

Meeting: Marine Racing Club

Date: March 12, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Country House restaurant (Batavia, IL)

Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 January 15, 2009 meeting were read. Motion made by Commodore to accept minutes as read; motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Commodore opened by covering items from the January meeting minutes. Members in attendance who had not yet paid their 2009 MRC dues were reminded to do so as soon as possible, hopefully prior to Burlington, to help eliminate confusion at the registration table.

Treasurer's report not discussed, but deemed acceptable by Commodore. One note, MRC is to reimburse Dee Burghauer \$40.

Floor was yielded to Mike Pavlick to discuss a recruiting update. Regarding the MRC test boat, it was decided that Michael Mackey's BMH will be used by the club after necessary modifications to accommodate a Yamato 80 are made by Pavlick and Mackey. Pavlick will provide MRC with the use of one of his spare Y-80 engines. Pavlick and Mackey will work on designing and creating signage for the promotional booth, including a sign indicating which engines are currently legal and the date they will be obsolete for Stock Outboard racing. Commodore has procured gear (child's cut pants, a helmet, and an inspected and current LifeLine jacket). It is noted that Commodore paid \$120 for adding impact material (more expensive as it is a non-SRP jacket), \$40 for cleaning, and \$80 for certification, and is only seeking \$80 for reimbursement. Also on the floor of the recruiting tent will be a new Hemp CSH and a new Y-302 engine which is "For Sale" rather than "For Rides" as will be the MRC rig mentioned above. It is agreed that MRC will not purchase John Korbus' white boat, will not purchase Mackey's BMH, and will not purchase Pavlick's engine (Pavlick will also provide a 2-blade Yamato propeller), but will be responsible for reimbursing for any repairs needed in the course of using said equipment.

Jim Fairchild raised the question, "When does a person get to go for a ride?" MRC is planning a "Test Day" at DePue, IL on the weekend before Burlington (May 16-17). After

much discussion about testing before and after Rochelle, it was determined that testing at Rochelle is currently tabled due to conflicts/confusion about sanctioning, ambulance crew, and insurance liability.

Floor was yielded to Kevin Schertz. Kevin says the "For Sale" boat(s) will be at all R7 races in 2009. One will be a new JSH (although not confirmed) to go with a new J motor coming from APBA. A \$1,065 (plus \$25 S/H) gear case is required for this engine. Schertz will set up the 20-foot by 30-foot show room and sales area. Rigs can be purchased outright at any race; checks will not be accepted, but credit/debit cards are okay. Schertz is hoping to also have a new Sidewinder and Yamato. He was told by Ron Selwach he will have the Sidewinder on loan until it is purchased, but Ric Montoya will not loan out another engine. Schertz will haul the J rig, and it will only be offered for sale to new racers. New racers of current MRC members are ineligible to purchase the rig. Regarding the steak dinner at DePue, Schertz has rescinded his offer on steak, but instead offered up Italian Beef sandwiches instead (at his cost of approximately \$2.00 per sandwich). As usual, racers and their families should bring dishes to pass to make the supper a true pot-luck. Discussion turned back to the show room tent; we will have on display an SORC banner, a Mercury banner, a Yamato banner, and an MRC banner. Michael Mackey will create the Yamato and MRC banners as well as work on promotional signage with Mike Pavlick.

Floor was yielded to discussion on the Race Committee. Mr. K. will be spotty on availability this year, but has said again that he will assume the Race Director role for Rochelle. Sarah Hoffman will score for both Rochelle and DePue. John Korbus will be Inspector at Rochelle, and Assistant Inspector at DePue.

Discussion turned to race schedule and posting photos on the Internet (Google Earth, Wikipedia, etc.) The recruiting team will look into accomplishing this.

Next topic was that of hiring additional help for races. It was decided that MRC will allow its Board of Directors to compensate (at their discretion) "outside helpers" for the Rochelle race.

The 2008 Banquet will be held at the Birchwood Grill on April 18.

We will pursue a race date at Candlewick, IL for 2010.

Pell Lake is ON for August 15-16.

8:54 p.m. Motion made and passed to adjourn meeting.

Next meeting date: TBA.