

Meeting: Marine Racing Club  
Date: January 14, 2010  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Residence of Bill Pavlick III (Aurora, IL)  
Attendees: Tad Olson, Bill Pavlick III, Kevin Schertz, Paul Nielander, Dennis Bowsher,  
Dakotah Fairchild, Jim Fairchild, Michael Mackey, John Korbus  
Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Commodore "Chicago" Paul Nielander. There was no formal reading of the November 12, 2009 meeting minutes.

Commodore opened with suggestion that any rule changes be submitted for the upcoming national meeting in Seattle, WA.

Bill Pavlick III noted that he submitted a proposition to the Mod category regarding competing races that fall on the same weekend. This rule change proposal is an attempt to circumvent conflict with MRC's running of DePue, IL against the Mod Nationals.

There is also a strong push to rescind the Kevlar certification rule so that the Race Inspector would have full and final ruling as to the fitness of a driver's Kevlar.

Discussion turned to cowl placement and retention on engines requiring upper and lower covers (i.e., the OMC A and Mercury D). As there can be a noticeable increase in engine RPMs, the upper and lower cowls must be securely fastened as per the manufacturer's original intent for the duration of a race. If a cowl is dislodged from its engine during a race, the driver must be disqualified.

Jim Fairchild discussed the new pickle fork ruling in the 2010 rule book. Pickle forks on hydroplanes must have a minimum radius of 1/2-inch and a minimum width of 1/2-inch. New boats must be built, and existing boats must be retrofitted to this specification to be legal.

Commodore turned discussion to the 2010 race schedule. DePue, IL is scheduled for June 26-27, but the proposition to the Mod rule (mentioned above) must pass in order for this to not conflict with the Mod Nationals.

Beloit, WI is off the schedule for 2010. Discussion centered about MRC taking possession of this race site for 2011. Further discussion between MRC and BSOA are required.

Rochelle, IL is also off the 2011 schedule as a race, but is the heavy favorite to be the APBA Driving School location instead. This would be a Friday through Sunday event with the Driving School happening on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday a truncated race schedule as a "reward" for all the volunteers who helped with the weekend Driving School. Chris Fairchild is the point person with APBA; he and Bill Pavlick III are working

on setting the date. Fairchild will also negotiate the money requirements from APBA. Tad Olson is responsible for securing the race site and any potential sponsor dollars he might be able to flesh out.

A potential new Stock Outboard racer, Dennis Bowsher from Kankakee, IL came up for this meeting. Dennis is involved in Inboard racing with his son, and is also a diver for Black Diamond and has been involved with OPC in Kankakee for several years. Dennis is considering coming over to kneel-down Stock Outboard racing, and would handle the divers for the Driving School.

Commodore discussed 2010 grants next. Unfortunately, he was unable to file the grants in a timely manner and have them completed to his level of thoroughness. Rather than file half-baked grant requests which could potentially leave the grant committee with a sour taste, Commodore opted to not file at all, and will try again next year.

Floor was yielded to Kevin Schertz for discussion about a potential race in Springfield, IL that he had been trying to put together. As a club, we need to come to a consensus for consideration for new race locations (i.e., physical distance, river versus lake, minimum size for the body of water, pit location and access, etc.). More discussion is required, a plan to be drafted by Commodore and Pavlick III, and presented to the club(s) for consideration.

8:42 p.m. Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting.

Next meeting: February 23, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

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