

International Model Power Boat Association

Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

• Video/ Phone Conference •

Present:

President, Doug Smock (V-tie breaker)
Vice/Past Pres, Matt Schofield (V)
Secretary, Lynne Rupley (NV)
Treasurer, Kim Grim (NV)
District 1, Randy Rapedius (V)
District 3, Mark Grannis (V)
District 4, Keith Ray (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 FE Director, Mike Ball (V)
National LSG Director, Lance Ledet (V)
National Nitro Director, Mike Betke (V)
National Tech Chair, Rick Grim (A)
Nat'l Tech Review Hydro, Don Ferrette (A)
National Safety, Steve Sutton (A)
National Scale, Mike Schindler (A)
Social Media, Hannah Goodman (A)
Past President, Bill Zuber (NV)

Absent:

District 2, Tom Kelly (V)
National Records, Ron Drake (A)

Nat'l Tech Review Mono, John Finch (A)
Nat'l O/B, Carl Van Houten (A)
other Past Presidents (NV)

KEY: 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. Some members joined the session in progress.

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of previous special meetings 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:

Final Profit & Loss for Nov. 1, 2022- Oct. 31, 2023 fiscal year (*attachment 1*) was \$9,638.42 profit. Assets at year-end were \$ 73,762.05.

Kim Grim noted that all bills are paid to date. Membership is at normal levels compared to previous years. Insurance cost increased by only \$443. Patches and Banners were purchased for 75th. 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 LSG Lance Ledet to accept the Treasurer Report. **SECOND** by D6 Dave Petrich. **Motion carried without dissent.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President, Doug Smock reported currently 38 clubs at 46 pond locations. New for 2023: **Pond Pirates RC** in Hamilton, AL (D5).

46 events scheduled to date, and both a Gas and Nitro Nationals were scheduled this season. We are expecting a couple of late season Time Trials to be scheduled.

Membership at 940 as of today (66 new members, and 5 Juniors became Senior members). Late Season will open for Sep. 1 – Dec. 31 memberships.

BOD Power votes for 2024: (19 total votes) D1=2; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=2; D6=1; D7=0; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; PP=1; FE=1; LSG=1; Nitro=1; Pres casts 1 tie-breaker vote. (No director D8, D9, D10, D11, D21) *Attachment 2.*

“Silent Engines” since the last Annual meeting: **Louis Bently** of D13; **Ivan Bourdier** of D5; **Dennis Post** of D2(Dayton Club President for many years); **Ron Olsen** of D2; Bob Ferguson of D2. The following will run in the upcoming August newsletter: **Dennis Hayden** of D12; **Reed Eagle** of D13; **Kim Grim** (spouse of Mark Grim) of D5; **David Willet** of D1. Condolences to their families and friends.

D6 had a long-time model boater from the '70s, Bill Lewandowski, who passed after a long battle with cancer.

DISTRICTS REPORTS:

District 1 – Randy Rapedius noted the Elmira club (S. Tier NY) is holding single-day club fun runs at this time. The members don't like to drive the 6-8 hours for a single day race, so hoping they might once again consider a two-day event in future. The NLL Can-Am race will be held in August 24 & 25. Club is strong with 42 members.

District 2 – Tom Kelly- no report.

District 3 – Mark Grannis stated D3 is slow as usual for summer. Still expecting Tampa club to hold a Fun Run for late Fall after the Internats Brandon club may be scheduling an additional December record trials. Possibility of another Florida club wanting to hold IMPBA sanction event next year.

District 4 – Keith Ray noted Badger adding new members and they held their first race of the season. Riptide held a 3-day race. Turnout was good and the town loved the event. Badger will hold additional races in late summer and fall.

District 5 – Nick Hartdegen wished to acknowledge all of the D5 members who attended the Gas Nats in Sycamore, GA. Racers enjoyed the event and the D13 Racers Group. Voodoo pond has been emptied. The Parish is doing a dredging project. It will be about 12 ft. deep when finished. Huntsville held Time Trials in July. Internats feedback that members are waiting to sign up. Rick Grim encouraged members to sign up as soon as possible.

District 6 – David Petrich reported that St. Louis Thunderboaters held Midwest Scale Shootout in May at the D4 pond (Illinois) This was a joint D4/D14 points race. Twin Cities Model Boat Club pond was flooded out. Not currently usable. Club is invited to hold a demo race for Village of Knapp, WI. This is to celebrate the Village 150th Anniversary. Trying to get commitment from members.

District 7 – Jim Nissen reported that D7 has a lot of active racers in the area, but the clubs tend to run under NAMBA, so difficult to get enough members to join IMPBA so that he has voting rights again.

District 12 – Scott Smith reported good attendance at spring race (Baltimore at Delmarva), but weather did not cooperate. Wilmington MBC continues to hold club gatherings. Carolina Water Burners holding a sanctioned event, and one more scheduled for Baltimore club at Delmarva pond in September. Not much activity at other clubs. Mitchell Stinson was voted in as Assistant Director for D12.

District 13 – Doug Smock stated that D13 is “rockin’”. All events are being held at the SOWEGA pond. Gas Nationals were also held there, and were very successful. Spring Nats also held there due to pond issues at Atlanta. Still attempting to get a meeting with the appropriate party to try to convince the property owner to allow use of the pond. Grand Prix Series continues. Fall Nats is scheduled for October at the new Charleston site. Lot of work being done at the site. It will be a terrific site when complete, but the work is all falling on a small group. Listing not yet opened on RCRacingEvents.com. D13 will inquire.

District 14 – Brad Maglinger noted River City had two races. Madison race (Dennis Holt Regatta) was held and the club did an impressive job. D14 Series started off with the St. Louis club race in IL. Reaching out to club Presidents regularly to keep communication open. Wine Rine will be held, followed by Celina, the Indy Masters, and finally the Jack Kohlmeyer Fall Classic. District has been holding “zoom” meetings to discuss safety/netting and maintaining safety perimeter at the clubs. Recently audited the District and worked up a list of who belongs to what club. This went to the office and to the clubs. Question was asked if we could find out what the oldest IMPBA club is. Secretary will look into old records to see what she can find.

FE Director – Mike Ball stated that FE has stayed pretty stable. No real changes in participation. FE 1/8 Scale rule changes went into effect this year, but no real uptick in entries in that class noted. There does seem to be interest however. Clubs still managing the P limited class at club level. Nationally those boats fit P class.

LSG Director – Lance Ledet stated the IMPBA 75th Anniversary Gas Nats in Sycamore, GA. Thanks to the SOWEGA club for allowing the use of their facility and to the D13 Racer Group headed up by Buckshot Shackelford. Some inquiries for 2025, but nothing solid yet. President thanked Lance for his hard work at the events.

Nitro Director – Mike Betke noted the US-1 Internats for this year are set, and he will start working on clubs for a possible Nationals. Nitro side is stable. He noted some newer engines are being imported into the US giving Nitro additional options. Will help to push for entries for this year.

Tech Chair, Rick Grim wanted to note that membership is an issue everywhere, and Rick noted Huntsville set up a booth during the 2024 Guntersville Hydrofest. Display of boats was well received and there was lots of interest. They were invited back next year. No outstanding tech issues at this time.

National Scale Director – Mike Schindler reported that Scale is definitely growing in D14 area and he is available for any members to reach out to.

Tech Review Hydro – Don Ferrette noted no issues or new hull designs at this time that have been brought to his attention.

Social Media – Hannah Goodman requested Directors please send pictures and video. Post reach has been 6,000 and we have several new followers. Items get posted as soon as possible. Posting at least once a week to keep site fresh. Send through facebook, or to impbaphoto@gmail.com. Nick noted “shares” help. Hannah approves all posts. D1 inquired as to whether additional admins could be added. D14 Bradley Maglinger noted that multiple admins can get very confusing, and it is often better to have one main admin. If messages are check by multiple people, they may get missed. The page was not set up as a “business” account originally, so multiple admins may not be possible. D5 Nick noted that since we now have an appointed position, we need to utilize it.

RECAP of Board Actions - July 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.

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

2024 Board Changes:

- Incumbents D1, D6, D13, Natl LSG and Natl FE ran unopposed and began new 3-yr. terms Jan.1 2024. D8 vacant. D4 Dave Halverson declined to run and Keith Ray was elected D4 Director (*Ballot 23-001*).
- Scale Director - Mike Schindler was appointed and (*began Jan. 1, 2024*)
- Social Media – Hannah Goodman was appointed as Assistant (*Pres assistant appt. March 2024*)
- Safety Director – Robin Stebbins resigned and Stephen Sutton was appointed. (*email vote July 3, 2024*)

HOF for 2023 – Two members inducted at special presentations: Terry Keeley (D1) and Phil Thomas (D4). (*BOD exec session vote, July 25, 2023.*)

75th Anniversary items:

- **Banners** – approved & distributed. (*Discussion item at 2023 Annual Meeting. Email vote Oct. 2023 after quote & design received*)
- **Small stickers for member card ordered** -based on banner design. (*2023 Annual Mtg. discussion*)
- **Embroidered Patches** – Created using banner artwork style. One per member ordered. 50% discount on pricing. (*BOD email vote April 2024*)

Rule Book price increase to \$25 – Books will be shipped in February Limited to availability per orders received. (*BOD email vote Nov. 2023 Unanimous.*)

Insurance renewed – Same Self-Insured Retention plan. \$1 mil GL base, \$5 mil umbrella. \$354 increase on GL. Director & Officers \$67 decrease, Cyber increase of \$156. Overall net increase of \$443. (*Dec. 31, 2023*)

2024 Gas Nationals Bid – D13 Racers Group for Format-1 Shootout event in Sycamore, GA. (*BOD email vote Dec. 2023 – unanimously accepted*)

2024 Nitro US-1 International Regatta Bid – Date approved separately. Format 4 – US-1 International Champion event in Huntsville, AL. (*BOD email votes Dec. 2023 & Feb. 2024 – unanimously accepted*)

December Membership Voting Results:

- **Sport 20 Hydro, B Sport Tunnel added as US-1 classes. A & B Hydro as separate classes** - Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 23-002, 23-003, 23-004. Rule book updated.*)
- **Amendment Process Constitution Proposal** –BOD to review ALL proposals. Technical corrections may be immediately implemented. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 23-005. Rule book updated.*)

- **Scale Registered Owner change** - Eliminated “only registered owner” may race or run for records language for all power sources. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 23-006. Rule book updated.*)
- **Constitution/PP/VP/Nominations Amendment**- define “full term” for president, President chooses VP from voting board member. Past pres voting limit of 3 years following term. Future eligibility defined. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 23-007. Rule book updated.*)
- **FE Scale Rules Revise** – FE references Nitro rules for A thru G. Motor List eliminated and replaced with “not to exceed” motor dimensions. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 23-008. Rule book updated.*)

TLSG64 Rule Clarification – Addition of “Super Boat Offshore” to LSG engine rules to correct oversight. (*Board email vote July 10, 2024. Majority of votes cast. Rule Book updated*)

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bylaws Club responsibilities – reorganization of existing material. Individual membership info followed by club membership and responsibilities. Putting language in place to clarify and give better guidance to Director. Supported by board.

MOTION by D6 Dave Petrich to send proposal to membership with a board recommendation. **SECOND** by PP Matt Schofield. **Motion carried without dissent.** Ballot in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

Expense Request: Treasurer request for one-time expense reimbursement for President to travel to 2024 Nitro Internats. Club request as they wish President to be able to attend to meet and greet membership if available. Requesting a stipend not to exceed on government rates for the Huntsville area. Allowance of \$1000, but receipts required, and overage to be returned. Room, food, and fuel. Treasury is healthy.

Discussion followed. It was stressed that this is not a rule change, just a one-time request. If requested again, the board would have to decide on each instance depending upon the treasury. Would also depend on the ability of the officer to attend. Not mandatory. Question on whether this is money well-spent was addressed by Tech Chair/Pres. of Huntsville.

MOTION by D6 Dave Petrich to approve expense. Second by LSG Lance Ledet. **Majority of votes cast is met. Passed.**

7 YES: D4=1; D6=1; D12=2; D13=1; LSG=1; PP=1;

4 NO: D3=2; D5=2; D7=0

6 Abstains: D1 abstain; D14 abstain; FE abstain; Nitro abstain; D2 absent

(*Abstains lower threshold of total possible votes to 11*)

Heat Racing DQ Points Amendment: Proposed to change the “Did Not Finish” points awarded to boat disabled due to infraction of another boat that is DQ’d. Presented by Don Ferrette. Discussion followed regarding fairness of current 50 points rule. Propose that racer would get points after other finishing boats are scored with a cap of fifth place points. D14 noted higher set points amount might be better to keep simplified. Discussed. Multiple instances of this in one heat brought up. Remote possibility, so Don suggests the two DNF by DQ boats would get the same points (tie). Amendment to the wording or an example suggested to clarify. LSG brought up using 169 (4th place points) and discussion followed as to unfairness of the possible tie in a 6-boat heat where 1 DQ and 1 DNF boat.

MOTION by D1 Randy Rapedius to send this proposal to membership with example update. **SECOND** by D14 Bradley Maglinger. **Motion carried without dissent.** Ballot in December.

ACTION: Secretary to update wording on chart example and send to Don’s for approval before publishing.

Scale “Lost Part” Penalty Amendment: Proposed to simplify rule. Currently some confusion during the consi heat as points penalty do not get applied and this encourages buoy cutting by a racer who wants to simply get first place in a winner-take-all heat. A one-lap penalty for consistency is proposed for all scale (Nitro/ FE, and LSG).

MOTION by LSG Lance Ledet to send this proposal to membership. **SECOND** by D14 Bradley Maglinger. **Motion carried without dissent.** Ballot in December.

ACTION: Secretary to publish proposal in upcoming newsletter.

Scale Registration Amendment: Proposed to offer two options for registration – one-time or annual. One-time option would allow registration of boat until sold or livery is changed. No fees to be listed in rule book. Each district may decide if fees to be collect for trophies/jackets/banquets. Proposed for all scale (Nitro/ FE, and LSG). Discussion: No districts currently limit registration of same hull – original idea was difficult to implement.

MOTION by D1 Randy Rapedius to send this proposal to membership in December. **SECOND** by D14 Bradley Maglinger. None opposed. **Motion passes.**

ACTION: Secretary to publish proposal in upcoming newsletter. **NOTE:** Before publishing, the LSG portion of the proposal was modified to make the outline style match the Nitro section for consistency. Final version as presented in August Roostertail newsletter approved.

Other items:

Newsletter Discussion: An email was sent for discussion regarding materials for publication. Need more participation or we can simply make this a quarterly business “report”. D1 put out a poll on facebook and response was mixed. Very small amount of printed copies ordered. Costly to print plus mail. Print cost does not cover costs but offsets expenses. Advertising supplements, but getting more and more difficult to get anyone to advertise. Discussion regarding possibly online only. Rethinking how it’s utilized and distributed for 2025. Still needed as a permanent record. Advertising was discussed. Possible website advertising instead of in the book. Hannah not sure about facebook advertising possibilities as we are not a business page.

ACTION: Doug and Lynne will put a proposal together regarding the financial aspect of printing/mailing for 2025. Forms would need to be adjusted.

Exploring Membership Software: looking at demos of different systems in August as an all-in-one solution. Access by multiple parties to future proof organization. D4 Keith Ray manages servers for a data center and offered to help with reviewing options. Different companies offer different services, so hard to compare. Would definitely cost more than current system, but would allow others to take over in emergency.

Retrieve Boat Discussion: Doug noted that larger boats without drain holes are causing a retrieve boat safety issue. Doug and Rick Grim discussed and would like to explore some solutions, like possibly a rule requiring drain holes. Most boaters already put them in their designs. Requirement for tow hook also suggested - larger water filled boats should be towed – even if it slows down the process. Secretary noted the conference system could be utilized for a group meeting.

ADJOURNMENT of General Session :

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

MOTION by LSG Lance Ledet to adjourn regular meeting. **SECOND** by D6 Dave Petrich
General Session Adjourned 11:05 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.

ADJOURNMENT of Executive Session:

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

MOTION by D14 Bradley Maglinger to adjourn regular meeting. **SECOND** by LSG Lance Ledet.
Adjourned 11:54 PM. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,
Secretary

2:13 PM

11/01/23

Cash Basis

International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc

Profit & Loss

November 2022 through October 2023

	Nov '22 - Oct 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	120.00
Club sanctions - Other	1,660.00
Total Club sanctions	1,780.00
Contributions incentive items	100.00
Membership Dues	
Family membership	1,360.00
J and JR Membership	980.00
Other Member Fees	25.00
Senior membership	39,045.00
Single-Event	435.00
Total Membership Dues	41,845.00
Newsletter sponsorship	855.00
Printed newsletter	90.00
Race sanctions	960.00
Total Income	45,630.00
Gross Profit	45,630.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	1,970.03
Business Licenses and Permits	22.00
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	1,518.35
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	654.57
Total Computer and Internet Expenses	2,172.92
Conference Call Fees	245.67
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	4,026.00
Officers Insurance	1,281.00
Insurance Expense - Other	115.00
Total Insurance Expense	5,422.00
Office Supplies	219.05
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	16,206.60
Taxes - BWC Annual	128.34
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	21,359.82
Postage and Delivery	646.37
Printing and Reproduction	1,495.39
Professional Fees	1,020.00
Regatta and Other Trophies	833.15
Rental Post Office Box	182.00
Telephone Expense	406.20
Total Expense	35,994.60
Net Ordinary Income	9,635.40
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	3.02
Total Other Income	3.02
Net Other Income	3.02
Net Income	9,638.42

UNADJUSTED FIGURE

2024 DISTRICT VOTING POWER

Based on 2023 Voting Member Totals as of 12/31/2023				
District	Overall Total	J, JR excluded	VOTING Total (S,F,PL,L)	VOTE POWER 2024
D1	114	5	109	2
D2	163	8	155	2
D3	138	17	121	2
D4	90	10	80	1
D5	108	6	102	2
D6	28	2	26	1
D7	10	0	10	0
D8	2	0	2	0
D9	0	0	0	0
D10	0	0	0	0
D11	3	0	3	0
D12	133	15	118	2
D13	105	15	90	1
D14	130	21	109	2
D21	11	0	11	0
TOTAL #s	1035	99	936	

15-100 voting members = **1 power vote**

101-200 voting members = **2 power votes**

201-300 voting members = **3 power votes**

All other Board voting positions listed in Constitution are 1 vote.