

Meeting: Region 7  
Date: Oct. 30, 2018  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: Conference call  
Secretary: Michael Mackey  
Attendees: "Big" Don Allen, Dee Berghauer, Ryan Burdick, Kristi Ellison, Chris Fairchild, Fred Hauenstein, Dale Hernandez Jr. Michael Mackey, Phillip Mitchell, Brian Palmquist, Bill Pavlick III, Mike Pavlick, Roger Przybyla, Gene Schertz, Kris Shepard, Aaron Wacholz, Mike Wienandt.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. sharp by outgoing Region Chair Kris Shepard. Motion made to accept previous meeting minutes (March 18, 2017) as written, distributed via email and posted to [Marine Racing Club meetings webpage](#). Motion seconded, voted and carried.

#### **Treasurer Report — Kris Shepard**

- The "old" R7 Safety Fund has been depleted (zero dollars in account).
- Funds were dispersed during the 2018 racing season.
- The "old" R8 funds were also dispersed to cover region chair expenses (i.e., travel and accommodations for the APBA national meeting).

#### **Elected Officers — Michael Mackey**

- R7 officers are: Bill Pavlick (chair), Kris Shepard (vice chair), Michael Mackey (secretary), Brent Walbrun\* (treasurer). R7 directors are: Dee Berghauer, "Big" Don Allen, Alan Tucker\*, Mervin Bjork\*, Ryan Burdick\*, Mike Wienandt\* and Kristi Ellison\*.

*\*Appointed by motion, vote and approval at this meeting.*

#### **Elected Commissioners — Michael Mackey**

- Dale Hernandez Jr. (Inboard), Fred Hauenstein (Mod), Chris Fairchild and Sam LaBanco (OPC), "Big" Don Allen and Mike Pavlick (Stock) and Kristi Ellison (Pro).

#### **Meeting turned over to incoming Chair Bill Pavlick (7:20 p.m.)**

- National champions can be reviewed in the Propeller magazine.
- Need to fill seats for nominating committee, safety/rescue committee and officiating committee. Shepard indicated that per APBA we can assign R7 board members to these seats. Mackey to put out an email to "new" R7 roster asking for volunteers first before Pavlick makes the assignments.
- New R7 bylaws will also be sent to R7 email roster along with meeting minutes.

### **Inboard Category Report — Dale Hernandez Jr.**

- Category is going OK; could always use more boats and participation in flat-bottom, however. Hydro is OK (status quo).
- Indiana races are going and growing, but slowly.

### **Modified Category Report — Brian Palmquist**

- Stock/Mod nationals in Washington state did not draw many mods.
- No local modified champions.
- Stock and modified nationals will again be divided in 2019 between Wakefield, MI and Constantine, MI respectively.

### **Stock Category Report — Mike Pavlick**

- Good year despite bad weather and many rescheduled/canceled races.
- Four new drivers were brought in at Rock Falls, Illinois, and one new driver was brought in at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
- The CSH and 750MH exhibition at Springfield, Ohio was a huge success and showed those who attended that it is an excellent site. Positive word is spreading about this site. Thank to Chris Fairchild for finding the location and for the 2018 invite to participate at the OPC race.

### **OPC Category Report — Aaron Wacholz and Chris Fairchild**

- Status quo reported by Fairchild. Struggling for motor manufacturers, participants, etc., but OPC racing was good in 2018.
- Kudos given to Timmy Seebold by Fairchild for the races he's involved in.
- Minnesota is doing great work putting on very strong races and has a new Wisconsin site planned for 2019.
- Dan Bunting is showing signs of success in the races he is producing as well.

### **Pro Category Report — Kristi Ellison**

- Only one "real" pro race in 2018 (Constantine, Michigan).
- Working on items that will strengthen R7 for 2019, but not at liberty to discuss at this time. Mackey noted for pro and all categories to please observe the calendar for established club races to avoid potential scheduling conflicts.

### **R7 Safety Fund/Weekend Fee — Open Discussion**

- Berghauer discussed the R7 "Doc" Wilson Scholarship fund for the benefit of our R8 members. Mackey to send supplemental information along with meeting minutes via email.

- Great Lakes Boat Club (GLBC), Marine Racing Club (MRC) and Badger State Outboard Association (BSOA) all contribute \$250 each\*\* annually to the fund. This is a 501(c)(3) organization held by the APBA Historical Society, so contributions are tax deductible.  
*\*\*Per the [March 18, 2017 Marine Racing Club meeting minutes](#), GLBC agreed to contribute \$250 to the fund for the next six years. MRC and BSOA agreed to contribute \$125 each to the fund for the next six years.*
- Motion made to create a committee of the past and present region chairs from both R7 and R8 to review past bylaws and document items to carry forward into the new R7 bylaws. Items such as region fees; safety fund charges; how those funds are accessed and used; region Hall of Fame; and any other noteworthy items we need to track. Committee to draft a new document which will be sent to R7 board for approval prior to the APBA national convention so it can be presented to the APBA board.

#### **Future Region Meetings — Bill Pavlick**

- Spring and fall R7 meetings can most likely be accomplished successfully via conference call. Face-to-face meetings are still viable and possible.
- Shepard will set up an R7 Facebook page (closed group) and set Mackey up as an administrator so we can use Facebook to our advantage to converse.

8:10 p.m. Motion to adjourn. Moved to accept; seconded; voted and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: TBA.