

Meeting: Marine Racing Club
Date: November 11, 2010
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Residence of Jim Fairchild (Batavia, IL)
Attendees: Karsten Pavlick, Jim Fairchild, Kip Trump, Paul Nielander, Bill Pavlick III,
Dakotah Fairchild, Edgar Rose, Bill Pavlick, Michael Mackey
Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Paul Nielander. Previous meeting minutes (October 2010) were not read; motion made to accept the minutes as published. Motion seconded and carried.

- Floor was opened for questions regarding the Region 7 meeting held October 30, 2010; there were none.
- Candlewick, IL race is ON; potentially with a Driving School on the Friday before the race. If so, format will follow the Driving School held in Rochelle in 2010.
- BSOA is still in the process of cancelling Burlington.
- Praise to Kip Trump for his excellent work on the banquet. GREAT JOB, KIP! (And the crowd goes wild...)
- Bill Pavlick III called for any old business, which consisted of handing out awards to those unable to attend the banquet (or for awards left at home by yours truly). Chicago Paul received the Excellence in Patrol Boat Piloting award; Dakotah Fairchild received 2nd Place for High Points in 20SSH; and Mike Pavlick received the Dim Bulb award for falling out of the boat while milling, in a straight-away, during the Rookie Race at Rochelle. Congratulations to all.

Elections: Candidates as follows: Bill Pavlick III for Commodore; Mike Pavlick for Vice Commodore; Michael Mackey for Secretary; Chris Dudek for Treasurer. There was no opposition against any candidate, and Edgar Rose moved that nominations be closed. Motion was made by Nielander to accept the candidates for their respective positions. Motion was seconded and approved. All four were sworn in for a two-year term. Congratulations to all.

New Business:

- Paul Nielander is in the final stages of making a grant request to the Historical Society to buy Kevlar for our Driving Schools.
- MRC recently invested in a trailer and boat for a "Try-and-Buy" rig for a new racer (arrangements are being made with Mike Pavlick to borrow one of his Yamato 80 engines).
- Nielander is also asking the Historical Society for money to buy a newly refurbished Yamato 302 engine from Ric Montoya to sell to a new, dedicated racer only (i.e., someone who will really become a racer as opposed to someone who will buy the engine only to turn around and sell it for profit).

- MRC proposes to put on three Driving Schools this year (Candlewick in June, Rochelle in July, and Pell Lake in August). These Driving Schools would assume the same format as the Rochelle Driving School from 2010. Shirley Summers has recruited the PRO drivers get in on the Driving School to help defray the ambulance cost; the only catch is we need to have at least 10 signed new students to participate in the school to have the PRO drivers help.
- Friday testing – word is that Friday testing is now okay and covered by insurance provided we do not “own” the water (i.e., we do not place buoys in the water to set a course). However, this is at the highest risk/liability to our insurance level.
- Wakefield – Nielander will do the auctions; BSOA will do the goodie bags; proposed to do two raffles (blue and red) and maybe a 50/50 raffle as well.
- Pell Lake – The Mudhens are struggling, and may be forced into selling the weed trimming equipment. The Sportsmen are fighting with the Mudhens. The issue of hiring a photographer has risen again. Kip would like to focus the drivers to one or two bars next year rather than split them among all the business around the lake. Kip is also looking into having a separate attraction at Pell such as a car show or antique boat show to coincide with racing in order to draw more spectators.
- Candlewick – There will be no sponsorship from the Candlewick Committee. Bill Carter thinks he can get some sponsorship money from other sources. We are trying to change the launch site to the beach (by the clock) to help get spectators down to the water. Pit area is proposed to be behind the clubhouse.

8:59 p.m. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Vote taken; motion passed.

Next meeting: Second week of January 2010. Exact date and location TBA.