

International Model Power Boat Association

Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

• 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, Chris Capaldi (V)
District 3, Mark Grannis (V)
District 4, Keith Ray (V)
District 5, Chris Herzog (V)
District 6, David Petrich (V)
District 12, Mike Butler (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)
National Records, Jason O'Brien (A)
Social Media, Hannah Goodman (A)
Past President, Chris Rupley (NV)

Absent:

Vice/Past Pres, Matt Schofield (V)
District 7, Jim Nissen (V)

Nat'l Tech Review Mono, John Finch (A)
Nat'l O/B, Mike Zaborowski (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 annual meeting of July 23, 2024 were submitted for approval. (Special meeting summaries Dec. 10, 2024, and May 29, 2025 are available, but were not published on public website)

MOTION by FE Mike Ball to waive the reading and accept the minutes as presented. **SECOND** by D14 Brad Maglinger. **Motion carried without dissent.**

TREASURY REPORT:

Final Profit & Loss for Nov. 1, 2023- Oct. 31, 2024 fiscal year (*attachment 1*) was \$1,600.35 profit. Assets at year-end were \$ **75,362.40**. Insurance renewed with net increase of \$747. Same carrier and policy: \$1 mil GL base. \$5 mil umbrella. Self-insured retention plan: \$10,000 premium retained by organization to be paid only in event base policy is exhausted in a claim. Directors & Officers and Cyber policy \$0 increase.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President, Doug Smock reported currently 38 clubs. New for 2025: **Acadiana Model Power Boat Association** in New Iberia, LA (D5) has been re-established.

51 events were scheduled to date, and a Gas Nationals was held this season. We are expecting a couple of late season Time Trials to be scheduled.

Membership at 905 as of today (97 new members). Late Season will open for Sep. 1 – Dec. 31 memberships.

BOD Power votes for 2025: (16 total votes) D1=1; D2=2; D3=2; D4=1; D5=1; D6=1; D7=0; D12=2; D13=1; D14=2; FE=1; LSG=1; Nitro=1; Pres casts 1 tie-breaker vote. (No director D8, D9, D10, D11, D21). No Past President currently has voting rights. *See Attachment 2 for district membership breakout.*

“Silent Engines” since the last Annual meeting: **Robert J. Miller** of D1; **Buddy Siebenborn** of D13; **Tom Kelly** of D2 Director; **Wendell Barrow** of D7; **Stu Barr** of D14; **Ted Billy** of D2; The following will run in the upcoming August newsletter: **Holly Showers** of D3; **Walt Barney** of D5; **Joe Wiebelhaus** of D2; **Gary Preusse** of D4. Condolences to their families and friends.

President reminded all who have not done so, to get Newsletter reports turned in. Deadline has passed.

DISTRICTS & REPORTS:

District 1 – Randy Rapedius reported that district is currently at 94 members with some new faces. NLL Club is strong with 45 members. Their June race had 120 boats. The NLL Can-Am race will be held in August 23 & 24 and currently has 110 boats signed up with 5 weeks to go. S.Tier club has obtained a new pond.

District 2 – Chris Capaldi – Boat counts have been decent at events this season. Cincinnati cancelled their July 2-day race and instead held an open house. Upcoming HydroFest and Celina races look promising.

District 3 – Mark Grannis stated D3 is slow as usual for summer racing break. Heat makes it too difficult to run.

District 4 – Keith Ray noted season is going well, but race at Johnston City was washed out after two rounds. Badger first race of the season went well and Riptide Ken Stang (two and a half-day race) in July saw 170 boats. Badger will hold additional races in late summer and fall.

District 5 – Chris Herzog stated that the Gas Nationals hosted by Voodoo went very well. They had a great turnout even with the date changes due to delays in the Parish dredging project. Happy to see the revival of the Acadiana club in New Iberia. This was the club that Johnny Ber was President of. Johnny’s memory is honored with the Sportsman Award named after him that is given out at Gas Nationals. Children of the original members are pulling this club back together. They are looking to host sanctioned races in the future.

District 6 – David Petrich noted that district has two clubs. Twin Cities is currently holding club functions at an offsite. St. Louis Thunderboaters holds their events in D4.

District 12 – Mike Butler reported good attendance at Delmarva Gas Clash races due to the promotion efforts of Danny Weimer. 175 entries. Danny is working with the Old Dominion club to host events at their site for the first time in many years. Wilmington MBC continues to hold club gatherings. Carolina Water Burners holding a sanctioned event in October. Baltimore club is hosting at Delmarva pond.

District 13 – Doug Smock stated that D13 Grand Prix series is still strong. No news on the Atlanta pond at this time. All events are currently being held at the SOWEGA pond due to the generosity of the Gilleys. CMB’s Fall Nats is scheduled for October at the new Charleston site. They are working to grow the race, and currently have 115 entries. The new facility is very nice, is 10 minutes to nearby hotels, and a full-service campground.

District 14 – Brad Maglinger noted the district is healthy with voting membership over the 100 threshold. Brad will be attending the iMBRA World Championships this year in Italy. Madison had a decent turnout, the Wine Run is sold out for August 2, and Celina is set for mid August. The Indy club has had some major setbacks with the death of Stu Barr, and the loss of their new pond due to the death of the pond owner. Evansville will be used for the upcoming Masters race. River City club will be moving their course to a much larger pond at the same facility. Twins and larger boats will be able to be comfortably run now. 120 to 150 boats at races. Club already puts on 4 large races, but Nationals are difficult to hold because there are not enough members with experience hosting.

FE Director – Mike Ball stated that FE remains stable. No real changes in participation. Still trying to get feedback on current rules. D14 and D13 participation. D14 borrowed rules from the west coast, and D1 has offered more Electric this year.

LSG Director – Lance Ledet reported that the Gas Nats went very well, but there are no clubs that have expressed interest in holding for 2026.

Nitro Director – Mike Betke noted same for Nitro. No clubs have inquired or expressed any interest in holding even the 3-day format for 2026. Some members have ideas to reach out to a couple of clubs. Mike expressed concern that the area that hosts needs to have a strong nitro community for it to be successful.

Tech Chair, Rick Grim reported that the Huntsville club is testing out new waterproof sensors for time trials. No outstanding tech issues at this time.

National Scale Director – Mike Schindler reported that FE Scale is definitely growing faster than Gas Scale in most areas.

National Record Director – Jason O’Brien will be updating records soon. Two potential records were set in Huntsville. President Doug noted that equipment purchased from Moraine MM was paid for and received.

Tech Review Hydro – Don Ferrette noted that nothing new has been proposed for this year.

Social Media – Hannah Goodman reported that she has had response from some of the clubs regarding the facebook bios. The page has more than 2323 followers. 736 average reach. 75 members who regularly engage. She requests that Directors please send pictures and video. Send through facebook, or to impbaphoto@gmail.com. Secretary inquired whether upcoming races could be listed or linked on the facebook page as many members do not seem to realize we have a calendar on the website. Brad and Hannah will look into.

National Safety Director – Steve Sutton reported that

RECAP of Board Actions - July 2024 to present:

President submitted 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. DOCUMENT ATTACHED.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Elections: D3 Mark Grannis is declining to run and we have received a nomination from Rick Bellinger. There may be an additional nomination. D7 will likely stay on. D11 remains vacant. D12 will run again – no new nominations received. D14 will run again – no new nominations received.

Proposal to change OPEN LSG OFFHSORE to LSG36 OFFSHORE: Proposed to remove twins from the offshore class to make it more competitive as twins engine set-ups have a definite speed advantage. This would affect National Gas events. It was noted that when Offshore was added, Gas was not running twins. Clubs could still offer “open classes” as they wish. This should go out to membership.

MOTION by D12 Mike Butler to send this proposal to membership in December. **SECOND** by D5 Chris Herzog. **Motion carries without dissent.**

ACTION: Secretary to run proposal in upcoming newsletter for membership review.

Clarification for SUPER BOAT Class – TLSG allowed: Proposed to clarify language to make sure that members understand twin engine set-ups are allowed in the class. It is stated in the TLSG rules, but there have still been questions. Proposed to change “engine” to “engine(s)”. After discussion, it was decided to withdraw the proposal and rework language to be more specific and reference the engine rules.

ACTION: Proposal will be reworked and resubmitted to vote by email.

Proposal to establish rule for running in wrong heat: Proposed for Heat Racing rule in Section G. There have been questions on this at Nationals. Racers have received DQ for running in wrong heat, but we do not currently have any actual written rule. Chris Rupley presented a proposal to make the penalty (0) zero points instead so that it aligns with the penalty given if the racer missed his heat, and also would not count toward the “three strikes”. Proposal allows (0) points be given for the heat if clock time has expired. If the boat is removed from the course prior to the start of the race (clock time has NOT expired), then no foul. Discussion followed about whether it should be pit time or clock time. It was determined it should remain as proposed.

MOTION by LSG Lance Ledet to send this proposal to membership in December. **SECOND** by D12 Mike Butler. None opposed. **Motion carries without dissent.**

ACTION: Secretary to publish proposal in upcoming newsletter for membership review.

Clarification for SAFETY – Code of Conduct: Proposed to clarify language in the section based on feedback from board members at our special sessions. Proposing higher two-thirds majority board voting minimums required

for denial of membership. Separation of organization membership denial as compared to racing conduct issues. "...at IMPBA insured ponds" was discussed. That was the reason for separating the organizations' ability to deny membership for any reason the board deems necessary/appropriate. Discussion followed.

MOTION by National Safety Director Steve Sutton to accept this clarification. **SECOND** by LSG Director Lance Ledet. None opposed. **Motion carries without dissent.**

ACTION: Secretary will update Safety section

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 D1 Randy Rapdeius.

General Session Adjourned 10:05 PM. ET.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Hall of Fame nominations were presented to Voting Board members. One was a board member who then excused himself from the meeting to allow free discussion. He will vote by email. One other member lost connection and will also vote by email.

Follow up: Votes received two (2) members were inducted. 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 LSG Director Lance Ledet to adjourn regular meeting. **SECOND** by D3 Mark Grannis

Adjourned 10.33 PM. ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Rupley,
Secretary

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International Model Power Boat Assoc Inc

Profit & Loss

November 2023 through October 2024

	Nov '23 - Oct 24
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Club sanctions	
Additional sites	120.00
Club sanctions - Other	1,680.00
Total Club sanctions	1,800.00
Contributions incentive items	100.00
Membership Dues	
Family membership	1,230.00
J and JR Membership	910.00
Other Member Fees	270.00
Senior membership	37,920.00
Single-Event	540.00
Total Membership Dues	40,870.00
Newsletter sponsorship	635.00
Printed newsletter	190.00
Race sanctions	920.00
Rule book	165.00
Total Income	44,680.00
Gross Profit	44,680.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	1,903.59
Business Licenses and Permits	46.00
Computer and Internet Expenses	
Website	1,695.63
Computer and Internet Expenses - Other	802.73
Total Computer and Internet Expenses	2,498.36
Conference Call Fees	245.67
Insurance Expense	
General Liability Insurance	4,380.00
Officers Insurance	1,214.00
Insurance Expense - Other	271.00
Total Insurance Expense	5,865.00
Office Supplies	446.78
Payroll Expenses	
Payroll - net	16,206.60
Taxes - BWC Annual	117.40
Taxes - City WH Qtrly	490.08
Taxes - Federal 940 Annual Tax	42.00
Taxes - Federal 941	4,042.80
Taxes - ODJFS Qtrly	81.00
Taxes - Ohio Withholding Qtr	360.00
Total Payroll Expenses	21,339.88
Postage and Delivery	1,287.59
Printing and Reproduction	1,642.85
Professional Fees	1,020.00
Regatta and Other Trophies	6,231.84
Rental Post Office Box	194.00
Telephone Expense	361.11
Total Expense	43,082.67
Net Ordinary Income	1,597.33
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	3.02
Total Other Income	3.02
Net Other Income	3.02
Net Income	1,600.35

2025 DISTRICT VOTING POWER

Based on **2024 Voting Member Totals** as of 12/31/2024

District	Overall Total	J, JR excluded	VOTING Total (S,F,PL,L)	VOTE POWER 2025
D1	94	4	90	1
D2	172	13	159	2
D3	129	13	116	2
D4	84	8	76	1
D5	98	6	92	1
D6	32	3	29	1
D7	9	0	9	0
D8	2	0	2	0
D9	2	0	2	0
D10	0	0	0	0
D11	3	0	3	0
D12	129	15	114	2
D13	99	9	90	1
D14	127	21	106	2
D21	8	0	8	0
TOTAL #s	988	92	896	

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.

(FE Director, LSG Director & Nitro Director. Currently no Past President with voting rights)

Submitted for the Record at Annual Meeting

Recap of board actions – July 2024 to present

- **2025 BOARD CHANGES:**
 - **October Elections: President Doug Smock** ran unopposed (*Ballot 25-001*) Incumbents for **D2 Tom Kelly & National Nitro Mike Betke** were unopposed (*no ballot*). D9 & D10 (vacant). D5 Nick Hartdegen declined to run and nominee **Chris Herzog** was elected for D5 (*Ballot 24-002*).
New 3-yr. terms began Jan.1 2025.
 - **District 12 Director Appointed – Mike Butler** to complete term of Scott Smith who resigned. (*BOD email vote Sept. 2024*).
 - **Natl. Outboard Director Appointed – Mike “Grimracer” Zaborowski** of D4 appointed. (*BOD email vote Oct. 2024*)
 - **District 2 Director Appointed – Chris Capaldi** to complete term of Tom Kelly who passed in December 2024. (*BOD email vote Dec. 2024*)
 - **National Record Director Appointed – Jason O’Brien** of D13 appointed to fill position left vacant by resignation of Ron Drake. (*BOD email vote Jan. 2025*)
- **HOF inductees for 2024** were announced at special presentations: Don Ferrette (D12) and Chris Rupley (D2).
- **2025 Gas Nationals Bid** – Voodoo Model Boat Club to host Format 1- Shootout heats event in Reserve, LA. Originally slated for May 1 to 4 (*email vote August 15, 2024*), but BOD approved a date change to June due to dredging of the pond that was not completed on time. (*BOD email vote Jan. 2025*)
- **December Membership Voting Results** (all rules updated and posted):
 - **Heat Racing DQ Points Amendment.** More fairly assign points to a boat disabled by another racer who is DQ'd for his actions. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 24-003*).
 - **Scale Lost Part Penalty Amendment.** Lost Part is 1-lap penalty in all cases. Eliminate the 6th place rule. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 24-004*).
 - **Scale Registration Options-** 2 options: Annual or One-Time. All power sources. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 24-005*)
 - **ByLaws Amendment – Club responsibilities.** Reorganization of Chapter II-Membership Dues section. Individual info followed by club info. Step process for violations. Clearly state suspension of activities until corrective action taken. Adopted by membership vote. (*Ballot 24-006*)
- **Insurance renewed for 2025** – \$1 mil GL base, \$5 mil Umbrella. Same Self-Insured Retention plan: \$10,000 premium paid only in event \$1 mil base policy is exhausted. \$136 increase on the GL portion. \$611 increase in Umbrella premium. Director & Officers renewed for \$0 increase & cyber policy \$0 increase. Overall net increase of \$747.
- **Rule Book Housekeeping items Approved by BOD:**
 - **Sec. B - Constitution/ Article V:** National FE, LSG, and Nitro Director position titles added to Section 3, Rule B of Article V of the Constitution. Positions are voted on by all membership. Assumed was overlooked when positions were added. Remove redundant sentence regarding terms. (*BOD email vote Jan. 13, 2025*)
 - **Sec. S -Safety / Article II – General:** Removed references to Natl. Safety Director “term”. Board appointment of non-voting advisory position has no term, and directly conflicted with the ByLaws. (*BOD email vote Jan. 13, 2025*)
- **Printed Newsletters Discontinued – Available online only.** Orders have declined every year and no longer viable to print at current costs. (*Original discussion at 2024 Annual Meeting – Decision made by BOD email vote Feb. 2025*)
- **Decals purchased for 2025.** \$355 for 1500. Small amount of current stock left. (*BOD approved Feb. 2025*)
- **Purchase of Moraine MM club owned timing set approved.** IMPBA certified console, plus sensors, tools, two-way radios. \$2500 plus ship (*BOD majority approved Jun. 2025. YES:12. Vote not received from D2 (2 votes, or D12 (2 votes))*)
- **Executive Board actions regarding Code of Conduct violations.** Members notified of actions taken, appeal rights, and actions upheld. (*BOD meetings Dec. 2024; June 2025; Pres letter to member Jun. 2025*)