

Meeting: Marine Racing Club
Date: December 11, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Spring Valley Lodges World H.Q. (Batavia, IL)
Attendees: Jim Fairchild, John Korbus, Michael Mackey, Brian Palmquist, Bill Pavlick III,
Karsten Pavlick, Kenn Pfalzer, Mac Pfalzer, Ray Pittman, Gene Schertz
Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:24 p.m. sharp by Gene Schertz. Minutes from the February 24, 2014 meeting were not read. Meeting progressed immediately to new business as follows.

2015 MRC membership dues

As usual, the sooner you can pay your dues for 2015, the more appreciative your Secretary and Treasurer will be. A reminder, MRC memberships expire the same as APBA memberships (on October 31).

2014 Season Banquet

The banquet is January 10 in Oshkosh, WI. BSOA Commodore Darrel Ludwig and Bill Pavlick discussed at multiple races during the 2014 season moving the banquet north for the benefit of the BSOA members who have driven to Kenosha, WI or Antioch, IL for the past several banquets. The idea was similar to what has been done previously; that the banquet would coincide with a Region Meeting. However, the banquet is now going to be a stand-alone event. Pavlick expressed no hard feelings to Ludwig, but that not many MRC members may be able to attend a singular event at that distance. Brian Palmquist suggested MRC present their portion of the awards normally handed out at the banquet at Pell Lake. Pavlick made a motion; motion seconded, a unanimous vote was taken, and motion passed. Pavlick is getting the list of Tenacious Award winners to Kenn Pfalzer in order to get nameplates made and up-to-date. Motion was seconded by Gene Schertz, a unanimous vote was taken, and the motion passed.

2014 Rock Falls, IL

MRC is proposing to reimburse race promoter, Terry Hicks a percentage of the sponsorship funds he secured that were discovered to be direct out-of-pocket funds on his behalf. Discussion and final number to be decided by full MRC Board at a later date.

2015 Rock Falls, IL

Terry Hicks provided a text message to Secretary Mackey the morning of the meeting indicating the portable toilets, ambulance/EMT services, and flatbed trailer arrangements are in securely in place. Later Hicks texted he has secured a block of

rooms at the new Holiday Inn Express (which is being built two blocks away from the pits). The group rate will be \$109 per night and includes free breakfast with their signature cinnamon rolls. The hotel is scheduled for completion approximately six weeks prior to the race weekend.

MRC also requested a shorter flatbed trailer for the Judge's Stand in order to make more room in the pits, and also to double as a podium for an awards ceremony on Sunday morning during Driver's Meeting. We would also like to use this area for a meet-and-greet location, accessible to spectators who may want to talk to the drivers.

A Racing School is being planned for Friday, along with testing after the School.

MRC is going to bid Rock Falls as the 2015 J/AX and 302SSH North American Championships at the APBA national meeting in Detroit in January. Mike Pavlick has agreed to sponsor the J and AX events, and Kenn Pfalzer has agreed to sponsor the 302SSH event.

We are going to look into making MRC t-shirts which will be available for sale at this race.

Also discussed was holding a special (and FREE) Yamato only event. TBD.

2015 Springfield, IL

Terry Truman, head of the Springfield Convention and Visitor's Bureau (CVB) contacted us through the MRC website and is interested in hosting a race in Springfield. On October 24, 2014, Mackey spoke at length to Truman on the phone, providing an overview of how we put on a race. The call concluded with Mackey indicating Gene Schertz would follow-up with a physical visit with Truman as Schertz is closer (80-minutes) to Springfield than Mackey (3+ hours). Schertz plans a visit with Truman in Springfield in January and will report back his discussion/findings.

2015 Schedule

The 2015 schedule (so far) has been posted to the MRC website with races that have known dates. Pavlick indicated that Phantom Lake and Neosho should be coming on board soon with confirmed dates. We will wait to hear from BSOA.

Wakefield 2015

Palmquist provided a report on Wakefield. The contract is signed, and BSOA members Ludwig, Schebke, and Palmquist are planning events with Indian Head. At this point, only one chalet remains available and the remainder of rooms are filling fast. Palmquist said this could be a larger-than-usual Wakefield turnout for this Nationals.

2015-2016 MRC Officers

Chris Dudek indicated via e-mail on December 3, 2014 that he could carry on as Treasurer. Mackey indicated at the meeting that he was willing to carry on as Secretary. Pavlick and Schertz agreed to switch roles. Motion was made to take a vote; unanimous vote was taken, and the motion passed to install these officers. Pavlick: Commodore. Schertz: Vice Commodore. Mackey: Secretary. Dudek: Treasurer. These four will serve as the MRC Officers for 2015-2016.

MRC/BSOA Equipment Rental Agreement

A written proposal was made by MRC to BSOA to agree to rent the club truck, trailer, and all necessary equipment to host a sanctioned boat race for a flat fee of \$250 per race rather than continue to use the method of prorating the overall yearly ownership costs of the equipment based on number of races hosted by BSOA versus number of races hosted by MRC. This proposal was given to BSOA Commodore Ludwig and has been discussed and tabled at the past two BSOA meetings. MRC is waiting for feedback from BSOA.

8:55 p.m. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Unanimous vote taken; motion passed; meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: TBA

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

2015 Membership Dues Collected 10-31-14: Caroline Mackey, Holden Mackey, Michael Mackey, Spencer Mackey.

2015 Membership Dues Collected 12-11-14: John Korbus, Kenn Pfalzer (Non-Racing), Mac Pfalzer, Ray Pittman (Non-Racing), Gene Schertz.

Dues schedule: \$25 Racing; \$15 Junior Category Racing; \$10 Non-Racing. Please mail your membership checks to:

***Michael Mackey
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DeKalb, IL 60115***

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- ***One Non-Racing membership = \$10.59***

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