Club sanctions	<u>1,820.00</u>
Contributions incentive items	15.00
Membership Dues	
Family membership	1,050.00
J and JR Membership	960.00
Other Member Fees	0.00
Senior membership	39,055.00
Single-Event	975.00
Total Membership Dues	<u>42,040.00</u>
Newsletter sponsorship	795.00
Printed newsletter	390.00
Race sanctions	1,060.00
Rule book	165.00
Total Income	<u>46,285.00</u>
Gross Profit	46,285.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	1,409.85
Business Licenses and Permits	47.00
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	772.07
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	77.21
Total Computer and Internet Expenses	<u>849.28</u>
Conference Call Fees	60.00
Depreciation Expense	53.03
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	15,717.00
Officers Insurance	991.00
Total Insurance Expense	<u>16,708.00</u>
Miscellaneous Expense	23.93
Office Supplies	195.49
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	16,301.90
Taxes - BWC Annual	12.60
Taxes - City WH Qtrly	441.00
Taxes - Federal 940 Annual Tax	43.19
Taxes - Federal 941	3,996.46
Taxes - ODJFS Qtrly	95.00
Taxes - Ohio Withholding Qtr	360.00
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>21,250.15</u>
Postage and Delivery	747.06
Printing and Reproduction	1,966.94
Professional Fees	965.00
Regatta and Other Trophies	2,312.13
Rental Post Office Box	96.00
Telephone Expense	713.00
Total Expense <span style="color: red;">See EXPENSE Detail report</span>	<u>47,396.86</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-1,111.86
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	6.10
Total Other Income	<u>6.10</u>
Net Other Income	6.10
Net Income	<u><u>-1,105.76</u></u>

FINAL ADJUSTED figure

## 2020 VOTING POWER - based on 2019 voting member totals

DISTRICT	2020 VOTING POWER	S,F,PL,L VOTING #s	J & JR non-voting	2019 Total	change from 2018
D1	2	113	11	124	-2
D2	2	186	6	192	-16
D3	1	65	10	75	-3
D4	1	87	12	99	2
D5	2	111	6	117	4
D6	1	36	3	39	3
D7	0	9	0	9	0
D8	0	5	0	5	2
D9	0	3	1	4	1
D10	0	0	0	0	0
D11	0	1	0	1	-1
D12	1	94	18	112	-6
D13	1	83	10	93	-3
D14	1	96	18	114	-5
D21	0	10	0	10	6
		<b>899</b>	95	<b>994</b>	<b>-18</b>

- 15-100 voting members = 1
- 101-200 voting members = 2
- 201-300 voting members = 3

## 2019 VOTING MEMBERS BREAKOUT

District	S,F,PL,L VOTING	Senior	Family	Paid Life	Life/HL
D1	113	95	14	2	2
D2	186	162	14	5	5
D3	65	52	5	2	6
D4	87	71	8	3	5
D5	111	90	13	4	4
D6	36	32	2	2	0
D7	9	4	2	3	0
D8	5	5	0	0	0
D9	3	3	0	0	0
D10	0	0	0	0	0
D11	1	1	0	0	0
D12	94	78	12	2	2
D13	83	66	15	1	1
D14	96	73	18	4	1
D21	10	9	1	0	0
	<b>899</b>	741	104	28	26



# PROPOSAL

7/21/2020 Annual Mtg. -

BOD approved w/changes per meeting notes -

1-YEAR TRIAL FOR 2021

RULE CHANGE  
LSG Class

The following PROPOSAL is submitted for Board Review:

## LSG SUPER BOAT OFFSHORE CLASS

Submitted by William McCauley # 21099 S

Supported by: Terry Rogers #20505 S; Nick Vaughn #21575 S; Eric Rodden #21307 S; Bert Arencibia #8703 S; Tim White #6204 S; John Finch #4142 L CD

June 2020

### Relevant Sections:

SEC.I –Large Scale Gas / Article V- Specialty Classes/ Paragraph B/ propose to insert new language as item E. (following Open LSG Offshore). In addition, Article VII- LSG International Regatta would need updated. (Refer to page I-6 in 2020 Rule Book)

### Purpose:

Currently Super Boats are racing in the South, East Coast, Midwest, and the Islands with 42 boats showing at the Melbourne, FL “Annual Super Boat Shootout” in February 2020. The class rules are understood and being followed by both IMPBA and NAMBA members. The class follows the current guidelines and requirements for Offshore and LSG Engines with a few exceptions to add to the realism being followed by the racers. We request that IMPBA adopt this as a formal class. IMPBA members in Tennessee, New Orleans, Maryland, and Virginia are building or running these craft. Adopting this as a separate class will allow these larger, more powerful boats to run together as opposed to running in Open Mono/Offshore class against smaller boats.

### Proposed Rule:

Proposed that this rule follow item D. Open LSG Offshore:

#### **E. LSG Super Boat Offshore**

##### **1. Purpose**

To provide a separate LSG Offshore class for the larger Super Boats. Class simulates realistic racing per the full-size American Power Boat Association (A.P.B.A.) Offshore Racing class. This class to follow all current IMPBA offshore guidelines found in “Nitro Specialized Classes” section “Model Offshore Power Boat Racing” with the following exceptions.

##### **2. Hull & Engine Specifications**

- a. Class minimum hull length: 55 inches.
- b. In Super Boat Offshore class, the cowling/hatches must cover the full deck opening.
- c. Class includes Single LSG and Twin LSG engines per LSG Engine Classifications.
- d. Tuned exhaust must be enclosed under the deck/cowling/hatch with pipes exiting through the stern.

##### **3. Racing Rules**

Super Boat class will utilize Offshore Course A or Offshore Course B only --there will be no left turns on the course.