

Meeting: Marine Racing Club
Date: February 10, 2016
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Spring Valley Lodges World H.Q. (Batavia, IL)
Attendees: Jeff Brzeczek, Chris Fairchild, Dakotah Fairchild, Jim Fairchild, Dan Keylard, Richard "Mr. K" Keylard, John Korbus, Michael Mackey, Cassandra Olson, Tad Olson, Brian Palmquist, Bill Pavlick III, Kai Pavlick, Mike Pavlick, Ray Pittman, Edgar Rose, Jake Shallcross, James Shallcross
Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. sharp by Bill Pavlick III.

Club T-Shirts

- Secretary Mackey brought MRC club t-shirts for all who pre-ordered in October 2015 and anybody else who wanted to purchase them.

Lifetime Memberships

- The MRC Board decided it was high time to honor our original club members and those long-standing members who no longer race but make or have made significant contributions to the club in the past. Inducted in-person at the meeting were Richard "Mr. K" Keylard, Ray Pittman, Edgar Rose and Jake Shallcross. Jerry Palmquist's Lifetime Membership card was given to Brian Palmquist. Other recipients (not in attendance at the meeting) are Bill Carter, Chris Dudek, Frank Erion, Jerry Graveson, Gerry Hedlund, Ron Hedlund, Sam LaBanco, Mike Motherway, Bill "Big Al" Pavlick and George Young.

MRC Awards Dinner

- To be held April 2 at the Tap House Grill in Oswego, Illinois.
- Mike Pavlick is making arrangements with the restaurant.
- Kenn Pfalzer and Tad Olson are working on the High Point Awards.

Rock Falls, IL 2016

- Race date is set for June 25 and 26, with customary Racing School and FREE testing to be held Friday, June 24.
- 2016 North American Championship (NAC) for the Junior Category will be at Rock Falls. Mike Pavlick and Tad Olson are the major sponsors for this distinction.
- Secretary Mackey dropped the ball as he was supposed to teleconference Race Promoter, Terry Hicks into the meeting via speakerphone but forgot to place the call. Following are Terry's notes that he graciously forwarded to Secretary Mackey for inclusion in these minutes.

Terry Hicks' Rock Falls, IL 2016 Notes

Changes For This Year:

- More openings along the shoreline to make getting boats in and out easier.
- More trash cans throughout the pits.
- Adding another Porta potty near judging/scoring area to be more accessible.
- Working on better water drainage off the hill that caused a large puddle in the main pit area.
- Trying to decide if we want the large National Guard trailer or if we try to get something smaller.

New This Year:

- Friday Night River Chase Banquet with Fried Chicken or Roast beef and fixings for \$10 per person (River Chase will pick up \$5 of each persons meal, so only \$5 per person). Will be held at the Eagles Club... this was the idea of the tourism and I think it is great! If you know you will be coming, would appreciate knowing in advance due to the fact that I need a count of tickets I will need. Many of our sponsors will be there so will be a great opportunity for everyone to mingle and meet the people that make this event possible.
- New Hotel only 2 blocks from the race site. Holiday Inn Express will be finished by mid-May. Have a block of rooms setup there and encourage anyone that thinks they will be at the River Chase that will be looking at a hotel to book your room before May, even if you don't end up coming you can cancel 24 hours before the event. Would rather be certain you are able to get a room. There are a couple other events going on that weekend and hotels will fill up fast.

Other Noteworthy News:

- Catfish spawning beds have been put into place just west of the scoring area. They will be out of the way of the race course. They contacted me before installing them for a good placement area, which I thought was nice of them. Must mean the city likes the return of the River Chase every year.
- I think that covers everything. Please check our Facebook page for updates from time to time.

Beloit, WI 2016

- Race date is set for August 20 and 21. Setup will be Friday, August 19, but there will not be a Racing School and there will not be testing (free or otherwise).
- Snow fencing for the backstretch of the course was discussed.
- The Rock restaurant would like a boat on display a couple of weeks prior to the event. Discussion circled around the 7-V boat; stripping it of its hardware and

using it. This leaves us without a Racing School boat, however, and discussion turned to looking for a new-to-us boat if we can source one at an affordable cost.

Pell Lake, WI 2016

- Race date is set for May 21 and 22.
- Racing School is planned for Sunday morning.

Oshkosh, WI 2016

- Race date is set for September 3 and 4. Business as usual; no changes from past years.

APBA Changes

- Dry-firing of engines is allowed once again at our trailers. We are not required to be within a Restricted Area boundary to dry fire.
- Propellers may be secured to propeller shafts once again at our trailers. It is suggested covering the propellers with a rag prior to carting boats from trailers to Restricted Areas and/or boat launch.
- The number of outside course markers now must mirror the markers of the actual course (i.e., four-buoy turns require four outside course markers).
- A minimum of three buoys must now mark the straight-aways.
- MRC must purchase a rangefinder to more accurately measure the minimum safe distances set by APBA and our insurance carrier.

Wakefield, MI 2019

- BSOA was awarded the Nationals in Wakefield for 2019.

Fuel of the Day

- General consensus is this is not a good idea. A link to pure-gas.org will be placed on the MRC website so that racers can find ethanol-free gasoline.

Pleasant Prairie

- Discussion about a potential joint venture race with Great Lakes Boat Club and OPC. Pleasant Prairie was a possibility as well as Beloit. If this happens, it will not be until the 2017 season.

Next Meeting

- At the MRC Awards Dinner on April 2.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Supplemental Information

2016 Membership Dues Collected 10-31-15: Caroline Mackey, Holden Mackey, Michael Mackey, Spencer Mackey.

Lifetime Memberships Awarded 11-01-15: Bill Carter, Chris Dudek, Frank Erion, Jerry Graveson, Gerry Hedlund, Ron Hedlund, Richard "Mr. K" Keylard, Sam LaBanco, Mike Motherway, Jerry Palmquist, Bill "Big Al" Pavlick, Ray Pittman, Edgar Rose, Jake Shallcross, and George Young.

2016 Membership Dues Collected 11-01-16: Paul Nielander.

2016 Membership Dues Collected 02-10-16: Jeff Brzeczek, Dakotah Fairchild, Jim Fairchild, John Korbus, Angela Olson, Carter Olson, Cassandra Olson, Cole Olson, Cody Olson, Tad Olson, Bill Pavlick III, Jared Pavlick, Karsten Pavlick, Mike Pavlick, Mikey Pavlick, James Shallcross,

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

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Examples:

- ***One Racing membership = \$26.03***
- ***One Junior Category Racing membership = \$15.74***
- ***One Non-Racing membership = \$10.59***

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