

Meeting: Marine Racing Club

Date: January 15, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Country House restaurant (Batavia, IL)

Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m. by Commodore "Chicago" Paul Nielander, and immediately turned over to Michael Mackey for reading of the previous meeting's minutes.

Minutes from the November 11, 2008 meeting were read. Motion made by Commodore to accept minutes as read; motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Commodore opened by covering items from the October meeting minutes, revisiting the 2009 race schedule, and to make special note re: Rochelle 2008 (noted that Tad Olson secured an additional \$1,000 in sponsorship money, bringing MRC's profit for the 2008 Rochelle Regatta to \$1,600).

The discussion turned to Pell Lake, WI. As of the meeting, no one from MRC or BSOA has met with the city council at Pell Lake re: establishing a race. Commodore proposed it would put a better face on the race and our organizations if locals from Pell Lake approached the council on our behalf rather than MRC or BSOA club representatives directly. BSOA's Kip Trump (also a local of Pell Lake) is going before the city council on February 2, 2009 to discuss a sanctioned event weekend. Steve Warnock will hopefully be at this meeting as well. At this point, we do not have a sponsor for this event.

Candlewick, IL – Candlewick is scratched from the 2009 MRC race schedule; we are hoping to secure this site again in 2010. Commodore sent complimentary DVDs of the APBA Summer Nationals to the committee at Candlewick. Also, the 2008 MRC Awards Banquet will not be held at Candlewick as early planned. (More banquet discussion follows below.)

7:50 p.m. – Dinner arrived, and we took a short break to eat.

The meeting resumed at 8:18 p.m. with discussion turning to the prospect of buying a club truck and/or new club trailer. After back-and-forth on the pros and cons of owning our own club truck and trailer combination, Commodore put forth a motion to place two boats on two separate club member's trailers, with motors and remaining gear in other vehicles in lieu of purchasing BSOA's old club truck (at a cost of \$500). Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Continuing discussion on club-owned equipment to be used by prospective club members during testing/test rides, the following were decided:

- MRC will purchase a Y-80 motor from Mike Pavlick.
- MRC will purchase John Korbus' white boat.
- MRC will purchase Michael Mackey's 20/B boat.
- To these ends, MRC will have a "test rig" available to prospective members as opposed to a race-ready "for sale" rig as previously discussed. This will allow us to have greater flexibility in that we do not have to worry about keeping up a competitive "for sale" rig; rather a safe, functioning rig that will allow the neophyte to get some lap time and decide whether s/he would like to go to the next step. Should a new person want to purchase a rig, we will direct them to known, competitive equipment that is for sale, eliminating the burden on MRC of selling a rig that may not be "competitive" in the eyes of the purchaser.

2008 Awards Banquet – Will be held April 18, 2009. A final site is yet to be determined, however, it looks like we will be travelling to the Gurnee Mills, IL area, or perhaps the site of the 2007 Awards Banquet. More on this as it develops.

2009 Race Dates – Motion was made to have MRC host Rochelle, IL on July 4-5, 2009. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. BSOA will be informed in order to establish a date for Pell Lake, WI (which will be up to Kip Trump and the Pell Lake committee).

2009 National Meeting – Gene Schertz sent his proposals for rule changes to members via e-mail on January 14, 2009. Mike Pavlick went into great detail discussing his thoughts on Schertz's proposals. (Pavlick's notes were sent back to Schertz and made available to members via e-mail on January 16, 2009.) No motion was made, but there was agreement that Pavlick's recommendations were acceptable for Schertz to present at the National Meeting.

2009 Race Committee – Bill Pavlick III has stressed that he will be available in a training capacity for new Race Directors this season, but will not assume the responsibility of Race Director himself. Mr. K. has volunteered to be Race Director for Rochelle, IL, and is tentatively considering the job for DePue, IL as well. It was noted that Chris Dudek is interested in becoming a Race Director as well, and we will pursue his interest and hopefully recruit him as well.

Rochelle, IL 2009 – Bill Pavlick III made a motion to waive club dues for traveling NBRA members in hopes of attracting them to this race. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

9:13 p.m. Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting.

Next meeting date: March 2, 2009 at the Country House in Batavia, IL.