

International Model Power Boat Association

Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 15, 2022

- Phone Conference •

Present:

President, Fred Lumb, Jr. (V)
Vice/Past Pres, Matt Schofield (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 7, Jim Nissen (V)
District 12, Scott Smith (V)
District 13, Doug Smock (V)
District 14, Bradley Maglinger (V)

National Nitro Director, Mike Betke (V)
National LSG Director, Lance Ledet (V)
National FE Director, Mike Ball (V)
Ntl. Safety, Robin Stebbins (A)
Ntl. Records, Ron Drake (A)
Ntl. Tech Chair, Rick Grim (A)
Ntl. Tech Review Hydro, Don Ferrette (A)
Ntl. Scale, Joe Wiebelhaus (A)
Ntl. O/B, Carl Van Houten (A)
Past Pres, Chris Rupley (V)
Past Pres, Bill Zuber (NV)
Guest: Brian Blazer, D2 member

Absent:

Treasurer, Vacant position (NV)
Ntl Tech Review Mono, John Finch (A)

Other Past Presidents (NV)

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

CALL TO ORDER:

President Fred Lumb called the meeting of the Board to order at **8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT**. The Secretary took roll call.

Sport 40 Discussion

Guest Brian Blazer of District 2 submitted a design for IMPBA approval as a Sport 40 class hull. There was disagreement last season on measuring points to determine transom width. President Lumb asked Don Ferrette to introduce the discussion. Attachments were sent to BOD members to attempt to clarify the point of "forward riding surface" used for measurement. Language was suggested to be added to state "Ride pad relief must not exceed 80% of ride pad length." Additional question about stating riding surface "on plane" when rule does not state that. No restrictions on tunnel width or hull width stated as same rules apply to Sport 20 & 12. VP/PP Matt Schofield made point that this is the same measure points that Brian and other board members were stating were to be used last year. Brian once again asked for clarification that he could measure from between the forward recovery (a.k.a. relief) pads for transom width. Don confirmed and further stated Blazer's hull meets IMPBA rules for Sport 40 hull.

President asked if there was any motion for rule book changes. Don requested to have drawings added to help clarify measure points. Mike Betke noted that additional wording or changes used on the drawings would require possible rule language additions and a membership vote. He also stated more research on the "80% relief cut" needed to be done to make certain it did not make any current running boats illegal as that was not part of the current written rules or example graphics.

No motion was made to add drawings. No action item.

Motion to Suspend Regular Order of Business:

President requested motion to address agenda items.

MOTION by D6 David Petrich to suspend the regular order of business to address a limited agenda.
SECOND by D5 Nick Hartdegen. **Motion carried without dissent.**

PRESIDENT REPORT:

President, noted that the District Vote Power for 2022 season was attached.

Scott Smith has been appointed as District 12 Director to complete the term of Fred Lumb who resigned since becoming President.

BOARD majority approved appointment of Scott Smith via email poll on Jan 8, 2022 via email vote.
15 YES: D1(2); D2 (2); D3(1); D4(1); D5(1); D6(1); D7(0); D13(1); D14(2); Nitro(1); FE(1); LSG(1); VP/PP(1);
None were opposed.

Districts up for election this year are: 3, 7, 11, 12, 14. Note: 7 & 11 may elect a director, but are ineligible for BOD vote as fewer than 15 primary membership at year end. Directors are asked to declare their intent to run or not. Nominations must be in by July 31 for the fall voting (August *Roostertail* through Oct. 31).

Directors are requested to finalize club and race sanctions for the season as soon as possible. If website club listing does not state "sanctioned for 2022", or race is not listed on calendar, then nothing has been received.

Membership currently at 671 which is in line with 2018-2019 numbers for this date.

Insurance premiums have been paid for the year.

IMPBA cell phone for office: President requests the BOD approve replacing the current phone (3G technology will not be supported next year per Verizon).

MOTION by D13 Doug Smock to approve phone upgrade of Secretary choosing. **SECOND** by D14 Bradley Maglinger. **Motion carried.**

Budget limit was discussed. Pricing will depend on offerings at time of purchase. Secretary will work to get best price in March. The \$50 plan price will not change as it is eligible for an upgrade.

Treasurer Vacancy: President has called numerous members. No one has accepted position. Directors are encouraged to reach out to members.

Gas National and Nitro US-1 Internats updates:

Nick Hartdegen, President of Voodoo club, reported that all sponsorships for classes are sold out. The club has procured a popular local restaurant for the banquet. Any additional raffle prizes would be appreciated. Club is building a handicapped ramp and stand for a participant. The club had a huge expenditure to replace the main canopy at the site which was destroyed by the hurricane. Any donations appreciated as the club treasury was heavily hit by this expense and nearly all proceeds taken in for the race get put back into putting on the race.

Rick Grim, President of Huntsville club, stated that plans are going well. Some sign up issues as payment systems on RCRacing were having problems, so Rick has asked racers to contact him and they will be invoiced for fees until resolved. D5 noted that similar issue happening to mobile users on their race. Solution was to sign in to their PayPal account before attempting to enter the race.

US-1 Class Addition Requests:

President asked BOD to consider two proposals today for Sport 20 and Sport B Tunnel to be included as US-1 eligible classes. There will be an additional request for A Hydro coming at future meeting. President stated that Sport B Tunnel entries as a Specialty Class had been larger than some actual US-1 offerings (D Tunnel, B Mono, E Mono, F Tunnel; F Mono; and 1/8 Scale.). Sport 20 as a Specialty Class was larger than 3 US-1 class offerings.

Discussion followed about the time impact of adding classes. Rick Grim stated that there was no issue with the time based on study of 2017 and 2019 entries. Suggestions were made to possibly drop less popular classes. The tech issue for Sport Tunnel was discussed -- as no other US-1 classes require this. Rick Grim noted that those same boats were teched when running in their Specialty Class, so it is a non-issue. D1 stated promoting classes to aid in Internats participation should be done.

MOTION by D1 Randy Rapedius to approve the **Sport 20** and **Sport B Tunnel** proposals for US-1 eligible classes as 1-year Trial Rules. **SECOND** by D5 Nick Hartdegen. Motion was amended to note that to fulfill a full year as a trial rules, these would not go to membership vote until Dec. 2023. Both parties approved the amendment.

Sport 20 Hydro: None opposed. **MOTION PASSES.**

Sport B Tunnel: District by District vote taken.

17 YES votes: D1(2); D2(2); D4(1); D5(1); D6(1); D7(0); D12(2); D13(1); D14(2); LSG(1); Nitro(1); FE(1); VP/PP(1); PP(1)

1 NO votes: D3(1);

MOTION PASSES.

ACTION: Secretary will post Trial Rules online and in upcoming *Roostertail* newsletter with note that they will not go to membership vote until Dec. 2023.

Super Sport Outboard Tunnel Class:

Fred presented a proposal for a Super Sport Outboard Tunnel Class submitted by Carl VanHouten in conjunction with the NAMBA outboard director Jimmy Johnson. The same proposal is going to the NAMBA leadership.

D14 Bradley Maglinger questioned whether this was a change to the current class or adding additional classes. Secretary requested clarification as this appears to be a proposal to replace the class just voted on for US-1 eligibility. Submitter stated this was replacing the current language of Article VIII in Section H-Nitro Specialized classes, and expanding offerings to allow power head and lower unit from any manufacturer. Mike Betke questioned again how we could vote in a class as a US-1 Trial Rule with specific engine rules and also change the engine rules simultaneously. Fred stated that he did not understand this to be a replacement of the current Sport OB Tunnel rule. Disagreement remained on whether it was current rule change or 3 additions.

MOTION by D14 to table discussion until it can be clarified what is being requested. **SECOND** by Nitro Director, Mike Betke. None opposed. **MOTION TABLED.**

Proposal - Eliminate 300-Mile Radius Rule

President presented the proposal. Since the organization is no longer Nitro only, the restriction does not make as much sense as it may have in decades past. It only applies to US-1 events, not Nationals. Districts currently work around the Nationals schedule. He asked the board to consider the proposal submitted.

The BOD voted in Dec. 2021 to waive the US-1 radius rule for this year since it was determined that allowing the nearby D13 event (scheduled at D13 district meeting prior to the Nitro date bid being granted) would not affect attendance at the Internats. Only a couple D13 members had plans to attend the US-1 event, but the district would have been barred from holding any event for one week prior and two weekends during the event (3 weekends taken out of their schedule). Members noted that historically, the restriction on other club racing does not force members to attend a US-1 style event. D3 opposed the previous vote to waive the radius rule, but also mentioned that there is already a rule that can be used for the same purpose – see E-Procedures, Article II, paragraph D (5).

Sanctions will not be granted for events within such dates or distance of each other where the sanctioning officials have reason to believe that success of either event might be jeopardized.

Discussion about time frame for approval was mentioned as an idea instead of this proposal. Submitter did not wish to withdraw or amend his current proposal. The options the board has for Procedures proposals were discussed. It is required to go to membership after review/amendment by the BOD per Constitution, however, BOD may choose to recommend the change or not.

MOTION by D13 Doug Smock to vote to recommend this Procedure proposal be passed by membership. **SECOND** by LSG Director, Lance Ledet.

District by District vote taken:

13 YES to recommend: D1(2); D2(2); D4(1); D6(1); D12(2); D13(1); FE(1); LSG(1); VP/PP(1); PP(1)

5 NO: D3(1); D5(1); D14(2); Nitro(1)

MOTION PASSES.

ACTION: Proposal will be distributed in *Roostertail* for membership, and will go to vote in December 2022 with a notation that the Board is recommending membership vote for the rule change.

Discussion - Safety Netting Information review

President noted that the current Safety Section information on netting had outdated links and information. He asked Robin Stebbins, Natl. Safety Director, to review the options and report to the BOD.

Robin reported that he spoke with manufacturers regarding the strength of the netting and fencing options. Only chain link manufacturers would state with certainty that the product would “stop” a boat. This is costly. The orange

construction fencing & black silt fencing is not suitable nor recommended. Sports netting or aviary/bird control netting is less expensive than marine netting and have UV protection so they aren't weakened by sun, whereas marine netting is not meant to withstand UV damage. HDPE netting is weaker and too brittle. Recommended is #24 size knotted 1" square net from aviary/bird control suppliers. Cost for a front straight around \$500 range. Schedule 40 blue netting was also recommended. D5 will send manufacturer reference.

ACTION: Robin will get additional information and supplier info and draft language to include in rule book as recommendations in preamble. It will be sent to BOD for review and vote by email.

Discussion – President Letter to Board Members

The discussion involved letters sent to the Board prior to the meeting. Members wished to discuss statements made regarding prior actions, and a recent Past President voting issue. They weren't clear what was being voted on or why, and did not feel there was a clear outcome. President stated that since the majority of votes cast felt the Past Presidents vote based on their years as President, and there are proposals in the works to address the issue for long term, he felt the matter was settled. One item turned in needed additional work to be ready to present as it did not show where changes were to go in rule book or what language was to be removed/changed. It must be clear so it can go to membership as Constitution and Bylaws changes are required to do so. After discussion, Secretary asked if a clarification of current rule might help in short term.

ACTION: Secretary/President will work on clarification for BOD approval.

Next Meeting date set for March 15

Members requested any documentation be sent with time to review. President notes that agenda items must be sent to a voting director – not the office – 30 days prior to meeting. This does not mean all proposals are distributed to the board 30 days in advance of the meeting.

ACTION: President will plan to send agenda on March 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION by D5 Nick Hartdegen to adjourn. **SECOND** by D6 David Petrich.

Adjourned 10:20 PM. ET.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Rupley,
Secretary

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2022 DISTRICT VOTING POWER

Based on 2021 Voting Member Totals				
District	Overall Total	J, JR excluded	VOTING Total (S,F,PL,L)	VOTE POWER 2022
D1	104	3	101	2
D2	156	5	151	2
D3	98	10	88	1
D4	79	7	72	1
D5	82	5	77	1
D6	29	1	28	1
D7	11	0	11	0
D8	1	0	1	0
D9	5	1	4	0
D10	0	0	0	0
D11	1	0	1	0
D12	136	17	119	2
D13	97	14	83	1
D14	123	21	102	2
D21	2	0	2	0
TOTAL #s	924	84	840	

All other BOD voting positions in Constitution are 1 vote.

AS OF 12/31/2021