

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

- Phone Conference •

### **Present:**

President, Matt Schofield (V)  
Vice/Past Pres, Chris Rupley (V)  
Secretary, Lynne Rupley (NV)  
District 1, Randy Rapedius (V)  
District 2, Tom Kelly (V)  
District 3, Mark Grannis (V)  
District 4, Dave Halverson (V)  
District 5, Nick Hartdegen (V)  
District 6, David Petrich (V)

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

### **Absent:**

Treasurer, Mike Chirillo (NV)  
District 7, Jim Nissen (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 21, 2020 Annual Meeting were submitted for approval.

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by D6 David Petrich. **Motion carried without dissent.**

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Lynne Rupley presented the report submitted by Mike Chirillo. Final adjusted Profit & Loss for 2019-20 fiscal year. (*attached*) was -\$5,977.49. Assets at year-end were \$50,871.82.

A comparison of year-to-date figures (Nov. 1 through June 30 time period) for this season and previous seasons:

Due to pandemic impact, a comparison was also done using 2019 figures. Income to June 30 in 2020-2021 is \$38,239 (*increase of \$1,972 over 2019-2020, but \$4,146 less than the 2018-2019 time period*). Nearly \$6,000 less in membership dues from 2019 season to 2020 season. We have regained approx. a third of those losses in 2021.

Expenses to date are \$26,362 – a decrease of nearly \$10,000. A 70% reduction in insurance for a savings of \$11,931. Secretary noted that we had to find a new carrier, and the bid we went with has a “self-insured retention” program which allows the organization to “hold” a \$10,000 portion of the premium unless a claim is made. This will result in significant savings over years if no claims. GL Coverage is the same with additional coverages as part of their package. This is a new product a large company is offering. Mike’s report noted that computers were upgraded at a cost of \$1,380. Print costs increased \$639 (Print costs fluctuate since items like membership card blanks are purchased only every two years, and trophies may/may not be purchased in a given year).

Income v. liabilities shows net income to date of \$11,880.51. (*Compares to a net -\$84 last year, and net \$3,648 in 2019 for same time period.*)

Total assets stand at \$62,752.33 (4 months of expenses to go). Reduction in membership is concerning, however, the reduction in insurance costs provided much needed relief to the negative effects of the pandemic. Treasury has an overall increase in total assets over the past five-year period.

**MOTION** by VP Chris Rupley to accept the Treasurer Report. **SECOND** by D5 Nick Hartdegen. **Motion carried without dissent.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President, Matt Schofield reported there are currently 36 clubs at 47 pond locations. We gained Wilmington Area Model Boaters (WAMB) in D12, and Florida Model Boaters of Ocala, FL in June in D3. Not renewing for 2021 were: Rochester MB due to loss of pond, Cleveland MBC due to loss of pond; F.A.S.T. of D1 has not renewed due to Canada/US border remaining closed; Minute Breakers of D4; and Lone Star MBC of D7.

Only 44 events scheduled to date, which is a light schedule. Unknown if Huntsville, or Cincinnati plan Record Trials for fall, and F.A.S.T is contingent on the border issue. "SpeedWeek" and "Go Fast" were cancelled for spring. Unknown if fall "Go Fast" will be held. Marquette "Chicago Challenge", "Minute Breaker Classic", "Joseph Sparr Memorial" were not scheduled. Brandon MBC added an October IMPBA event in honor of Randy Premo of D3.

Currently at 831 members. Expecting late-season sign ups, but we have not fully recovered last season's losses.

As previously noted, a new insurance carrier & new program for 2021.

Silent Engines since the last annual meeting: George Anastasi of D12, Jim Zaremski of D2, Denny Sheckler of D2, Bill Schafer of D13, Matt Blaker of D1, and Randy Premo of D3. Condolences to their families and friends.

Rule book is current with all rules voted in by membership this past December. New site is working. More items such as club listings and forms will be added over the year.

Reminder: board members to submit articles for upcoming Roostertail (publishes April 1, August 1, December 1). Advertiser suggestions welcomed. Please remind members that this is a hobby --clubs are struggling with lower member numbers, so participants need to remember events are amateur & volunteer, and appreciate the efforts.

President thanked BOD members who agreed to continue to serve, and those who were elected to new terms.

## **DISTRICTS REPORTS:**

**District 1 – Randy Rapedius** noted the US-Canada border still closed and will affect the season. Can-AM scheduled for Aug 28-29. Border may open August 9<sup>th</sup> for vaccinated US citizens. Currently 110 members in D1.

**District 2 – Tom Kelly** reported 4 events held, but low attendance at first race. Second race was cancelled due to low sign ups. Most recent event at Cincinnati held by the Indy MBC (joint D2/D14) was well attended. Coming up: Burton, MI and joint district race in Celina in August. Final race will be Rochester Hills in September. Seeing impact of closed border on attendance in D2.

**District 3 – Mark Grannis** stated D3 recently lost member Randy Premo. Brandon club will hold a memorial race in October. The Canto family, who are avid racers in D3, have started the Florida Model Boaters club. In addition, Brandon club has submitted their pond survey in order to hold record trials --perhaps the end of the season or for early next season. He anticipates more IMPBA activity in the Florida area in future.

**District 4 – Dave Halverson** spoke about the difficulties the Chicagoland area is still having due to restrictions. 5 races are scheduled in the district. Badgers race was fairly well attended. As noted, Minute Breakers club has not sanctioned, and Marquette could not obtain permits due to local Covid restrictions. Riptide club's two-day Kenny Stang Regatta has a good number of entries. New members in district this season. District is looking to implement a mentorship program for new boaters.

**District 5 – Nick Hartdegen** wished to thank the River City club for hosting the Gas Nats. Many good reports from members about the event. Rick Grim gave brief report about Huntsville: Recent race (NAMBA sanctioned) was well attended, and there is a meeting scheduled with City officials to finalize driver's stand work. Nick noted the Mike Cantavespri race was rescheduled to May, and attendance was lower this year. An informal group in D5 has joined Voodoo. Feedback is positive for World Championships in November -- generally fills fast.

**District 6 – David Petrich** noted the two clubs in D6 are St. Louis Thunderboaters who have a pond in D4, and the Twin Cities Model Boat Club. No sanctioned events in D6. Twin Cities has lost several members, either due to aging out or lack of interest in the hobby --they remain at 6 members currently. Maintenance of the pond location is becoming an issue, and finding sites is difficult due to developers grabbing up pond properties. St. Louis has approx. 25 members. Twin Cities will hold 3 club races this season. They are seeing some interest in electric.

**District 12 – Fred Lumb** reported that the Wilmington club has grown to 19 members. Their main pond can be used two weekends a month, and they have acquired another they can use anytime. Work is being done on the site. It is quite a distance to travel for most of the district. Baltimore club was informed that new owner of Ft. Ritchie wants \$3,000 per weekend for property use. This would require huge race entry fees, so the plan at this time is to hold their event at the Delmarva club in Queenstown, MD. Capitol club is down to only a few members, and had to

cancel upcoming August race. Delmarva club will hold their Oct. 15-17 race, and single-day club events. Old Dominion holds some club events, and RAMBO club is down to a few members at this time.

**District 13 – Buckshot Shackelford** stated that D13 has been racing since February with sold out Grand Prix races. SpeedWeek did cancel early. Spring Nats also sold out --there were weather issues during the race, but it ended well. World Tunnel Champs was held in May at SOWEGA – great attendance. CMB Grand Prix had some issues, and some refunds have been given. The district is working to resolve the issues in time for the Fall Nats in October. Guidelines and minimum resource requirements have been laid out for the club before entries may be opened. The club has 60 days (Aug. 15) to respond or Fall Nats will be cancelled. The Grand Prix series will continue with the next race being hosted in September by First Coast MB. Final race will be in November.

**District 14 – Brad Maglinger** noted the district has not seen much slow down in their area. The Madison race went well and the Indy club race at Cincinnati was just held. The Gas Nats were also hosted in D14. The district is running joint points series races, and added a May event at D4 Johnston City, IL site hosted by St. Louis Club. The Wine Run is coming up -- normally a quick sell out. Celina, and then the Evansville race in September will end the season. District has several new members and junior members -- Guest form has proven to be a useful tool.

**Nitro Director - Mike Betke** reported that Nitro Nats was cancelled for 2021. Still looking for 2022. He is attempting to pull a group together, but if any clubs feel they can host, please call. He will update board when details are more concrete. Nitro is still quite healthy overall. In D2, the recent Indy/Cinci race had 100 of the 157 entries in Nitro. Recent social media rumors about manufacturers appear to be unfounded. Celina sold out in days and a majority of those entries are Nitro - 62 entries in Sport 40, Sport 20, and Scale. Mike commented that clubs who are focusing on being a social club versus purely racing are attracting members. Recent activity posted by Cincinnati club is a good demonstration – they are up over 41 members. He suggests clubs consider adopting this model.

**LSG Director – Lance Ledet** stated the 2020/2021 Gas Nats was huge success. He thanked the River City club for the excellent job. 2022 Gas Nats will be held by Voodoo MBC in Reserve, LA. 2023 is not yet lined up, although there are a few prospects.

**FE Director – Mike Ball** noted that electric still has classes offered at events, but no “electric only” races being held. D1 and D2 about the same, D3 has gained some electric, D4 showing some interest, D5 offers electric at the World Champs, D6 mentioned some interest. D7 primarily NAMBA, so some crossover, D12 has mixed classes, D13 has strong electric classes, D14 has some interest in the Madison club. Encourage clubs to offer mixed classes to allow the boaters to have a place to run. Contact anytime with issues you may run into -- a call can answer something that multi-page forum threads cannot.

**Tech Review Mono - John Finch** reported that he has received no member questions regarding mono hulls, and there have been no new mono designs received for review.

### **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 2021 – (hand out attached.)**

#### **Board elections:**

Voted in for terms which began Jan. 1, 2021 (*district elections Oct. 2020*):

- D6 Director, David Petrich
- D13 Director, Buckshot Shackelford
- LSG Director, Lance Ledet

Unopposed incumbents agreeing to continue were:

- D1 Director, Randy Rapedius
- D4 Director, Dave Halverson
- FE Director, Mike Ball.

President noted this is the final year of his term. He is not able to be at events as much as he would like, but will continue to serve if no one nominated to run in the 2021 election cycle.

#### **Rule Book updates for 2021 book:**

- 1-Yr. Trial Rule for Section 1- LSG Super Boat Offshore Class (*July 21, 2020 Annual Mtg.*)
- FE Scale Unlimited Motor Tech Notice (*remains in effect, approved July 2018 Annual Mtg.*)  
*President notes we have received no feedback on this issue since implemented.*
- Sec. D – Updated for Hall of Fame inductees: Stu Barr and Mike Schindler (*July 21, 2020 Annual Mtg. Executive Session*)

- Sec. I – LSG: Open Offshore class rules were incorporated into LSG section to avoid sending readers to the Nitro section (*clean-up item approved July 21, 2020 Annual Mtg.*)
- Sec. N – History (annual update)

**2022 Gas Nats Bid Approved:** Scheduled for mid-May in Reserve, LA. (*July 21, 2020 Annual Mtg.*) President encouraged BOD to ask district clubs to contact Mike Betke if interested in Nitro Nats.

Discussion followed regarding how to ensure the Nitro Nationals are held. Pres. noted not any one thing is causing the lack of bids. Requires clubs with both enough members and venue large enough to hold. It is getting difficult to find clubs for the Gas event also. Time of year and location affects who will attend when offered. Comment was made that we must remember life is different than 10 years ago – multiple weeks of vacation are non-existent for many members, and we need to be mindful of that as an organization when planning.

**Website replacement:** Hosting company informed us our current site would not be operational after December 20, 2020, so we had to quickly decide on a replacement structure. Decision was a WordPress based product which allowed some specialized customization options such as the membership online application, and a calendar module at an affordable cost. (*approved via email BOD poll, Nov. 2020*)

**FE P-ltd. Spec classes proposal – Remains tabled.** Originally submitted in Sept 2019. Withdrawn and resubmitted Oct. 9, 2019. (*see special meeting Nov 5, 2019*). Pres. restated that clubs should continue to offer what works in their area to get boats.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Director elections: District 2, 5,** (9 & 10 vacant), **National Nitro, President** for 3-yr. terms to begin Jan. 1, 2022.

- D2 – unopposed Incumbent Tom Kelly – willing to serve new term.
- D5 – unopposed Incumbent Nick Hartdegen – willing to serve new term.
- National Nitro – unopposed Incumbent Mike Betke - willing to serve new term.
- *As noted previously, President will serve if no nominations are received.*

[*Sec. Note: No ballot will be run for incumbents willing to serve another term if unopposed.*]

**Website maintenance:** President Matt noted that the new website is up and functioning. Secretary is able to do basic work, and fix minor issues, but is not able to do the more technical work required of the customized features (applications and checkout process). Therefore, President requests the board approve the additional maintenance package at \$800 for 6 months, or there is a small price break for a 1-year plan.

Board members suggested we asked for volunteer to assist and suggested they had members they would reach out to. It was noted that the organization tried that route in the past. It was a BOD decision to go with a company so that when technical issues arise, we can call the company 24-7 and have little down time.

**MOTION** by D13 Buck Shackelford to put out a notice to membership for a volunteer webmaster.  
No Second. **Motion withdrawn.**

Additional discussion followed about the pros and cons of using volunteers to admin a site or create an entire site. July 30th is expiration of current tech support. If it expires, the site will stay as it is currently – no forms, officer & club listings, boater info page or online voting.

President explained that the decision to stay with GoDaddy design team was made by the BOD last year. We had only 3 weeks to get a new site in progress or faced an automatic transfer to a basic template webstore with no capabilities for online application process or calendar. BOD discussed moving forward with maintenance agreement, but still wished to put out an appeal to see if we get any response from members.

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to approve the 6-month maintenance fee, and put a notice in newsletter to see if any members experienced with websites have suggestions. **SECOND** by D6 David Petrich.

Amendment to motion made by D6 that we reach out to membership as soon as possible.

President noted that newsletter is the official correspondence to members and it comes out in 2 weeks. Secretary questioned as to whether the notice to membership was for assistance or a new website build. D3 made the point that this cost is actually quite reasonable. D6 called the question. The motion was clarified as appeal for assistance.

*NOTE: Auto-renew feature on conference call system was not working. Meeting was disconnected. Members called back in. Meeting continued once it was determined all parties were back on the call.*

President requested the BOD to vote on the issue at hand -- the maintenance package request. Any other ideas would require a separate meeting.

Motion was read again and put to a vote. **Motion carried without dissent.**

**Records Director Resignation and Appointment:** President Matt informed the BOD that he had received and accepted a resignation from Records Director Brad Shafer. Matt was contacted by D3 member, Ron Drake, who is an experienced record trial participant, and who wished to be considered for the position. Matt requested BOD approval of the appointment.

**MOTION:** D3 Mark Grannis to approve appointment of Ron Drake as the Records Director. **SECOND** by D5 Nick Hartdegen. **Motion carried without dissent.**

**Decal purchase for 2022 season:** Decals were not purchased for 2021 since numbers were down due to covid. Members have been requesting them. They are mailed with membership cards or by request. Other ideas welcomed. Approx. \$460 for 2,000 laminated vinyl decals.

**MOTION:** D5 Nick Hartdegen to purchase decals for the 2022 season. No second.

D3 Mark Grannis stated that the decals will be donated for 2022 in memory of Tom Grannis. Secretary will contact member Wes Ellet to discuss the order.

### **ADJOURNMENT GENERAL SESSION:**

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

**MOTION** by D6 David Petrich to adjourn regular meeting. **SECOND** by D3 Mark Grannis.

**General Session adjourned 10:07 PM. ET.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive Board roll call was taken. Executive board members discussed and voted on multiple Hall of Fame nominations. Per Hall of Fame rules, the maximum of two members were voted in. It was asked that names be kept confidential so that surprise presentations could be made. Secretary will order plaques. Announcement will be made at a later date.

### **ADJOURNMENT EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

**MOTION** by VP Chris Rupley to adjourn. **SECOND** by D6 David Petrich.

**Adjourned 10:45 PM. ET.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

*Call IDs:*

*Conference 315455185, Jul 20 2021 7\_04\_51pm\_P1*

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## 2021 VOTING POWER - based on 2020 voting member totals

DISTRICT	2021 VOTING POWER	S,F,PL,L VOTING #s	J & JR non-voting	2020 Total	change from 2019
D1	2	105	6	111	-13
D2	2	144	5	149	-43
D3	1	74	7	81	6
D4	1	74	10	84	-15
D5	1	83	5	88	-29
D6	1	30	3	33	-6
D7	<del>0</del>	11	0	11	2
D8	<del>0</del>	1	0	1	-4
D9	<del>0</del>	6	0	6	2
D10	<del>0</del>	0	0	0	0
D11	<del>0</del>	1	0	1	0
D12	1	86	16	102	-10
D13	1	76	11	87	-6
D14	2	101	21	122	8
D21	<del>0</del>	7	2	9	-1
		799	86	885	-109

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

## 2020 VOTING MEMBERS BREAKOUT

District	S,F,PL,L VOTING	Senior	Family	Paid Life	Life/HL
D1	105	87	14	2	2
D2	144	121	13	5	5
D3	74	55	11	2	6
D4	74	58	8	3	5
D5	83	65	10	4	4
D6	30	27	1	2	0
D7	11	7	1	3	0
D8	1	1	0	0	0
D9	6	5	1	0	0
D10	0	0	0	0	0
D11	1	1	0	0	0
D12	86	70	12	2	2
D13	76	60	14	1	1
D14	101	75	21	4	1
D21	7	5	2	0	0
	799	637	108	28	26

**International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 November 2019 through October 2020

FINAL adjusted figures

	<u>Nov '19 - Oct 20</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	130.00
Club sanctions - Other	1,750.00
Total Club sanctions	1,880.00
Contributions incentive items	130.00
Membership Dues	
Family membership	1,070.00
J and JR Membership	880.00
Other Member Fees	22.00
Senior membership	32,995.00
Single-Event	585.00
Membership Dues - Other	0.00
Total Membership Dues	35,552.00
Newsletter sponsorship	550.00
Printed newsletter	335.00
Race sanctions	1,020.00
Rule book	120.00
Total Income	39,587.00
Gross Profit	39,587.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	1,281.05
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	932.05
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	1,356.59
Total Computer and Internet Expenses	2,288.64
Conference Call Fees	190.00
Depreciation Expense	36.44
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	15,986.00
Officers Insurance	991.00
Total Insurance Expense	16,977.00
Office Supplies	148.06
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	16,250.28
Taxes - BWC Annual	0.96
Taxes - City WH Qtrly	441.00
Taxes - Federal 940 Annual Tax	42.00
Taxes - Federal 941	4,048.08
Taxes - ODJFS Qtrly	81.00
Taxes - Ohio Withholding Qtr	360.00
Total Payroll Expenses	21,223.32
Postage and Delivery	507.05
Printing and Reproduction	604.99
Professional Fees	1,015.00
Refunds	60.00
Regatta and Other Trophies	462.98
Rental Post Office Box	106.00
Telephone Expense	670.08
Total Expense	45,570.61
Net Ordinary Income	-5,983.61
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	6.12
Total Other Income	6.12
Net Other Income	6.12
Net Income	<u><u>-5,977.49</u></u>

FINAL adjusted figure