

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Annual Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 20, 2022

- Video/ Phone Conference •

### **Present:**

President, Fred Lumb, Jr. (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, Scott Smith (V)  
District 13, Doug Smock (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 Records, Ron Drake (A)  
National Tech Chair, Rick Grim (A)  
Ntl Tech Review Hydro, Don Ferrette (A)  
Past Pres, Chris Rupley (V)  
Past Pres, Bill Zuber (NV)

### **Absent:**

Vice/Past Pres, Matt Schofield (V)  
Treasurer, Kim Grim (NV)  
District 7, Jim Nissen (V)  
National Safety, Robin Stebbins (A)

National Scale, Joe Wiebelhaus (A)  
Ntl Tech Review Mono, John Finch (A)  
Ntl. O/B, Carl Van Houten (A)  
other Past Presidents (NV)

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

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Fred Lumb, Jr. called the Annual Meeting of the Board to order at **8 p.m. ET / 7 p.m. CT**. Roll Call was taken. Additional members joined the session in progress.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes of July 20, 2021 Annual Meeting and special meetings of Nov. 16, 2021, Feb. 15, 2022, and Apr. 5, 2022 were submitted for approval.

**MOTION** by LSG Lance Ledet to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by President Fred Lumb. **Motion carried without dissent.**

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Lynne Rupley noted that the Profit-Loss statement was included in documents sent to BOD. Final adjusted Profit & Loss for 2020-21 fiscal year (*attached*) was \$5,934.55 profit. Assets at year-end were \$56,810.00.

Comparison of Year-to-date P&L indicates we should be nearly \$2,000 more in profit over last year figures. September and October payroll, and taxes are outstanding, and an additional bill for Hall of Fame plaque (\$248.50) and CPA bill of \$85. No other major expenses indicated for remainder of this FY.

A comparison of year-to-date figures for this season and previous season can be sent to members upon request. Send any specific questions about expenses to Secretary

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

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

President, Fred Lumb reported there are currently 36 clubs at 47 pond locations. We gained Tampa Bay Model Boaters in D3, and a D1 group is working to form/resurrect a club in Niagara region. Not renewing for 2022 were: Florida MB of Ocala (D3) ; Quad City Roostertails (D4) of Mirror Lake in Milan, IL.

54 events scheduled to date.

Membership at 982 (168 new members). Still receiving late-season sign ups.

Secretary read "Silent Engines" since the last Annual meeting: Lou Gerdik of D1; Stan Simpson III of D3; Larry Kent of D13; Bob Kensill of D14; Walter Wastowicz of D1; Walt Casper of D2; Rod Geraghty of D4; Michael Whitley of D13; Fred Hartley of D4; and recently Steve Wasylyk of D1. Condolences to their families and friends.

## **DISTRICTS REPORTS:**

**District 1 – Randy Rapedius** noted the membership numbers are up. D1 Facebook page is helping the growth. The NLL Can-Am race in August had 150 boats. Pete Forcier's group (S. Tier NY R/C MB) in Corning has their club series going averaging 30-50 boats. They held a two-day race, but did not see an increase in traffic from that. A club is trying to form in Buffalo, NY area (former Niagara Region Model Boaters members). There is also a site between Buffalo and Pittsburg that looks ideal for RC use.

**District 2 – Tom Kelly** reported races throughout the year were fairly well attended by the usual crowd. Transom Twisters race was cancelled due to club issues – they will try again next season. Dayton club has expressed interest in holding a sanctioned race for 2023.

**District 3 – Mark Grannis** stated D3 recently held a meeting of the D3 support group and club presidents regarding offerings in D3. The focus will be multiple specialty races versus a points series. Winter Nitro Championships in Brandon are slated for the third weekend of January 2023.

**District 4 – Dave Halverson** noted growth in the district. 5 races were scheduled for 2022 and one was cancelled due to weather. One final race remaining for 2022. There us a new practice pond in the District – mainly good for electrics.

**District 5 – Nick Hartdegen** wished to acknowledge the success of the US-1 Nitro Internats in Huntsville, AL this season, and the Gas Nationals held in Reserve, LA. The upcoming Voodoo November Worlds race sold out in about 15 minutes. Social media is also helping growth. Nick encouraged everyone to "share" items to help distribute information. Time Trials are coming up in Hunstville this fall also. D5 appreciates all the support from the racers.

**District 6 – David Petrich** noted the two clubs in D6 are St. Louis Thunderboaters who have a pond in D4 (Illinois) with around a dozen members, and the Twin Cities Model Boat Club which has 7 members. No sanctioned events due to decreasing club member level. Club is holding club fun runs. The difficulty in getting water is due to development in area.

**District 12 – Scott Smith** reported that biggest issue in the district is loss of pond locations. (Ft. Ritchie location sold) . Events have mostly been held at the Delmarva club in Queenstown, MD. Upcoming race has 97 boats and Delmarva club will hold their Oct. 14-16 race, and single-day club events.

**District 13 – Doug Smock** stated that D13 is doing well. Last on the schedule is the Fall Nats and the final Grand Prix in November. One note is that First Coast MB which have been part of the D13 GP series and hosting their races at SOWEGA, has obtained a pond location in Jacksonville. One of our GP races may be in D3 next season.

**District 14 – Brad Maglinger** noted the district has one series points race remaining - the Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic. There will be a live stream of this race by provider TKDS. Please contact Brad if you are interested in contacting them for your events. They will travel all over the country. Safety has been a big focus for the clubs. Each club has a safety officer in place. District has grown and is healthy.

**Nitro Director - Mike Betke** reported that the June Nitro Internats was a big success and Huntsville did a great job hosting. Nitro Nats for 2023 will be discussed during new business.

**LSG Director – Lance Ledet** stated the 2022 Gas Nats went very smoothly. 2023 is not yet lined up, although there are a few who have expressed interest, there is no commitment by a club.

**FE Director – Mike Ball** noted that electric seems to be status-quo at this time. D13, Florida, and East Coast are the strongest areas. Madison and Evansville are showing some increased interest in FE.

**Records Director – Ron Drake** reported that there have been no new records since the spring trials. Fall season is just beginning and looks to be a busy one with several trials scheduled.

**Safety Director - Fred Lumb** presented an issue in Robin Stebbins absence. The current policy on drug & alcohol does not specifically address marijuana which is legal all over now. New language should also include edibles.

**ACTION: Fred will research statute language, tailor to our needs, and send out for email vote.**

## **RECAP of Board Actions / OLD & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

*[SEC. NOTE: Vote Power figures for 2022 were handed out at April meeting.]*

### **Board elections Oct. 2021 for 3-yr. Terms which began Jan. 1, 2022**

- President, Fred Lumb, Jr.

Unopposed incumbents agreeing to continue were:

- D2 Director, Tom Kelly
- D5 Director, Nick Hartdegen
- D9 & D10 remain vacant
- Nitro Director, Mike Betke

### **Board Changes since 2021 Annual Meeting:**

- D13 resigned and Doug Smock was appointed to complete the term.
- Pres. Fred Lumb resigned the D12 position and Scott Smith was appointed to complete the term.
- Kim Grim (a.k.a. K2G) was appointed as Treasurer in Feb. 2022 by a unanimous board decision to replace M. Chirillo who resigned Dec. 31, 2021.

### **Director elections Oct 2022 for 3-yr Terms to begin Jan. 1, 2023**

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

- D3 – unopposed Incumbent **Mark Grannis** – willing to serve new term.
- D7 – unopposed Incumbent **Jim Nissen** – willing to serve new term.
- D11 – remains vacant
- D12 – unopposed Incumbent **Scott Smith** – willing to serve new term.
- D14 – unopposed Incumbent **Bradley Maglinger** – willing to serve new term.

**LSG Super Boat Offshore** was approved as an official IMPBA class by membership (*Ballot #21-002, Dec. 2021 membership voting.*)

**Procedures Proposal** – Eliminate 300-mile radius rule – membership vote in December (*Feb. 2022 BOD meeting*)

**Constitutional Clarification** – Past President language issue. Clean up in preparation for new proposals to update rule (*approved by BOD email vote- March 2022-see April 2022 minutes*). Rule Book updated & posted.

**US-1 Classes:** 3 Trial Rules were approved by BOD (*Feb 2022 meeting & April 2022 meeting*). In order to allow a full-year of trial time & consideration, they will go to vote Dec 2023.

**Safety Netting** recommendations – Item pending. No change to rule book made.

**Sport 40 hull design** approved. (*April 2022 meeting*). *[Sec Note: Official letter was sent by Pres. to B. Blazer.]*

**Insurance for 2023.** Still looking for additional volunteer to assist with renewal process.

**Jersey Skiff Clarification** – Wording question. Will hold item since Tech Mono not in attendance. It was noted that John Finch had a wording change that is not shown on distributed proposal.

*[SEC NOTE: HOF inductee for 2022 was Ernie LaFleur. There were enough Executive Board members in attendance at a test of the new meeting system to hold voting. (Test meeting/Exec meeting August 3, 2022)]*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2023 National Events:** President Fred noted that no confirmed Nitro or Gas Nats locations for 2023. Fred had discussed having an FE Nats event at SOWEGA pond in Georgia in March. M. Ball expressed concern that announcement needs to be early enough for Northern participants to plan. The March date did not appear that it would work for Nitro. Fred suggested some fall dates, but wanted to avoid conflict with the NAMBA Nats being held in Huntsville on October 14-21, 2023.

Directors were asked to reach out to their clubs. D2 spoke about issues regarding finding a club with enough members to host, and a large enough venue. They have one or the other, but not both. President suggested that if a smaller site were to host, they might limit offerings of larger boats versus not holding event. Site suggestions were made, but some will not be able to be used in 2023. D13 could likely offer a pond, but local club would not host, a racer's group would need to host. Directors will make more calls.

Don Ferrette brought up the “Nationals” title issue. He suggested it be reconsidered by the BOD. Perhaps regular scheduled events would be easier to do than trying to put together moving National events. He advocated for a Northern Nats in D1. D1 was not certain if they were asking to rename the current Can-Am or create a new race. Members discussed the reasons for the national rule. “Nationals” title for races using deviated classes was the issue the rule was addressing (rule passed in 2012). It was stated that Fall Nats was allowed to continue using the name in past even though the race wasn’t held. Members noted it was due to a hurricane, not an act of the club. The name request by D1 was denied in 2018 because other clubs had also requested to use “Nationals” in name and been denied already. Several noted that the name does not make it a true “Nationals” (running IMPBA approved classes only) and that is where the confusion comes in. D1 club was not interested in holding an IMPBA Nationals (Nitro, Gas, or FE). Pres. suggested D1 write up a proposal if they want to discuss further.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IMPBA in 2024:** President Fred brought up the issue of planning for the 75<sup>th</sup>. Since even getting our regular National events has been difficult, the organization needs to decide what type of ideas would be viable. Perhaps T-shirts or some other ideas versus a special event.

**ACTION: Directors requested to poll their membership to hear what ideas they may have.**

**Social Media Director position:** Brandon Atwell is administrator of the IMPBA facebook page. It started off strong, but has not gained much momentum lately. He has stated that submissions are not being turned in. It was suggested to Link it to District pages. Members noted that they have sent material but not seen it posted or gotten a response. D13 noted that he has just gotten married and they are expecting a baby so that might be an issue at this time. Secretary noted that no information was ever distributed as far as protocol for submissions or contact info.

**ACTION: Fred will distribute that information to the board. There is a special email.**

**LSG Section reorganization:** LSG Director Lance Ledet presented. The proposed reorganization of the LSG section was distributed. There are no rule changes. The Stock engine rules were repeated in multiple class listings. They were moved with the other engine rules as a single item - Rick Grim was able to work on this project. The redundant clauses were then removed.

**MOTION:** D5 Nick Hartdegen to accept proposed LSG reorganization. Second by D1 Randy Rapedius.

**Motion carried without dissent.**

**ACTION: Secretary will post updated LSG section as soon as possible.**

**Proposal -- Constitution Past President and Vice President language:** Presented by President Fred. Submitted item is attempt to solve some issues regarding the positions. There is no language to explain what is done in event of second term President with a single-term past president serving as VP. Members discussed need for continuity, but understood concerns. Fred felt that the automatic VP position was an issue because the current and past president don’t have the same idea for what direction to take the organization. Members discussed that the board members ultimately are the deciding body, so a President or VP ideas being in conflict should not be an issue. There needed to be clarification on who is eligible to be named VP (current does not specify). Amendment was suggested to make choice from current board by D2 Tom Kelly. Merits of suggestion were discussed. No vote on amendment taken. Election of position was even mentioned which created additional concerns. There are also other changes that were not included in current proposal (chart & Section 5) Members expressed wording needed work. Lance Ledet and Mark Grannis volunteered to work on draft language. Voting and time on board are the two main issues. Current proposal would eliminate their participation entirely after one year. Question was asked to clarify voting or time as part of the board. The advisability of eliminating experienced members who are volunteering time without voting rights was questioned. Limits may be the answer. President stated many members expressed a concern regarding past presidents being on the board. Members discussed how president vacancy is filled (Bylaws/ Chapter III/ Section9-Vacancy clause spells out), and whether there was even a need for a VP.

**MOTION:** D5 Nick Hartdegen to TABLE current proposal and have sub-committee (Lance and Mark) work on language. Second by D13 Doug Smock.

**Motion carried without dissent.**

**ACTION: Sub-committee to research and work on draft language to present at a later date.**

**Proposal – District Vote Power:** Presented by Secretary Lynne. Item addresses the way District Vote Power is tallied. Language is contradictory. In some instances, voting-eligible member spouses (family membership) are counted, but not toward the initial 15 to grant a Director a vote on the board. Rule currently states only Primary memberships. Additionally, it later states that total membership at year’s end determines district totals which could include Spouses (Family) and Juniors. Voting-eligible Spouses count toward club numbers, can vote on ballot

issues, can elect a director, and they count toward the other member totals for determining vote power. Secretary would like language to be consistent across the board that “voting-eligible members” counts towards these items. It is well-known and documented that our organization does not allow Juniors to vote. Proposal addresses that by clearly stating it. This is a change that is required to go to membership if the board approves of the language.

**MOTION:** D14 Bradley Malinger to move item to membership ballot in December as written with a statement of unanimous support. Second by D3 Mark Grannis.

**Motion carried without dissent.**

**ACTION: Ballot will run in December newsletter and online.**

#### **Additional items:**

**LSG Stock Penalty Proposal.** President discussed item. Secretary noted that it was reviewed earlier this year and returned because it wasn't clear as to where the language was to go in the rule book. Item had not gone out with agenda. Revised version was received, but references were still unclear. Consensus was that the board was not likely to want to go the direction of imposing additional penalties above what is already in rules. **President Fred would like to add to next agenda so that board can review the document and take proper action.**

**Sport 40 Hydro drawings:** These were used during discussion of approval of Blazer Sport 40 hull at February 15 meeting. It was suggested they might help clarify measuring. No motion was made to include in rule book at the time. At end of April meeting it was mentioned that Mike Betke had completed his research of existing boats, and the drawings would not cause any existing boats to be declared illegal. Decision needed on whether it is considered a rule change and not just a clarification. No action was taken at that time.

**ACTION: Don Ferrette will resubmit drawing as a proposal for board consideration.**

No Executive session as HOF voting was held on Aug. 3.

No future meeting date scheduled. Secretary noted that any items that we want to get out for voting this year need to be in December newsletter. Board felt items could wait for next season if needed as no urgent issues.

#### **ADJOURNMENT :**

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

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to adjourn regular meeting. **SECOND** by President Fred Lumb.

**Adjourned 9:45 PM. ET.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

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