

Meeting: Marine Racing Club  
Date: January 5, 2012  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Spring Valley Lodges World HQ (Batavia, IL)  
Attendees: Paul Nielander (via telephone), Jim Fairchild, Chris Fairchild, Kai Pavlick,  
Dakotah Fairchild, Bill Pavlick III, Karsten Pavlick, George Young,  
Michael Mackey  
Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. Previous meeting minutes (October 29, 2011) were not read.

## **INSURANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

APBA Board Member Chris Fairchild discussed the new insurance policies and risk management requirements set forth by APBA's new insurance carrier (ASIS). Our previous insurance carrier (K&K) has dropped APBA due to several insurance policy violations across the entire spectrum of boat racing, up to and including the Unlimited accident that occurred at the 2011 race in Madison, IN. Below are items we are required to follow as we know them right now. More details will be available after the APBA meeting. There will be no exceptions.

- Insurance coverage for a standard 2-day (Saturday/Sunday) race goes into force at 12:01 a.m. Friday.
- Insurance coverage extends through Saturday and Sunday, and ceases at 12:01 a.m. Monday.
- No Friday testing or any other testing Saturday or Sunday allowed unless there is an ambulance and full race committee (Race Director, Risk Manager, Flag Man, Safety and Turn Boat Personnel, etc.) present on site.
- Wrist bands MUST be worn on the person's wrist (it is no longer acceptable to wear a wrist band on a belt loop, hat back, or anywhere else).
- No smoking anywhere within a designated pit area. This includes so-called "hot pits" and "cold pits."
- "Hot pits" are defined as the area where boats enter and leave the water. "Cold pits" are any other area where race boats, trailers, racing equipment, etc. are found.
- A person's wrist band must be visible if they are in either pit area.
- Snow fence (not caution tape) must establish a perimeter for the "hot pit" area.
- In the event of an accident, the Risk Manager or the Chief Referee are the only persons allowed to speak to media, police, etc. Please, no posting comments on Facebook, HydroRacer.net other social media, etc.
- Insurance rates are going up \$400 per race.

- Any person in any boat (including the turn boats) must also carry a current APBA membership.

## **FINANCIAL**

Commodore Pavlick presented the Financial Report for 2011. Marine Racing Club came out over \$1,500 ahead on the Candlewick race (thanks in large part to Bill Carter securing \$875 in sponsorship money). We came out over \$500 ahead on the Rochelle race. We lost \$350 at DePue, and we thank every racer and Race Official who made donations to the club.

## **2012 SCHEDULE**

- Commodore Pavlick has proposed not going to DePue this year. A quorum was not present, so no official vote was taken.
- Paul Nielander is trying to establish contact to get Beloit back on the schedule as an MRC race. No word yet from Beloit officials, and a February 29 deadline is set to reach an agreement with Beloit. (August 18/19 is the tentative date for Beloit.)
- It now costs BSOA \$1,200 to rent the lake and park at Pleasant Prairie, which means we are quickly being priced out of this location. The Memorial Day race is scheduled; the September race at Pleasant Prairie is in question.
- MRC is working with Jim McGrath, Chris Fairchild, and the City of Elgin to try to establish a Stock Outboard race on the Fox River. Proposed race dates are August 18/19 (in the event Beloit falls through) or July 14/15.
- OPC is moving from Elgin to St. Charles, and would like to have JH and AXH on their program as well. Tentative date of mid-September.
- MRC is planning a Driving Schools at Rochelle and **Pell Lake** for Saturday and Sunday. Novice Races will be held Saturday evening and during the race day Sunday. MRC is also considering a driving school at PP.

## **GEORGE YOUNG**

George is working with the VFW in District 6 (Illinois) to establish a Series Race for 2013 or 2014 designed to raise money to support our troops and veterans. George already has permission to use the VFW logo and is trying to establish national coverage for the event. He is asking the VFW National HQ for \$5,000 per race to cover club expenses. The races must be within District 6 which roughly covers South Beloit, Dixon, Rochelle, and Loves Park. Chris Fairchild and Michael Mackey are going to inspect and review a potential race site in Dixon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

## **ADDENDUM**

Michael Mackey, also a BSOA member, attended the January BSOA meeting on January 7. Fred Hauenstein spoke more about the insurance and risk management regulations we must observe. Fred opened with the statement that APBA was 12-days away from going out of business due to multiple violations of insurance regulations, and that not following them is no longer an option for us. He reiterated that the snow fence or barrier to the restricted areas of the pits must be something suitable to stop a five-year-old child from overcoming. Also, boats may only be fueled in the restricted area, which means no more fueling in your pit area next to your trailer (unless the trailers are in the restricted area). All minors at the race site, including card-carrying APBA members/drivers must sign the waiver at every race now.

Mackey mentioned the potential Elgin site, and received very positive feedback from BSOA. In essence, they said if MRC puts on a race, they will be there to support it.

Next MRC meeting: February. Date and location TBA