

# International Model Power Boat Association

## Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

• Video/ Phone Conference •

### **Present:**

President, Doug Smock (V-tie breaker)  
Secretary, Lynne Rupley (NV)  
Treasurer, Kim Grim (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, Brad Maglinger (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)  
National Nitro Director, Mike Betke (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)  
Social Media, Brandon Atwell (A)

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

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

President Doug Smock 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 previous special meetings were submitted for approval.

**MOTION** by PP Chris Rupley to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by D14, Brad Maglinger. **Motion carried without dissent.**

### **TREASURY REPORT:**

Profit-Loss statement was included in documents sent to BOD. Final adjusted Profit & Loss for Nov. 1, 2021- Oct. 31, 2022 fiscal year (*attachment 1*) was \$7,313.63 profit. Assets at year-end were \$ 64,123.63.

Kim Grim noted that all bills are paid to date. Membership is at normal levels compared to previous years. We had to go to a monthly subscription plan for QuickBooks in order to keep current bookkeeping system. Expenses of software upgrades this year. Insurance cost has allowed us to stay in red on profit column for past years.

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 D14, Brad Maglinger. **Motion carried without dissent.**

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

President, Doug Smock reported currently 39 clubs at 49 pond locations. New for 2023: **Stony Pond FE MBC** in Canadaigua, NY (D1); **Valley RC BC** in Penfield, PA (D1); and **Carolina Water Burners** in Charlotte, NC (D12).

47 events scheduled to date, and both a Gas and Nitro Nationals were held already this season.

Membership at 975 as of today (108 new members, and 7 Juniors became). Late Season will open last week of August for Sep. 1 – Dec. 31 memberships.

BOD Power votes ran in the April Roostertail Newsletter. Note that D7 has gained a power vote on the board this year.

“Silent Engines” since the last Annual meeting: **Dick Jones** (past president) of D3 passed Sep.24, 2022; **Grace Russell**, age 12 of D7 & D3 passed Nov. 2, 2022, **Terry Molnar** (D14) passed Dec. 19, 2022; **Scott Taylor**, President of the Dayton MBC in D2 passed Dec. 31, 2022; **Roberta “Birdie” Mulvany** of D3 passed Jan. 20, 2023; **Ron Zaremski** of D2 passed Feb. 27, 2023. Recent deaths that have not yet run in the newsletter are; **Pat Mulvany** of D3 passed Apr. 2023; **Dave Swisher** of D4 passed April 2023; and **Larry Maglinger** of D14 passed Apr. 2023. Condolences to their families and friends.

## **DISTRICTS REPORTS:**

**District 1 – Randy Rapedius** noted the two new D1 clubs. The clubs are holding fun runs at this time. Hoping to have a large FE event at Stony Pond FE MBC. Valley RC was hoping to run an event but needs more guidance before undertaking this. Membership numbers are up. NL MBC has over 45 members currently. The NLL Can-Am race will be held in August, and Pete Forcier’s group (S. Tier NY R/C MB) in Corning has their club series going again this season.

**District 2 – Tom Kelly** reported races so far this year have been fairly well attended. Nitro Nats was held in D2 hosted by the Cincinnati MBC. The event was successful and well-received by the attendees. Hoping to add some events to the D2 schedule next season by the fairly large clubs who do not currently hold sanctioned events.

**District 3 – Mark Grannis** stated D3 is slow at this time due to hot weather. Tampa club is planning some work days coming up to get a container set up as a driver’s stand. They are hoping to begin hosting sanctioned events late this year or early in 2024, but will need some support as they are a small group. Brandon club very active in both organizations. Has record trials coming up. Hearing from some clubs who are expressing interest in becoming IMPBA. Jacksonville club is making progress on their site, but predominantly race with D13 due to their location.

**District 4 – Dave Halverson** noted only 6 races scheduled this season. Club is having issue with county schedules and restrictions. Badgers club having good growth in membership.

**District 5 – Nick Hartdegen** wished to acknowledge the success of the Gas Nats in Huntsville, AL this season. All reports positive about the event and racers enjoyed the event. Voodoo club has the upcoming Worlds race in November. The club donated their old PA system to the new D12 club to help them out. Time Trials are coming up in Huntsville 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. No sanctioned events due to decreasing club member level. Club is still trying to hold club fun runs.

**District 7 – Jim Nissen** reported that D7 has a lot of active racers in the area, but the clubs tend to run under NAMBA. District is attempting to come up with some common scale rules that would attract both organizations members. Pleased that he has enough members to be eligible for a BOD vote.

**District 12 – Scott Smith** noted the new club, Carolina Water Burners has a lot of energy going. Capitol MBC struggled this season, and district members helped them get organized for this season. Two co-hosted races scheduled in Delmarva in Queenstown, MD. Wilmington MBC and Old Dominion holding club gatherings.

**District 13 – Doug Smock** stated that D13 is doing great. Grand Prix Series is celebrating it’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a party held in June hosted by First Coast MB at the SOWEGA site. Fall Nats is scheduled for October at the John’s Island site. Charleston is looking at two prospective sites – one is privately owned and promising.

**District 14 – Brad Maglinger** noted the district still running their Points Series races with good participation. Upcoming is the Wine Run, Celina, the much-anticipated Indy Masters, and finally the Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic. District has been holding “zoom” meetings to discuss safety at the clubs. Each club has a Safety Officer in place. District has grown and is healthy. Several members traveled to the Nitro Nats in D2. The district has had several members who have been inactive for some time come back to the hobby. It was also noted that Mike Schindler is still bald.

**LSG Director – Lance Ledet** stated the 2023 Gas Nats in Huntsville went very smoothly. Thanks to the club for stepping up. 2023 is not yet lined up, although there are a few who have expressed interest. Finding a large enough club that also has a suitable venue is key.

**Records Director – Ron Drake** reported nine new records since the spring trials in Valdosta, GA. Fall season will have potentially three time trials.

**Tech Chair, Rick Grim, and Hydro Tech, Don Ferrette** had nothing new to report. All items handled by email are completed.

## **RECAP of Board Actions - Sep. 2022 to present:**

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. BOD completed several unfinished items started earlier in 2022, and items & proposals submitted early 2023.

*[SEC. NOTE: the following agenda notes are submitted for the record]*

### **Board Changes since 2022 Annual Meeting:**

- President resigned and Doug Smock was appointed to complete the term (*Dec. 7, Executive Session, Board majority vote*).
- Incumbents D3, D7, D11 (vacant), D12, D14 ran unopposed and began new 3-yr. terms Jan.1 2023.

**LSG Jersey Skiff Clarification – transom width** – Revise was correction of transom width only to fix error in original rule. No new hulls made - this was measure of original hulls in production when rule was made. (*BOD email vote, October 18, 2022. Unanimous consent. Rule Book updated.*)

**Constitution Vacancy Clause** – clarified all elected positions eligible to fill vacancy. Was not updated when LSG, NITRO, and FE became elected offices. (*BOD email vote, Nov. 30, 2022 – unanimous consent. Rule book update*)

### **December Membership Voting Results:**

- **Procedures Proposal to eliminate 300-Mile Radius Rule** - adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 22-001, recommended by majority BOD). Rule book updated.*)
- **Constitution Proposal for establishing District Vote Power** - adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 22-002, recommended unanimously by BOD). Rule book updated.*)
- **Constitution Proposal for Treasurer Appointment** - adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 22-003, recommended unanimously by BOD). Rule book updated.*)

**Insurance renewed** – Same Self-Insured Retention plan. \$69 cost increase. \$1 mil GL base, \$5 mil umbrella, Director & Officers & cyber policy renewed. (*Dec. 31, 2022*)

**Safety Section Code of Conduct was updated** to prohibit “other intoxicants” in addition to alcohol. (*BOD email vote, Jan. 31, 2023 – unanimous consent. Rule Book updated*)

**LSG proposal for Jersey Skiff clarification - chine to deck height measurement with illustration** - adopted by the board. (*BOD email vote, Feb 22, 2023 – unanimous consent. Rule Book updated.*)

**LSG Walbro Spiral Diaphragm clarification** - OEM term replaces “stock”. Allowed spiral diaphragm. (*BOD email vote April 2023, approved by unanimous consent. Rule Book, tech sheet, & Records app updated*)

**FE rules Housekeeping issue** - Sec. G, Article II-Heat Racing updates. Obsolete classes L & O removed, and standard laps applied. This was a missed item when lithium batteries were allowed by membership in 2009. (*BOD email vote May 5, 2023 – unanimous consent. Rule Book updated.*)

**Organizational Chart Update** – Housekeeping issue. Removed Vice President from Non-Voting & update of Non-Board Advisor listings. (*BOD email vote May 11, 2023 -unanimous consent. Rule book updated.*)

**Section K- Hull Classification Committee** – Clarification to define committee. (*BOD email vote May 16, 2023 – unanimous consent. Rule Book updated.*)

**Constitution Annual Meeting language** – updated “at Annual Regatta” to “Annual Meeting.” June/July Timeframe added as amendment. Also changed in Section D -Hall of Fame. (*BOD email vote May 20, 2023 – unanimous consent. Rule Book updated.*)

**Constitution, Article VIII-Amendments** – Removed redundant wording already covered in B(1) and B(2). Made clear that *all* proposals are reviewed by the BOD, added “and technical corrections” after “clarifications” sentence. Reviewed and approved to send out as submitted for membership ballot. (*BOD email vote May 30, 2023- BOD majority recommends change to membership.*) **Ballot # TBD for December voting.**

**Scale Owners Driver Proposal** – Proposal to eliminate the “only registered owner can race or run for record” language. Reviewed and approved to send out as submitted for membership ballot. (*BOD email vote June 10, 2023- unanimous consent. BOD unanimously recommending change.*) **Ballot # TBD for December voting.**

## **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Three US-1 classes go to ballot this year.** ADD Sport 20; add B Sport Tunnel; split A & B Hydro. Ran as Trial Rules for 22 & 23. **3 Ballot #s TBD**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sticker update** – Per discussion & approved at previous annual meeting. Received quote - Price is approx.. \$50 for 1500 small decals to place on corner of membership card where it says “Serving Model Boaters Since 1949”. Wesley’s Custom Graphics will produce in time for early renewal.

**Bylaws Club responsibilities** – rough draft completed by Secretary (*brought up during BOD email discussion of safety violations this spring*), but in order to do properly it should include some new language and go to membership. Lynne would like a couple members to work with on this for next year membership voting.

**Outcome:** Mark Grannis and Nick Hartdegen agreed to assist. Lynne will send draft for feedback.

**LSG Crackerbox Clarification** – BOD reviewed drawing submitted for inclusion in rules to more clearly show legal and illegal (rounded or beveled edges) hull edges. (Question on boat seen in May 2023.)

**MOTION** by PP Chris Rupley to accept the drawings for inclusion in the LSG section. **SECOND** by D2, Tom Kelly. **Motion carried without dissent.** Secretary will update LSG and post.

**Safety Section – Netting info** – BOD reviewed draft submitted. Netting info becomes Article I-Preface. Suggested to remove outdated links and buoy information as better suited to tech section if someone wants to do research. Discussion regarding recommending certain products ensued. Safety Director did research on types last year. Discussion has been ongoing for the past year. Outcome was to state recommendation of poly cord/knotted mesh (not stated as mandatory). No particular product as cost varies. Recommend clubs research by types available in their area as shipping costs can be a consideration.

**MOTION** by D7 Jim Nissen to accept proposed language for Safety section preface. **SECOND** by D5 Nick Hartdegen. **Motion carried without dissent.** Secretary will update Safety and post.

**Constitution Past President and Vice President Proposal** – Mark Grannis presented the sub-committee draft for board discussion. Article V, Section 1 items deal with terms, vacancies, lifetime status, interim status, Past President board and voting rights, and Article V, Section 5 deals with manner of choosing vice president designation. PP Chris Rupley presented an addition to the current draft involving Article VI-Nominations (original draft deals with Article V only). Proposed wording was read to BOD. Proposed to be included as part of this Constitutional ballot item instead of as a separate ballot item since it all deals with the same subject matter and is relevant considering recent situations.

Constitutional amendments are required to go to membership vote. Board may recommend the change or not.

**MOTION** by LSG Director to accept additional language. **SECOND** by D3 Mark Grannis. Motion carries without dissent. Addition becomes part of this ballot item.

**MOTION** by PP Chris Rupley to RECOMMEND this change to membership. Second by LSG Director, Lance Ledet. Motion carries without dissent.

**ACTION:** Proposal to run in upcoming newsletter and **Ballot # TBD for December voting.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposal: Scale FE Unlimited Hydro rewrite** – Proposal presented by FE Director Mike Ball. Proposed to reference language in the Nitro section and only list power & boat specifications that differ for FE. Eliminate outdated motor list and instead specify motor size as 41mm x 108mm. Old list had motors that differed greatly in power once Lipo batteries hit the scene. FE attempted a requested motor list, but after several years received no feedback (1/8 Scale Motor List approved 2018). FE noted that IMPBA is still allowing 10S voltage, will specify 6 laps, with no limit on props. (Currently crossover for NAMBA events will require changing to 8S, with limit of prop & capacity.)

Questions regarding 8S vs. 10S were discussed. FE Dir. noted that FE technology changes quickly, is difficult to keep up with relative to our rule change structure, but we must attempt to update much more often if participation in the class continues to grow. Districts have driven changes that aren’t always an improvement, but this is an attempt to bridge the gap. D14 discussed the scale changes in his district. Discussion on best path for proposal type.

**MOTION** by D5 Nick Hartdegen to send proposal to membership for a vote in December and to RECOMMEND to membership. Second by D14, Bradley Maglinger. Carries without dissent.

**ACTION:** Proposal to run in upcoming newsletter and **Ballot # TBD for December voting.**

**Board Elections for 2024:** President Doug confirmed the incumbents have agreed to serve for the next term to begin January 1, 2024, and no other nominations were received for the following districts:

- D1 Randy Rapedius
- D6 Dave Petrich
- D13 Doug Smock
- National LSG Lance Ledet
- National FE Mike Ball

The following are vacant or have received nominations:

- D8 remains vacant
- D4 has nominated Keith Ray and Dave Halverson has declined to run.

**ACTION: Secretary will run Ballot #23-001 for D4 in newsletter and online voting.** If any other nominations are received by the July 31 deadline, those ballots will be online also.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IMPBA in 2024:** President Doug asked members for any ideas to help celebrate other than another large event. One idea was to designate one of the larger existing races as the Anniversary race. Doug suggested that we ask clubs to use 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IMPBA on all races and events they hold in 2024 instead. D5 suggests getting a design that could be used by clubs. D2 suggested a banner for each district that could be passed around to each race. D14 Bradley Maglinger has a sign shop next store to his family's business. He will ask for a design and a quote. It was suggested to use the old globe style with tetherboat with the new style logo. That way one source for all and possibly a discount. Mark Grannis has a copy of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program he will send to Bradley. May require scanned items to be redrawn for digital use.

**ACTION: Bradley Maglinger will get a design and quote to bring to BOD.** Secretary will send the digital artwork she has available to Bradley. Others should send scans of items mentioned to him.

**2024/2025 Internats:** Discussion regarding the potential for events in 2024/2025.

### **ADJOURNMENT of General Session :**

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

**MOTION** by D3 Mark Grannis to adjourn regular meeting. **SECOND** by LSG Lance Ledet  
**Adjourned 10:10 PM. ET.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Hall of Fame nominations were presented to Voting Board members.** Two (2) inductees. Announcements to be made after special presentations later this year.

**Board Advisors** positions discussed, and **discipline letters** discussed.

### **ADJOURNMENT of Executive Session :**

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

**MOTION** by D2 Tom Kelley to adjourn regular meeting. **SECOND** by D5 Nick Hartdegen.  
**Adjourned 10:58 PM. ET.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Lynne Rupley,  
Secretary

*File::*

*5273481400398562052.mp4 (3.75 GB)*

**International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 November 2021 through October 2022

	Nov '21 - Oct 22
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	120.00
Club sanctions - Other	1,570.00
Total Club sanctions	1,690.00
Contributions incentive items	60.00
Membership Dues	
Family membership	1,190.00
J and JR Membership	1,040.00
Other Member Fees	0.00
Senior membership	38,280.00
Single-Event	840.00
Total Membership Dues	41,350.00
Newsletter sponsorship	675.00
Printed newsletter	330.00
Race sanctions	1,040.00
Rule book	120.00
Total Income	45,265.00
Gross Profit	45,265.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	1,962.51
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	1,517.15
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	133.59
Total Computer and Internet Expenses	1,650.74
Conference Call Fees	570.67
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	4,138.73
Officers Insurance	1,214.00
Total Insurance Expense	5,352.73
Office Supplies	316.37
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	16,206.60
Taxes - BWC Annual	130.34
Taxes - City WH Qtrly	490.08
Taxes - Federal 940 Annual Tax	42.00
Taxes - Federal 941	4,042.80
Taxes - ODJFS Qtrly	90.00
Taxes - Ohio Withholding Qtr	360.00
Total Payroll Expenses	21,361.82
Postage and Delivery	710.51
Printing and Reproduction	848.63
Professional Fees	1,020.00
Regatta and Other Trophies	3,555.46
Rental Post Office Box	146.00
Telephone Expense	458.95
Total Expense	37,954.39
Net Ordinary Income	7,310.61
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	3.02
Total Other Income	3.02
Net Other Income	3.02
Net Income	7,313.63