



January 2023

Happy New Year fellow racers and enthusiasts. I hope everyone had a great Christmas with family and loved ones. As always, with a new year comes new beginnings and a fresh start. I look forward to all of the exciting new endeavors that the club will be moving forward with this year. I think everyone can agree that it was great to see so many new/old faces attend the meeting in December and I look forward to the continued growth of not only our meetings but our overall numbers as well.

With the new initiatives that were voted on and passed in the last meeting, we as a club have much work to do in the coming months. I would like to thank everyone that came up to myself and Steve after the meeting to offer their time by volunteering. It's this spirit that will move the club and inboard racing forward in the future and it was awesome to see. Trust me, your support does not go unnoticed and I look forward to working with all of you.

With that, please keep in your prayers those members and families that are going through their own personal challenges and that they find peace and health in the new-year. I sincerely hope 2023 is your personal best year yet and the fact we are only months away from getting the boats wet makes me more excited than ever to be a Marine Prop Rider!

I will see you at the January meeting. Mr. Tim Collins from the IRC will be our guest speaker so there will be a lot of great information shared for the upcoming season. See you there!

John

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 07DE2022 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres. John Grigg at 7:40 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Guests Steve Handy and T J Harrison (2.5L Stock class new competitors) were welcomed. Mario Maraldo is absent tonight, as his most recent treatment is attempting to kick his butt! Get well, buddy! Dennis Scott is reaching the ripe age of 80 (!) by the end of December, Happy Birthday (no serenade, fortunately).

OCTOBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve as printed in newsletter, Barry Pray; second, Tom Alfano; motion carried. The 14NO2022 BOD meeting minutes were read by D. Whitney; motion to approve as read, Rich Falcinelli; second, Rick Falcinelli; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO: Mario Maraldo submitted the treasurer's report in abstentia, noting deposits totaling \$5195.00; expenditures of \$523 (banquet centerpieces, trophies, cookies), \$90 (adjustment for Steve Linn), \$68.90 trophy for Billy Noonan, and \$3147.46 (Villa Penna repast for 111 persons); balance \$11,987.77. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Rich Falcinelli; second, Steve Linn; motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH: The second report for the 2023 racing year: 26 primary, 10 primary family, 2 honorary, 14 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 55. Eight members were added at the Banquet or shortly thereafter who were not members in 2023! Nancy has membership forms for those who want to join tonight, got some takers, too (these gains will be reported next month!).

PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON: Nice job by Tina, good stuff with photos from banquet! Next month, *The Tina Story (maybe)*!

ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG: DVD planned won't run on equipment available tonight, so next month will be the DVD; tonight, bench race central! Ray asked for suggestions for subjects for the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Steve Read – new race search committee: A. Belleville Lake – race date is 24-25 June 2023, weekend after Father's Day; meeting coming up 14DE22 with yacht club; pit location needs a back-up plan due to potential construction project interference which will help decide the race course shape and program. B. Ford Lake – JAYCEE's and Steve and Barry have met with the park and DNR with success; permits need to be initiated for an early August date; lotta work still to be done. C. Mott Lake's Crossroads Village (Flint area) - Steve Read and Barry Pray met with Genesee Parks and Rec persons; visual examination of the proposed racing site found the site very viable. Again, permit requesting must begin, looking to a mid August race date! D. Quake: Ray Dong meeting next week, Pontiac Lake maintenance timing may be delayed which can enable racing.

2. Is MPR a racing club or fan club? Pres. John Grigg began discussions regarding MPR's status, supporting racing role, club operating philosophy, and future actions. Following continued discussion regarding MPR support for a race, Phil Goodell made a motion: *The Marine Prop Rider club shall be the conducting club for the local races being planned*; seconded by Steve Linn. Discussion followed regarding potential insurance liabilities. Barry Pray cited statement by Rick Felsen (APBA insurance carrier) that more than one club can be listed on a sanction; he also asked if a club by-law would need to change to proceed with the discussion of this motion, this action was found to be unneeded after consulting by-laws (current by-laws allow majority vote of club members present and BOD to co-sponsor a race, on an individual basis, Article VII, Section 1). Rick Falcinelli discussed difference between a conducting club and sponsoring club. Nancy Spanich asked for purpose of the motion: 1. To encourage a growth in club memberships by active MPR involvement in races; 2. To maintain and grow a knowledge base for putting on races. Barry Pray called the question; vote was 24 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. John Bridge and Judy Roberts showed the 2023 UD club calendar, featuring racers local to the Detroit area. John also invited all to the UD Xmas Party, at Total Sports (Harrison Twp, North River Road and I-94), 1 PM, Sunday 11DE2022, for refreshment, auction, prizes, and other excitements.

2. Autorama 2023: With the withdrawal of S-26 announced last month, another spot is available in the club boat display, several volunteers noted. Phil Goodell has the applications, noting the \$50 entry fee, and that MPR has paid that fee for the last few years.

3. Committees (standing or sitting): Pres. John Grigg issued a call for volunteers to fill these committee slots, asking that any members wishing to be on a committee to contact either he or VP Steve Read.

Next Meeting: 11JANUARY2023, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Barry Pray; second, Steve Linn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

MPR Board Meeting

Marine Prop Riders – BOD Meeting – 02NO2022 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting at LEO'S CONEY ISLAND (Sterling Heights) called to order by Pres-elect John Grigg at 7:14 PM

Attend: John Grigg (Pres-elect); Steve Read (Vice Pres); Eli Whitney (Sec.); Nancy Spanich (Membr.); Dillon Goodell, Dave Musczinski (Membrs at large); Ray Dong (Ent.); Tina Wilson (Pub.);
Absent: Mario Maraldo (Treas.) - excused;

Owner/Driver memberships and club meeting attendance: John Grigg continued discussion regarding how to get more owners and drivers to join MPR and attend the regular meetings. As no definitive answers to the questions following have developed, the debate will continue in the near future.

1. From last BOD meeting, regarding owners/drivers in the club and do these members attend: 17 owners in the club; average of 6 attend meetings. Opinion expressed by some is races (possibly put on by MPR) will result in more MPR members, especially local; a question was raised what does it really matter, since MPR historically has great influence on local races, why join some club. Another noted that in regards to many attendees at the recent banquet, “who are all these people”, indicating a wide range of individual interest remains with this club (i.e., social, racing, technical, historical).

2. Does the MPR Club need to put on races themselves to convince these people? Much discussion regarding club racing history, protecting club assets, etc. continued. Regarding MPR liability in regards to being named on the sanction, it seems that that is a non-issue, with a possibility of losing protection of APBA legal representation by not being on the sanction. Some opine that to make sure everything works correctly at a local race rather than becoming a fiasco, MPR must be the controlling force by actually managing the race; the fear is a separate small club formed to run the race may stray from MPR's influence and mess everything up. An opinion was expressed that either MPR itself or a small club formed to run a race (as has been the method used locally for many years, successfully) actually can work OK on high level, the devil is in the details.

3. Do we need to set up a formal club committee searching for race sites and/or running races? Searching for race sites has already begun in an informal way with the efforts of Steve Read and Phil Goodell, among others, with reports every regular MPR meeting. As to running a race, one opinion is that an MPR committee is needed to exert authority over the race, this could be a standing committee. Questions raised here include: who is going to handle the finances? Will these finances somehow be kept separate from regular club accounts? Who is going to take on the promotional roles required to raise necessary funds (remembering that MPR is not a charitable organization, so attracting financial support becomes problematic)? What are the potential ramifications to MPR regarding state and federal income tax regulations? If this course of action is taken, how do we do it? Methods, requirements, develop and training, etc. will be needed.

December 2022 regular MPR meeting (07DE2022): VP Steve Read will preside over the meeting, as Pres. John Grigg will be attending the PRI (Performance Racing Industry) show in Indianapolis; the regular agenda will be followed. No action on the discussion above is anticipated.

January 2023 regular MPR meeting (04JA2023): Pres. John Grigg has invited the 2023 IRC commissioner residing locally to attend, to discuss IRC intentions for 2023, including rule changes either already approved or anticipated.

Next BOD meeting: not scheduled as of 06DE2022.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

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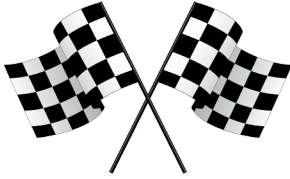
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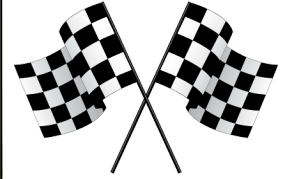
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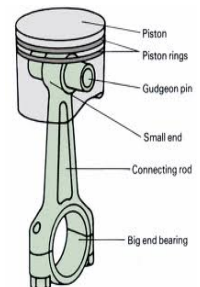
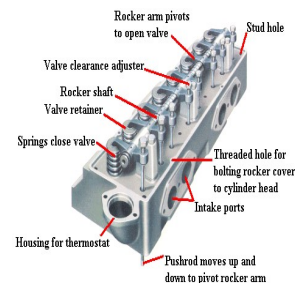
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