



February 23, 2017

To the Membership,

The weather has been great here in Michigan so that must mean it is getting close to the racing season. I hope your hull projects are moving along, the engine is ready, props are die checked, safety equipment is inspected and the wheel bearings are packed! A group of us are headed to Lakeland next week so safe travels and good luck to everyone!

Rich Falcinelli, Mark Weber, Tim Collins and Jeff Sankuer have been hard at work on the club display at the Detroit Autorama. Thanks to all of you for your efforts! Looks like the weather will be kind this year.

Discussions are still on-going for races in 2017. There is a group discussing Waterford so we have our fingers crossed. It will have to be a huge group effort.

The Region 6 spring meeting was held last weekend. Look for a report from Eli and Barry at the meeting.

The MPR by-law change proposal is here in the newsletter. There are actually 4 proposed revisions we will address individually.

As I said, I am leaving for Lakeland next week and apologize that I can't make meeting.

Hurray up Spring!  
Mike



# MEETING MINUTES

## Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 01FE2017 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at Juliano's called to order by Pres. Mike Weber at 7:39 pm.

**Announcements** – A big “GET WELL” shout out to **Kathleen Maraldo** as she has, only a couple days ago, suffered a fractured knee and leg, caused by a slip on the stairs, assisted by gravity. OUCH!!!! Kathy is at a local rehab center for a couple weeks, then home, then soon after a custom knee replacement, then torture by therapy. Mario is bearing up well also, Gypsy misses her Kathy! **Daryn Rollins** continues to make slow progress in his recovery, engaging in therapy in Grand Rapids. Today would have been **George English's** birthday, with good memories remaining. **Ron Jones, Sr.**'s passing was announced. A moment of silence was taken.

**Guests tonight are the Deb and Mike Terry, with friend Linda Mullins!** Mike is the son of “**Doc**” Terry, longtime friend and volunteer for boat racing in Detroit. Welcome!!

**January meeting minutes** – next month's Prop Rider will feature two sets of minutes, January and these February minutes contained herein. Timing and scoring of the January issue hit a snag, with the January issue coming out in a couple days; things happen!

**Treasurers Report** – **Mario Maraldo**: deposits made were \$220 and \$205; the MPR treasury balance is \$10,652.36. Motion to accept, **Rich Falcinelli**.; second, **Barry Pray**. Motion carried.

**Membership Report** – **Brian Reed**: 56 primary, 13 family, total 69 members. Membership cards were distributed to many attendees, others to be mailed.

**Publicity** – **Alexis Weber**: see note above, Alexis is contrite, but stuff happens and with expanded content, harder to put together and distribute! Membership indicated appreciation for efforts!

**Entertainment** – **Ray Dong**: Ray Dong announced tonight will feature an informative lecture from **Dr. Sam Fullerton**, marketing ace, this time about “Recovery Marketing”, sort of a how to get back the customer you have lost in the past. This will again be pertinent info for our efforts to revive some local racing.

**Race Reports** – **Detroit** - rolling along nicely.

**Quake** – nothing.

**Walled Lake** – **Jim Sechler** reported an initial contact has been made, nothing newsworthy yet. Key is the infrastructure to put on race is still intact, big need is to fix the financial picture before proceeding.

**Dayton Testing and APDA Driving School** – on schedule for **29-30 April 2017**.

**Evansville (Indiana)** – Labor Day weekend, Region 7 race locale, but has contracted use of the Region 6 Inboard equipment (buoys, flags, clock, etc.) and Box 21 for safety. Watch for more info as the summer goes by!

**Indian Lake (Ohio)** – **Tony Stalder** is heading up a team to produce this NEW race in Ohio 09-10SE2017; if you travel south on I-75 to Wapakoneta exit 111 (home of Neil Armstrong, 1<sup>st</sup> man on the moon), go east on US33 instead of west to Celina. Like Grand Lake St. Mary's, Indian Lake is a feeder reservoir for the old Ohio canal system. Nice looking spot for a race, and a new race at that! Point racing will be Sunday only due to the Inboard Nationals being contested in Spanaway, Washington on Saturday.

**IRC news** – **Jim Sechler** reported – New Insurance carrier (Rick Felsner's Hawk Racing); legal guardian must be at race for minor release; mentioned too many rule change proposals had to be discussed, with very few passing. Housekeeping did occur to clean up the rules here and there. Participation points are now awarded which do not require a legal start in a heat, more fair than in the past. Class combos were updated. E boats with 305 engines may race as A boats, no more 350 engines in A class. Hall of Champions point calculations also updated.

**Region 6 News** – **Barry Pray** reminded all of the APBA Region 6 Spring Meeting 18-19 February 2017 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio (circular in the newsletter coming out). **Eli** spoke of the usual facet (category) and committee meetings, plus announced a change to the awards festivities to a more informal reception featuring finger foods, cash bar, and more mingling potential, with award sessions split as in the recent past between outboard and inboard. The more formal banquet format as used in the past had become too cumbersome to manage easily, with somewhat high individual cost as a negative to attracting enough ‘banqueteers’. With the more informal reception, Eli has looked to Region 6 clubs or entities for sponsorship of the reception (at the time of this meeting, already more than half of the \$1400 budget had been sponsored) so the individual cost for the reception could be reduced to \$7 per adult, kids under 16 free. A discussion ensued as to MPR joining the sponsor lineup, with a motion to donate \$200 for the reception made by **Barry Pray**; second, **Mario Maraldo**; motion carried; Eli says **THANKS!**

Two capsule training dates by **Andy Guaresimo's** Blue Water Dive Team, both at L'Anse Cruese High School (Harrison Twp, Mi): Sunday 05MR2017 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM; Saturday 01AP2017 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM; check APBA website resources page for more detail; nearest freeway exit is I-94 at Metro Parkway (exit 236).

**National News:** H1 (unlimited) *Rookie of the Year* is **Andrew Tate!** Atta boy!!! 2017 schedule is same as 2016, 2018 looks to add events in Guntersville, Alabama and in Arizona. At the APBA Inboard awards, the winner of the **Bruce Boussard Award** for dedication to inboard boat racing went to **Wally Johnston**, a very popular and deserving choice. Of special interest, this year was the final year of this honor in the name of Bruce Broussard; previously was known as the Bob Ballenger and Tony Scartine award, when the main plaque fills up -12 years – new plaque gets a new title name. Since the Bruce plaque is now filled, the next dozen years will find honorees being listed on the **Mark Weber Award** plaque, truly an honor for this lifetime MPR member.

### **February Minutes Continued..**

At the Saturday evening Hall of Champions banquet, APBA Region 6 stalwart of the Mod Outboard category **Jeff Williams** was inducted into the Honor Squadron, as was inboarder **Terry Troxell** of Region 10, but well known to most of us in the MPR. KUDOS for both!

**Old Business: Awards by-law** – **Pres. Mike Weber** bumped the discussion and any voting to next month (March 2017).

**Autorama** – **Rich Falcinelli** reported final details for the boat display will be made by next weekend, for the 24-25-26FE2017 event inside Cobo Hall in Detroit. Volunteers to man display needed!

**New Business:** Good luck for all racing in Lakeland, Fla. 04-05MAR2017; early entry deadline coming up to get tow money.

**Andy Guaresimo** announced the formation of Blue Water Radio Communications, created with the purchase of **Kevin Gilday's** communication equipment and trailer.

**Next Meeting: 01MAR2017, Juliano's, Van Dyke Ave, Warren, Mich., 7:30 PM.**

Motion to adjourn by **Rick Falcinelli**, seconded by **Andy Guaresimo**. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

### **Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 04JA2017 – Meeting Minutes Meeting at Juliano's called to order by Pres. Mike Weber at 7:40 pm.**

**Announcements – Happy New Year!** Guests tonight are **Phil Goodell and son Dillon Goodell**. Phil is a long-time fan of hydroplane racing; son Phil has inherited the interest plus a desire to give the racing a try. They are looking to help any teams needing a sweat donation with a look towards finding a ride or a boat to drive. *Note: this is why the APBA driver's school exists – to give the novice just that chance!* **Ray Dong** announced the beginnings of a UD Club contest to design the next generation unlimited hydroplane, both in looks and power; see their website or find Ray.

**November meeting minutes** – An oral summation of the December meeting minutes was related by Sec. Eli, since there was no printed newsletter for January (as has been the practice in past years); printed copies were distributed for perusal. Motion to approve the November 2016 minutes as distributed, **Rich Falcinelli**; second, **Barry Pray**. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report – Mario Maraldo:** expenses paid were \$53.51 and 24.04 (newsletter), \$70.80 (membership cards), \$185 (APBA Club membership fee); deposits made was \$150; the MPR treasury balance is \$10,227.36. Motion to accept, **Dick Delsner**; second, **Rich Falcinelli**. Motion carried.

**Membership Report – Brian Reed:** 43 primary, 8 family, total 51 members. Membership cards in sufficient quantity for a few years were procured by Mario (see above). By the end of the meeting the membership ranks have swelled to near 60.

**Publicity – Alexis Weber:** The combined January/February 2017 MPR newsletter will be published 22January, content is needed, so send in before that time (give her time to put it in!).

**Entertainment – Ray Dong:** Ray Dong announced the 01February2017 meeting will feature an informative lecture from Dr. Sam Fullerton, marketing ace, this time about "Recovery Marketing", sort of a how to get back the customer you have lost in the past. This will again be pertinent info for our efforts to revive some local racing. Tonight, Steve Garey will lecture on Automotive Power in the Unlimited Hydros plus sell copies of his new book.

**Race Reports – Detroit** - rolling along nicely.

**Quake** – nothing.

**Walled Lake – Jennifer Falcinelli** has some communications starting up, nothing newsworthy yet.

**Dayton Testing and APDA Driving School** – on schedule for **29-30April2017**; costs keep increasing as municipalities must pick and choose where they spend monies, all events feel the heat on this.

**IRC news** – Announced on behalf of **Don Melillo** (R6 IRC elected commissioner), rule change proposals are published on the APBA website (resources page); send any thoughts on these to him.

**Region 6 News – Barry Pray:** The Inboard BOD has negotiated a cost proposal with the Evansville (Indiana) regatta being planned for Labor Day weekend to send over the region equipment, clock, flags, and Box 21 rescue; proposal was accepted. City of Evansville is excited to bring back boat racing to their community with this event; classes to be announced (speculation on GP West). Barry also announced the APBA Region 6 Spring Meeting is 18-19February2017 at the Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio.

**National News:** nothing new discussed.

**Old Business: Awards by-law** – **Mark Weber** announced that a proposal has been finalized and is ready for perusal; **Pres. Mike Weber** has scheduled discussion to occur next month (01February2017) (*NOTE: brother Mark requested that these records indicate his part was ready tonight, brother Mike was the delay*), at which time the proposal will be fine-tuned as needed, and an initial approval vote will occur. If accepted, the proposal will be published in the next newsletter, which will allow forethought to be applied by MPR members, as a final up or down vote at the 01March2017 MPR meeting is planned.

## **JANUARY 2017 MINUTES CONTINUED >>>**

**Autorama** – **Rich Falcinelli** reported that his plan for the display boats is proceeding; boats are lined up with a backup plan in case of changes. Next month, a volunteer list will be passed around to sign up volunteers to work the display during the show, which is 24-26 February 2017, at Cobo Hall (per usual). Volunteers needed!

**New Business:** None, really. This weekend (14-15 January 2017) is the annual Detroit Parts Swap Meet (especially hi-performance parts) at Gibraltar Trade Center (site of the former Mt. Clemens Speedway, North River Rd. and I-94 in Mt. Clemens)), come on out and socialize and spend money (especially at Eli's table). Mike Weber has his trailer there also, with goodies for street and track. Actually, in the future, races or others want to get some publicity of an event, the easiest segment of the population to attract to a race (that is, motorsports people) is at this event! My table is free for such ads or publicity for the club or races! (editorial comment, sorry, but sometimes I wonder if we really want to succeed!)

**Next Meeting:** 04 JAN 2017, Julian's, Van Dyke Ave, Warren, Mich., 7:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn by **Rick Falcinelli**, seconded by **Ray Dong**. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

## **Marine Prop Riders - By-Law change proposals**

### **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 five (5) races in Region Six or four (4) three (3) Marine Prop Riders Club meetings during a race calendar year.

**\*1. Proposed revision:** *".....you must attend three (3) races ....."*

#### **Section III**

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

**\*2. Proposed revision:** *".....a 300 point minimum is required."*

**\*3. Proposed revision:** Add the following new section to the awards policy:

#### **Section V**

*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.*

**\*4. Proposed revision:** Renumber the following for clarification.

### **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.

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### DON'T FORGET!

- **New rule in effect for 2017:** Audio communication between the spotter and driver are required during every heat. One-way radios are acceptable as long as the driver can hear the spotter.
- **APBA membership fees increase after February 28th!**

## SPRING 2017 — REGION 6 CAPSULE TRAINING SESSIONS

***There will be two Safety Cell Certification sessions:***

**DATES:**

SUNDAY MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

**\*\*1:30 PM - 3:30 PM SHARP\*\*** both dates

**COST:**

\$40.00 FOR APBA MEMBERS

\$40.00 FOR OPA MEMBERS w/ SWIM TEST

\$20.00 FOR SWIM TEST ONLY (offshore only)

**LOCATION:** LANSE CREUSE HIGH SCHOOL POOL  
38495 LANSE CREUSE ST.  
HARRISON TWP, MI 48045

**DIRECTIONS:**

94 TO METRO PARKWAY EAST ( EXIT #236 )

TO THE FIRST LIGHT (CROCKER) & TURN LEFT

GO 2 BLOCKS, TURN RIGHT ON REMOLD STREET

GO 600 FEET, TURN RIGHT AFTER THE BASEBALL FIELD

PLEASE HAVE YOUR APBA # WITH YOU IF YOU ARE A MEMBER. OFFSHORE OR OPA MEMBERS # NOT NEEDED.

**TESTING INSTRUCTOR:** ANDREW C. GUARESIMO (aka BLUEWATER ANDY)

**RSVP PLEASE:** ANDY'S CELL # 586-242-0673 OR E-MAIL [BLWTRDVR@msn.com](mailto:BLWTRDVR@msn.com)

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