

International Model Power Boat Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

- Phone Conference •

Present:

President, Fred Lumb, Jr. (V)
Vice/Past Pres, Matt Schofield (V)
Secretary, Lynne Rupley (NV)
Treasurer, Kim Blasor-Grim (NV)
District 1, Randy Rapedius (V)
District 3, Mark Grannis (V)
District 4, Dave Halverson (V)
District 5, Nick Hartdegen (V)
District 6, David Petrich (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. 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, Kevin Sheren (NV)
Past Pres, Bill Zuber (NV)

Absent:

District 2, Tom Kelly (V)
District 7, Jim Nissen (V)

Ntl. Records, Ron Drake (A)
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 President took roll call. Some members joined the meeting in progress.

President asked if members had any questions regarding previous minutes.

Motion to Suspend Regular Order of Business:

President requested motion to address agenda items.

MOTION by D4 David Halverson to suspend the regular order of business to address a limited agenda.

SECOND by PP Chris Rupley. **Motion carried without dissent.**

OLD & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Treasurer Position - Kim Blasor-Grim of D5 was appointed to the Treasurer position.

(NOTE ADDED FOR THE RECORD – item was approved via email vote: YES: 15 board power votes D1(2); D2(2); D3(1); D5(1); D12(2); D13(1); D14(2); FE(1); LSG(1); VP/PP(1); PP(1). NONE were opposed. Vote not received from D4, D6, D7, or Nitro.)

Past President Constitution clarification – This item was approved by the board via email & posted.

(NOTE ADDED FOR THE RECORD – item was approved via email vote: YES: 17 board power votes D1(2); D2(2); D3(1); D4(1); D5(1); D6(1); D7(0); D12(2); D13(1); D14(2); Nitro(1); FE(1); LSG(1); VP/PP(1); ABSTAIN: PP (1). NONE were opposed.)

Safety Netting – Update on progress of research. Article will run in April Roostertail. Safety Director suggests making recommendations of types per the article versus mandating exact products. Prices vary greatly so listing exact suppliers may not be best tactic. He would additionally remind clubs about the 25 ft. rule for spectators.

Knotted netting will be best recommendation. It was suggested two layers of other styles such as construction fencing could also be recommended as each site presents unique challenges. Many clubs do this.

PP Rupley suggests Robin come up with draft to present to board. President requested Robin work on this.

Super Sport OB Tunnel classes – Tabled Item

President spoke with OB Director, Carl Van Houten regarding. **Item will be withdrawn at this time.**

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal: US-1 Classes – Split A & B Hydro

Rick Grim presented. Proposal to make A Hydro and B Hydro separate US-1 classes. Was combined many years ago for time reasons. A Hydros are not able to run against the B Hydros. They are much smaller and cannot handle the rough water presented by the much faster B Hydros and often do not even complete the heat due to this. It was noted that if the A class does not “make” (8 boats presented for racing) US-1, it will not combine with B once they are split. Nitro Director Betke supports this.

MOTION by Nitro Director, Mike Betke, to pass proposal for a 1-year (plus) Trial Rule. Will not be voted on until Dec. 2023 so it can be published for a full year. **SECOND** by unknown party. None opposed.

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.

Proposal: Gas Scale Unlimited rule change:

President Fred presented. Proposal seeks to allow portion of exposed pipe -- submitter states difficulty in concealing under current rules with more modern boats with shallow rear deck due to size of gas engines. Fred noted that there was not as much support for this as earlier thought. Board discussed that the change could possibly loosen up the class too much and the boats would simply become sport hydros. The intent is to mimic real boats as closely as possible, so some craft may never be suitable for gas scale builds.

A suggestion made that BOD table item so that additional discussion can be had among those who run the class. Don F. will have additional discussion with the original submitter.

MOTION by PP Chris Rupley to terminate proposal as written. **SECOND** by LSG Director, Lance Ledet.

Discussion on motion. Response was that a better or different proposal can be submitted at any time. D14 volunteered to assist as the district has a large scale boating community.

President requested a District by District vote.

16 YES: D1(2); D3(1); D4(1); D5(1); D6(1); D12(2); D13(1); D14(2); Nitro(1); LSG(1); FE(1); PP/VP(1); PP(1). None opposed. **MOTION passed. Proposal is terminated.**

Insurance Discussion:

President requests that a committee come together to handle insurance renewal so that this is not solely in the hands of one person. Secretary would provide records needed. President will assist. Please email interest.

Social Media:

President is working with some IMPBA members to set up a social media presence that will include multiple venues. More on this to come. Power Point presentation will be forwarded to board members to review.

Discussion:

President is working on a multiple power race format/venue for next season. More to be announced at a later date. Brief overview given to board members. Insurance was discussed in relation to plan.

US-1 question:

D14 asked for clarification on boat count for US-1. Boats entered versus boats presented. Consensus was boats must be there to compete (boat could theoretically scratch in round 1 but is considered as “presented to run”).

ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION by D14 Brad Maglinger to adjourn. **SECOND** by D13 Doug Smock.

Members inquired if they could ask additional questions before adjournment. President took the questions.

Sport 40 Hull approval question:

PP Chris inquired as to whether Brian Blazer would be receiving some official type notice or letter stating his hull was approved at the meeting in February. President states he is working on this.

Sport Hydro drawings:

Mike Betke had a question regarding the example drawings that were sent to members for the February meeting discussion. He had further researched the concerns about making existing boats illegal and had determined that would not be the case. President Fred noted that no action was taken and no motion voted on in regards to including those items in rule book at this time. Don Ferrette would like to see them included in rule book and suggests voting on this by email. **No action taken at this time.**

Motion to adjourn restated.

Adjourned 8:55 PM. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,
Secretary

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