

April 2, 2017

To the Membership,

Many thanks to Rich Falcinelli, Mark Weber, Tim Collins and Jeff Sankuer for their efforts to make the Autorama display and show a success!

Still no more information on races for 2017 in the area. Hopefully we will get an update and some good news at the meeting on Wednesday.

Rich Falcinelli - Thanks for taking over for me at the March meeting. The wind was not very cooperative in Lakeland but we did get our heats in finally. Unfortunately, Friday's testing was cancelled. Alexis ran good (2nds / 3rds), Chris struggled and Tim Collin's blew an engine. That was a bummer!

We will get the newsletter back on track next month. Alexis has been leading an entire new, big dollar, sales system at work; and she has been working insane hours. First things first! Thanks for everyone's patience.

Sad news to report with the passing of long-time friend and team owner Carl Haas yesterday. Not only did Carl field the successful "Miss Toledo" and "Miss Leroi"; he also served on the IRC / BOG and was a main player in bringing back the Toledo race. Our sympathy goes out to the Haas family. And I also want to mention the passing of Sammy Miller over the weekend. Most of you probably never new this tunnel boat racer but he was one of the most personable and courageous people I ever met. Sam battled health issues for years but never complained. He just wanted to be on the race course with his friends. I am glad I was able to meet him. Please keep Carl and Sam's families in your prayers!

The Tiger season is close so Spring is closer!  
Mike



# MEETING MINUTES

## **Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 01MR2017 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at Juliano's called to order by Vice Pres. Rich Falcinelli at 7:40 PM**

**Announcements** - Tonight's meeting is led by **VP Rich Falcinelli** as **Pres Mike Weber** is traveling to Lakeland, Fla along with several other Prop Riders (**Weber, Ritz, Krietzer/Fickert, Manos, Collins, Sechler** and more) for the first inboard racing of 2017! Good luck to all the racers and thanks to VP Rich for stepping up to the podium! **Kathy Maraldo** is at home awaiting the next medical step to rebuild her knee. Which is still immobilized. The rest of her is as good as ever, keeps Mario on his toes! Cards and calls are appreciated. Some difficulty is being had reaching **Dave Sutton** in Fla, too, maybe more news next month. **Andy Guaresimo's** Dunk Test Season starts this coming Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at L'Anse Cruese High School in Harrison Twp. (1:30-3:30PM). The final is April 1<sup>st</sup> (Saturday), same times and same place. **Mickey Retman**, one of the original Box 21 divers and a friend to us all, has had a pair of strokes and is not doing well. No visitors, notes of cheer through **Steve Spisak** (Dayton area) will reach him. The **Krietzer** family awarded the **C. A. Krietzer Spirit Trophy** to Mickey, **Dave Noble** (Box 21) accepting with feeling and will take it to Mickey.

**Guest: Kurt Rhaeker**, checking out an MPR meeting, following an invite at Autorama!

**Moment of silence:** **John Grigg's** grandmother **Margarite** passed away recently, well into her 90's. A long and active life, she and John's great uncle had a lot to do with boat racing tradition in the Grigg family. Godspeed!

**January 2017 meeting minutes** – Motion to approve the January 2017 minutes as printed, **Barry Pray**; second, **Rick Falcinelli**. Motion carried.

**February 2017 meeting minutes** – Motion to approve the February 2017 minutes as printed, **Mario Maraldo**; second, **Ray Dong**. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report – Mario Maraldo:** expenses \$111.05 (website), \$200 (Region 6 Awards Reception sponsorship); deposits \$85; the MPR treasury balance is \$10,471.31. Motion to accept, **Nancy Spanich**; second, **Royce Richards**. Motion carried.

**Membership Report – Brian Reed:** 76 memberships total., breakdown is 63 primary and 13 family.

**Publicity – Alexis Weber:** off to Florida, newsletter sent out for all members previous Monday.

**Entertainment – Ray Dong:** bench racing! We all wished happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday (without singing) to **VP Rich Falcinelli**!

### **Old Business:**

**Race Reports – Detroit:** working on sponsors.

**Quake – Jim Sechler / Tim Collins** are taking the helm and building a race committee, aiming at a race again this summer. **Racer Bob Dabrowski** noted that the big bill last year at the last minute was not the fire department, but came late from the police departments to cover their costs, something for the new committee to work out ahead of time to avoid surprises.

**Walled Lake** – silence.

**Indian Lake (Ohio) – Tony Stalder** is leading a race committee planning on racing 09-10SE2017; due to conflict on Saturday with the Nationals, only Sunday will have actual racing. Saturday plans are for testing/hot laps with many details later. Tony sez he has \$\$\$ for tow and racing, so if you are not racing in Washington state, come to Indian Lake (east of I-75 at Wapakoneta, milepost 111).

**New Martinsville, W. Va.** – date on schedule posters is in error, it is actually 29-30SE01OC2017 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday); ¼ mile time trials Friday for under 100 mph, over 100 mph Saturday morning; oval racing with APR Superleague tunnelboats (SST -60, 120) and inboard GNH and SE flatbottoms rest of Saturday and Sunday.

**Evansville, Indiana** – while not a Region 6 race, it looks like the biggest APBA Inboard race east of the Mississippi, scheduled for Labor Day weekend (Fri GP World, Sat and Sunday all hydros). They are bidding on the Eastern Divisionals, more news next month. Per Barry Pray, Region 6 Inboard equipment (buoys, timing, clock, etc.) and Box 21 services have been contracted to ensure a good race experience for all.

**IRC news – Rich Falcinelli:** IRC is voting on Evansville bid (above).

**Region 6 News – Barry Pray:** Recent Region 6 meeting went well, bylaw change approved for single day race entry fee adjustment (raise to \$55 from \$40) to ensure financial support for Box 21 rescue and Region 6 Inboard's equipment; also, a stipend of \$200 (\$50 meeting registration, \$150 expenses) approved for the elected IRC commissioner from R6 Inboard to attend the APBA Annual Meeting (expenses must be documented). Eli thanked the **Marine Prop Riders** and **Kathy and Royce Richards** for their generous support for the Region 6 Awards Reception; along with sponsorships received from **Michigan Hydroplane Racing Association, Tom Johnston Racing, Box 21, Region 6 Inboard, and CE Engineering LLC**, the reception broke even financially, and proved its worth to attendees with more mingling, fun, and plenty of finger foods! Next year, less meatballs (heard one groan from the audience) and more chicken wing-dings (yee-haw's!)? Cost was \$7 per adult, we had more kids (3x as many). Awards were efficiently awarded (took almost 30 minutes maybe), just need more award winners to show up to greet their adoring public!!!!!!

**Autorama – Rich Falcinelli** reported a successful Autorama event; thanked **Jeff Sankuer, Tim Collins**, and **Mark Weber** for their help with the event. Rich also pointed out volunteer numbers were a little light, more are needed to be at Autorama to maintain interaction with the public and promote our boat racing activities.

**Awards by-law** – The proposed change to the MPR By-Laws was printed in the FE2017 newsletter and a copy furnished to all at the meeting. Motion to discuss the change: **Mario Maraldo**; second **Rick Falcinelli**. Discussion commenced with explanation of each change proposed. John Pulbratek expressed concern that out of state members still had small chance to win awards due to favored position of those nearby to meet the minimum number of meetings attended provision. It was pointed out that the added provision (if the minimum number of races within region 6 are not held, then overall national high points applies) takes care of those members. Motion to approve the MPR By-Laws as amended, **Rick Falcinelli**; second, **Mario Maraldo**; motion carried. *A final vote will now occur at the April MPR Meeting.*

**New Business:** None.

**Next Meeting: 05APRIL2017, Juliano's, Van Dyke Ave, Warren, Mich., 7:30 PM.**

Motion to adjourn by **Andy Guaresimo**, seconded by **Barry Pray**. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

**Kudos to Rich Falcinelli. Surviving his first MPR Meeting as Presiding Officer!!!!!!Well Done!!!!!!**

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)



**“Below are the MPR Bylaws with proposed changes included. The proposed changes are shown by underlined / italicized / bold print, with removed verbage lined out” -Eli**

# Marine Prop Riders

A Michigan Corporation

April 3, 2013 **amended April 5, 2017**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **PREAMBLE to the BY-LAWS**

The purpose of this club shall be:

To benefit and promote boat racing and safety.

To secure, through club membership, certain privileges that are available with the American Power Boat Association.

To increase prestige through belonging to a club made up exclusively of power boat drivers, owners, and interested parties.

To encourage the knowledge and learning acquired through this association with fellow members who are participants in marine racing.

To provide the opportunity to voice an opinion in open discussion and hear other opinions expressed for the absolute improvement of the sport.

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Section I**

Membership in the Marine Prop Riders shall be open to all persons. All memberships shall be classified as Primary, Lifetime, Honorary or Family memberships. Primary members shall be considered the main or racing member of the household. Members who have maintained their membership for 10 consecutive years and are over 65 years of age will be granted a lifetime membership. Honorary members are designated by the board on an annual basis. Family memberships shall be offered when more than one person in a household desires to be a club member. Family membership shall be defined as a primary member and all persons residing in the same household.

Membership in the Marine Prop Riders shall be open to all persons. All memberships shall be classified as Active or Honorary, at the discretion of the membership. Members who have maintained their membership for 10 consecutive years and are over 65 years of age will be granted a lifetime membership

### **Section II**

Only primary and lifetime members in good standing shall have the right to vote, hold office or serve as Chairman of Standing Committees.

Only active members in good standing shall have the right to vote, hold office or serve as Chairman of Standing Committees. Any member thirty (30) days in arrears in payment of dues shall not be considered a member in good standing.

### **Section III**

The board may, from time to time, establish uniform rules fixing the amount of initiation fees and dues subject to approval by not less than a majority of the active members present at a regular or special meeting of the club.

### **Section IV**

Written notification of all proposed rule or other changes shall be mailed to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting designated for such approval.

### **Section V**

Whenever the conduct or character of any member, or guest, shall injure, or be likely to injure the welfare, reputation, interest, character, or property of the club, and a complaint be made in writing by three (3) members, the Board shall enter a resolution upon its record for investigation of such charges against said person, which shall set forth the charges and fix a time and place for the hearing of the same before the entire board.

### **Section VI**

Upon recommendations of the Board, there will be a show cause hearing before the general membership within fifteen (15) days. At that time, the recommendations of the Board will be heard and a majority vote will decide the question. The Board shall not have a power of vote pertaining to membership expulsion, except in the event of equal division of votes of the membership, at which time the Board, as a whole, shall constitute and cast one (1) vote.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Section I**

The fiscal year of the Club shall end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, on which date, all membership dues shall be payable. There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Club on the first Wednesday of October of each year for the election of officers and for such other business that may come before it.

### **Section II**

At all meetings, the order of business shall be as follows:

- Call to order by the presiding officer.
- Reading and approval of the minutes by presiding officer.
- Reading of minutes and date of previous Board of Directors meeting.
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Director of Publicity
- Report of Director of Membership
- Report of Director of Entertainment
- Committee Reports
- Old business
- New business

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Section I**

The club shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors of nine (9) members. Actions or decisions of the Board can be reversed by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting. Candidates for positions on the Board of Directors should be nominated the month preceding the annual meeting.

### **Section II**

At each annual meeting, the membership shall elect, by majority of legal votes cast, the President, who shall constitute the initial member of the Board of Directors. Also, at every annual meeting, the membership shall elect a new Board of Directors, which shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director of Membership (Primary goal to increase membership)
- Director of Publicity (Monthly newsletter)
- Entertainment Coordinator (Monthly meeting entertainment)
- President Ex-Officio (Not filled if outgoing President holds other Board position)
- One or Two Members-at-Large (as necessary to create Board of nine members)

Clarification: The outgoing President will automatically be selected as the President Ex-Officio. In the event the outgoing President is elected to another board position, a second Member-at-Large will be elected to create a Board of nine (9) members. The President Ex-Officio will retain the position for one (1) year. In the event the current President is re-elected, a second Member-at-Large will be elected, as there is no candidate for the President Ex-Officio position.

In each election, the members having the highest number of legal votes cast shall be declared elected. The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies in its membership until the next election.

### **Section III**

Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. And Director being absent from three (3) consecutive Board meetings, without an approved excuse, may be dismissed from the Board by the concurrence of any five (5) members thereof.

## **Section IV**

The Board shall appoint the Chairman of the various committees it deems necessary and make the rules and regulations under which these committees shall function. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be Ex-Officio members of the Race Committees.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Section I**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and all general meetings. He/She shall sign all necessary documents of the Club and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of President, but at all times, with advice and guidance of the Board.

The Vice President or, in his/her absence, the Secretary shall in the absence of the President, assume the President's duties.

### **Section II**

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board. All official records of the Club shall be available to the Board and, upon request, to the membership at-large.

### **Section III**

The Treasurer shall be custodian of the funds of the Club. The President or Secretary and Treasurer shall have general supervision of the account of the Club. The Treasurer shall collect the dues, fees, and accounts due to the Club. He/She shall make a monthly report to the Board of Directors and a monthly report to the general membership on the condition of this office and of the funds of the Club. A committee elected by the board shall audit the Treasurer's accounts prior to the date of the Annual meeting.

### **Section IV**

The Director of Membership's primary goal shall be to maintain and increase the Club's membership and shall keep an accurate record of the names and addresses of all the members of the Club.

### **Section V**

The Director of Publicity shall provide a monthly newsletter prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Other duties shall include providing information and/or articles to the media and race committees.

### **Section VI**

The Director of Entertainment shall provide appropriate entertainment at each regularly scheduled meeting.

### **Section VII**

The President Ex-Officio shall act as an advisor to the President and provide a smooth transition of the office while leading cohesion and continuity to the Board of Directors.

### **Section VIII**

The Member(s)-at-Large shall be present to observe the workings of the Board, advise, express opinions, and have an equal vote

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Section I**

The Board of Directors may propose amendments or repeal of the By-Laws. Any seven (7) members of the Club may propose amendments or repeal of the By-Laws by submitting timely written notice thereof to the Secretary. The amendments or repeals shall be brought before the general membership at any regular or special meeting of the membership. Written notification of such amendments shall be mailed to the membership thirty (30) days prior to the meeting designated for action by the membership. Approval of the amendments or repeals shall require a majority vote of the members present.



## ARTICLE VI

### Section I

Club high points will be scored on a national points basis. However, in order to qualify for an award, you must attend three (3) ~~five (5)~~ races in Region Six or four (4) ~~three (3)~~ [Marine Prop Riders](#) Club meetings during a race calendar year.

### Section II

Any points accumulated before the date a member joins the Marine Prop Riders will not be recognized for a Marine Prop Riders award.

### Section III

To receive the annual high point award, a ~~500 point minimum is to be acquired~~ **300 point minimum is required.**

### Section IV

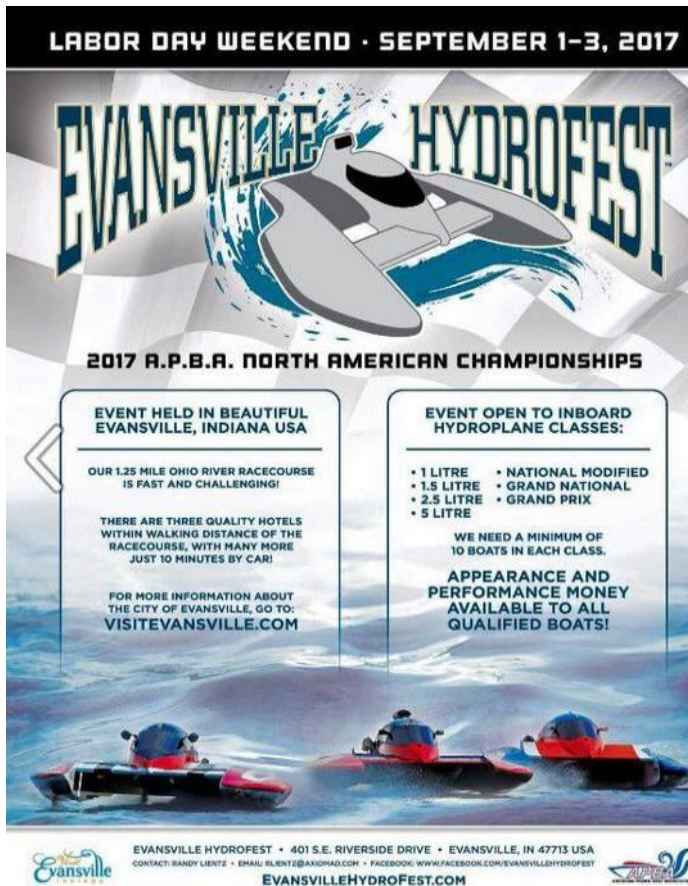
All other Marine Prop Riders awards shall follow the criteria as set forth in the Awards Policy. **Should there not be a minimum of three (3) races within Region Six, then club high points will be determined based on the highest total national points earned.**

## ARTICLE VII

### Section I

It shall be the intent of the Marine Prop Riders to participate in the planning and race day activities of all races where it is geographically possible to do so. Each race must be considered individually and on an annual basis. The Club may only co-sponsor races by receiving a majority vote of the Board of Directors and the membership. No contract may be considered without this approval.

**Please feel free to email or bring any feedback on the bylaws to this month's meeting!**



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### **Evansville 2017**

#### **Officials:**

**Race Director:** DONALD MELILLO

**Referee/Risk Manager:** J MICHAEL NOONAN

**Assistant Referee:** WILLIAM T NOONAN

**Scorer:** KIMBERLY LIDDYCOAT

#### **Prize Money:**

\$20,000.00 USD Total Fund for Appearance (Tow) and Performance (Prize) for all Inboard Classes except Grand Prix Class. Separate Fund for GPs.

Appearance (Tow) money for each class.

Performance (Prize) money for each class.

To be presented to each Team Representative on Sunday, September 3, 2017 at conclusion of event.

#### **Hotels:**

TROPicana Hotel & Casino

Le Merigot Hotel

# **APBA Regatta: APBA / IRC Driving School and Region 6 Test & Tune**

**Event Date: 4/29/2017– 4/30/2017**

Conducting Club: **RIVER RATS RACING CLUB #452**

Region: 6 Sanction ID: 12802

**Place: Dayton, OH Eastwood Lake**

Directions: **State Rt. 4 @ Harshman Rd., Dayton, OH**

**Accommodations:** When calling Hotels, Use group name: Hydroplane test and tune. Host Hotel: Residence Inn, 7227 York Center Dr, Dayton OH. Call 937-890-2244 - Studio Suites \$99, One Bedroom suite \$109, Two bedroom suites \$169. All suites have a pull-out sofa sleeper. Check out hotel and amenities at: [www.marriott.com/dayri](http://www.marriott.com/dayri)

Course: Approx. 1.25 mile oval. We will put in a shorter course for the smaller classes if enough racers sign up.

Start Type: N/A

**Safety / Rescue: Box 21 / Region 6 Safety Team**

Classes: Saturday, April 29, 2017 **00000 SPECIAL EVENT00800 VINTAGE01000 INBOARD04000 PRO OUT-BOARD05000 MODIFIED OUTBOARD06000 STOCK OUTBOARD07000 OPC11000 J CLASSES**

Sunday, April 30, 2017 **00000 SPECIAL EVENT00800 VINTAGE01000 INBOARD04000 PRO OUT-BOARD05000 MODIFIED OUTBOARD06000 STOCK OUTBOARD07000 OPC11000 J CLASSES**

Prizes: None **Registration: Saturday, 4/29 - 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Sunday, 4/30 - 9:15 A.M. - 10 A.M.**

**NOTE: TO RUN ON SUNDAY, YOU MUST BE REGISTERED BY 10 A.M. Driver Meeting: Saturday & Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Those who arrive after Drivers Meeting must see the Referee to review what was explained at the Meeting.**

**Entry Fees: \$200 PER BOAT FOR WEEKEND.**

**JUNIOR CLASSES: FREE ENTRY**

Send Entries To: **Do Not Send.** E-mail **Billy Noonan @ williamnoonan1954@gmail.com** - or call 502-216-5753 - and just tell him you are coming and what class of boat you are bringing!

Officials: **Race Director** (55) MARK J WEBER, 65655 MT VERNON RD, WASHINGTON TWP, MI

**Referee** (55307) STEPHEN SPISAK, 4483 KNOB HILL DR, BELLBROOK, OH

**Assistant Referee** (4208) JACK MEYER, 5009 E MANSLICK RD, LOUISVILLE, K Y

**Inspector** (50115) RICHARD T EVANS, 4992 COUNTY HIGHWAY 96, CAREY, O H

**Scorer** (53770) WILLIAM T NOONAN, 228 S SPRING ST, LOUISVILLE, KY

**Risk Manager** (53207) RON SNYDER, 4611 STATE ROUTE 66, MINSTER, OH

Notes: For information on the APBA Driving School, go to [www.apba.org/inboard/school](http://www.apba.org/inboard/school)

**PLEASE READ:** APBA racers will have the water Saturday morning until noon. Saturday afternoon we will start the APBA Driving School. The water time will be limited in the afternoon, but shared. On Sunday, we will share the water time with the Driving School all day, going back and forth between APBA racers and the APBA Driving School. We will have a new pit layout, we look forward to your cooperation in following our policys. Pit area is for participants only and WILL be restricted. If you have any questions on how this will work, please call Mark Weber @ 586-206-8894 If you arrive after drivers meeting on Saturday or Sunday and do not see the Referee prior to going in the water you will be DQed for the weekend. If a driver gets in any boat and has not properly filled out ALL necessary paper work with scorer for the boat you are driving, both the owner and driver will be DQed for the weekend. **No four wheelers, golf carts or mopeds allowed on park grounds.**

**No vehicles allow in pit area** unless it is used to tow boat around the pit circle and has been approved by race committee. **No Motorhomes in the pit area. No overnight camping in the park.**

**Thanks to FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS and EASTWOOD METROPARK & LAKE.**

This Regatta is sanctioned through APBA

All prizes are the responsibility of the conducting Club. APBA does not guarantee nor is it responsible for payment of prizes. You are advised that this event may be canceled prior to the race due to circumstances beyond the control of this association. If you plan to travel a long distance, it is recommended that you contact the race sponsor prior to your departure to ensure this event will take place.



## APBA REGION 6 SPRING MEETING

18-19FE2017

Report from Eli

22FE2017

The Spring 2017 APBA Region 6 Meeting took place Saturday 18FE2017 and Sunday 19FE2017 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg, Ohio. Attendees participated in committee and category meetings, discussing news from the recent APBA annual meeting in Los Angeles, rule changes, and racing plans for the 2017 racing season.

A highlight of the meeting was the annual Region 6 Awards on Saturday evening, with a new look this year, as rather than sitting down for a formal banquet dinner and awards ceremonies, attendees mingled from about 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at a relaxed informal poolside reception in the hotel's Atrium, nibbling on finger foods and sipping beverages from the cash bar; at that time, all retired to dual awards gatherings (inboard and outboard), where champions and honorees garnered their hardware, to the applause of all present. Attendees praised this new look informal reception, noting more socializing and more kids in attendance (probably +100% more young'uns), and appreciating the lower cost. All of this came about from a suggestion by **Tracy Trolan**; the work came from the host hotel and our contact **Denise**, and the backing which enabled the low personal cost came from these generous sponsors: **Kathy and Royce Richards, MHRA (Michigan Hydroplane Racing Association), Marine Prop Riders, Johnston Racing, Region 6 Inboard, Box 21, and CE Engineering LLC**, without these backers, this reception could not have happened. Looks like we have a blueprint for next year!

What follows here is an attempt to summarize inboard business conducted over this weekend.

**Officiating Committee:** Discussions centered around some rule changes from the national meeting: relaxation of requirements of the race committee, race director, and referee/risk manager regarding course layout inspection and outer course markers; new GSR for air systems, which is a consolidation of individual category rules to place these in one spot (easy to find) and standardize air hose quick disconnect coupler orientation (female on the air supply side, male on the driver mask); driver restraint tags and certification expiration dates; scorers being certified for two years rather than one year (pass the test for 2016, good for 2017, next test 2018); referee/risk management test (Howie Nichols, author and grader), with several persons deciding to fill it out and submit it! We still have not given up on voluntary use by drivers of a personal medical information card (allergies, medicines taken, family physician, etc.) at races. **Jeff Brewster** also brought up the question of rescue boat equipment, as the quality of equipment varies. Specifically, he cited that the front / rear ramp rescue boats are superior to the side ramp models, and opined that maybe a standard should be set.

**Club Committee:** The various clubs reported plans for 2017 racing and other activities. A couple clubs cited difficulty getting water to have a race (finding suitable size sites, convincing local decision makers to allow racing), while others face rising costs for infrastructure and fees. More clubs need to keep their APBA membership up to date, too, to gain credibility for themselves as part of a national group with real support and procedures, not just another local fly-by-night committee.

**Inboard:** Sandwiched around the Saturday evening reception and awards, Inboarders, led by Region 6 Inboard Chairman **Barry Pray**, met to share news, conduct some business, and communicate racing plans.

*News:* **Mario Maraldo** was absent, as **Kathleen Maraldo** mends from a broken leg and knee; get well, Kathy!

*Business:* besides the usual reports, a by-law change which had been proposed and initially approved from the Fall 2016 meeting, was discussed. The by-laws have a provision which sets a minimum entry fee for inboard races within Region 6 (conducted with our equipment), mandating a division of that entry fee among inboard, Box 21 (rescue), and salvage. The amount has been adjusted over time to reflect economic trends, and works adequately for two day race weekends. The situation today finds boat racing searching for race sites, and keeping others functioning, which can lead to times where only a one day race rather than two days is feasible (especially for new races – crawl before you walk, walk before you run). In that circumstance, the funds which are collected are insufficient to maintain solvency for either the region inboard or Box 21. Accordingly, the change proposed was to add a one day race provision for a minimum entry fee, which increased the allotment to inboard from \$10 to \$15 per boat per day, and for box 21, \$20 to \$30 per boat per day. This provision is for a scheduled one day race only (not two days shortened by a blow-out). This change (actually an additional paragraph 2 within Article 2 of the Region 6 Inboard Bylaws) was discussed and approved by vote of the 27 members present. This addition to the by-laws will be forwarded to the APBA BOD for final approval. A second item of business conducted was discussion of a proposal by **Don Melillo** for Region 6 Inboard to support financially the elected Region 6 Inboard Race Commissioner's trip to the APBA Annual Meeting. Following discussion, members approved to pay a stipend of \$200 (\$50 for meeting registration and \$150 for expenses) to the Region 6 elected IRC member (could be members in the future, right now is member) to attend the APBA Annual Meeting beginning in 2018.

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**Racing:** First news of racing is a new race, first announced at the Fall meeting, **Tony Stalder** offered additional details of racing on Indian Lake (Ohio), 09-10SE2017. The Saturday portion of the event will be confined to non-point hot lap sessions, due to the Inboard Nationals being conducted that day in Spanaway, Washington. Sunday will be regular racing for points and awards. Situating the race in the southwest corner of the lake offers nice water, sufficient depths, somewhat sheltered, good pit area, and great viewing for an expected large crowd of enthusiastic spectators. Along with the race boats is a large antique pleasure boat festival, so on-water power is the name of the game, that weekend!

Keeping good race news going, **Tim Collins** announced a partnership of sorts with Jim Sechler which will take hold of the reins for Quake on the Lake, as Mary Ann Wilson relinquishes these, taking a well-earned break from all that work. Much speculation had been occurring as to the fate of the Quake, and this announcement breaks through the biggest question mark. 22-23July 2017 is the target date!

This is not a Region 6 Inboard race, but Evansville plans are gathering steam. This Labor Day weekend (actually Friday, Saturday, Sunday 01-02-03SE2017) regatta is growing, as the race committee has contracted with Region 6 Inboard and Box 21 to provide the necessary equipment and rescue team to conduct the racing. Specifics regarding classes to run, etc. are up in the air yet, but there were hints regarding Eastern divisional application floating around. **Jack Meyer** assured us all there is plenty of pit room for plenty of boats. All present agree that supporting this new race is in our best racing interest.

Anymore, some constancy of purpose is to be welcomed. With that, Dayton Testing and APBA Inboard School is on target for 29-30AP2017, at Eastwood Lake (aka Hydrobowl!). Permitting is on schedule, pit arrangement, crane placement, tow vehicle access, and so on are already made. The only fly in the ointment is a possible park fee increase, of which the River Rats (**Steve Spisak**) have not been informed as to the amount, which has not affected entry fees. As always, there is plenty of time to test and share water with student drivers; outboarders are welcome, also!


Detroit: 25-26-27AU2017: unlimited, GP's, Formula tunnel boats, pretty much on track, but no official news yet.

Celina, Walled Lake: no news. Celina would use a date of 19-20AU2017.

Vintage: Madison plans a vintage regatta in probably mid-September (exact weekend is still being discussed), **Ron Snyder** is our contact. As last year, plans are being made by their race committee to rent our Region 6 Inboard equipment, which our treasury surely enjoys. Those funds keep the trailer rolling, the buoys present, the flags waving, and **Steve Spisak** busy!


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