

Meeting: Marine Racing Club
Date: November 12, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Residence of Bill Pavlick III (Aurora, IL)
Attendees: Bill Carter, Dakotah Fairchild, Jim Fairchild, Rich (Mr. K) Keylard, John Korbus,
Michael Mackey, Paul Nielander, Bill Pavlick III
Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. by Chicago Paul. There was no reading of the previous meeting's minutes.

Promotion was the first topic of discussion. Chicago Paul informed us he may choose to take a one year hiatus from doing promotions on the national level. He said that he will own the Nationals video presentations regardless. Discussion turned to Kevin Schertz' promo booth, and his ideas to take it "on the road" nationally with funding coming from APBA. Should this happen, we will most likely not see Kev's Coffee or the promo booth at our local races in 2010. We need to speak to Kevin, and find out which direction he intends to pursue next year.

Discussion turned next to recruiting. Michael Mackey presented information about Mark Kroll, an up-and-coming member from Waupaca, Wisconsin. Mark attended the race at Oshkosh and filled out a "Looks Like Fun" card. Mackey followed up with Mark, and he also attended Pleasant Prairie where he took out Mr. K's ASH for a test ride of four laps. Mark and his 10-year old son (Dakota) are interested in racing in 2010, and are currently working on completing a trade deal with Ken Godwin in Florida (Mark's motorcycle for Ken's 20ssH rig, an ASR rig, Y-80, OMC A, trailer, propellers, and cut suit). Mackey is in weekly contact with Mark, and will keep everyone informed on progress. We are hoping to have this deal completed before Christmas.

Further on recruiting, discussion turned to Michigan Hydroplane's Driver School and our desire to advertise and establish a "test day" on the Friday prior to a weekend race. Chicago Paul proposes to have the sanction enacted for Friday as well (to cover insurance); the club's responsibility would be for an ambulance only. Chicago Paul would like to try this at DePue or Pell Lake in 2010, and will be seeking funding from the Historical Society.

Chicago Paul also had the idea for more follow-up for our "Looks Like Fun" card individuals, citing there is a fine line between follow-up and pestering prospective racers. His idea involves having APBA send a free copy of the photo issue (December?) of Propeller Magazine along with a personalized cover letter from Marine Racing Club as a reminder to the leads. We all agreed this was a great idea, and Chicago Paul will pursue this with APBA.

Floor was yielded to Bill Pavlick III where discussion turned to financials. MRC came out "in the black" for the Rochelle and DePue races. As per usual, MRC split the net profit of the two races (\$981.00) with BSOA, yielding a total race profit of \$490.50 for MRC. (To be clear, it is also accepted practice to split any

net losses between the two clubs, as has occurred in the past.) Chris Dudek provided an e-mail summary of the final club expenditures for 2009.

- Promo Trailer: \$865 (with \$200 reimbursement from BSOA)
- Video Camera: \$210
- Cut Suit and Cleaning: \$375

Remaining money from the treasury will be placed in 6-month CDs.

Chicago Paul is busy formulating grant money ideas. Grants need to be submitted by December 15, and it is Paul's goal to have his paperwork in by December 1. He is looking to obtain grant money for:

- Five J cut suits, jackets, and helmets (one each for MRC, BSOA, IOA, USTS, and Great Lakes)
- MRC money for recruiting day (see above)
- BSOA/MRC muff radio headsets
- BSOA/MRC back board (to replace our current poly board)
- First aid seminar

2010 schedule was next, with talk pertaining mostly about DePue and Candlewick. The Candlewick board would like to have us back in 2010, but stipulated they would prefer an early- or late-season date. It was decided among those in attendance that Chicago Paul propose two possible dates: June 5-6 as our first option, and May 15-16 as an alternate. The rationale for an early date being that the weather will most likely be in our favor in mid-May or early-June as opposed to September. We will keep a third date of August 28-29 in our back pocket for Candlewick. A full 2010 race schedule will be forthcoming, most likely in December.

At 8:50 p.m., Chicago Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Jim Fairchild, and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting date: December 5, 2009. Location: The Brat Stop (Kenosha, WI)