

Meeting: Marine Racing Club  
Date: Feb. 11, 2023  
Time: 10 a.m.  
Location: JMK Ventures, 329 W. Stone Road, Villa Park, IL 60181  
Secretary: Michael Mackey  
Attendees: Chris Fairchild, Kelly Fairchild, Dustin Hipkins, Grace Hipkins, Julie Hipkins, John Korbus, Sam LaBanco, Holden Mackey, Michael Mackey, Cassandra Olson, Bill Pavlick III, Karsten Pavlick, Mike Pavlick, Mikey Pavlick

Meeting was called to order at 10:12 a.m. sharp by Commodore Bill Pavlick III. Previous club meeting minutes (Nov. 12, 2022) are available on the [Marine Racing Club Meetings webpage](#).

### **Introductions — Bill Pavlick III**

- The Hipkins family (Dustin, Julie and Grace) are our new family all the way from Calamus, Iowa. They attended DePue '22, met Kay Dub and got in touch with MRC. They came out to our Rock Falls test day Sept. 24. Grace did great in the club's Mercury J rig. They joined APBA and MRC, committed to buy the club's J rig and plan to race in 2023. Dustin's father and grandfather both raced in DePue years ago. They plan on attending DePue and USTS races too with the Bosnich team. Grace is very excited to be a new boat racer. Welcome to our MRC family!
- Sam LaBanco, lifetime MRC member was also introduced.
- APBA President Chris Fairchild and his daughter Kelly were also introduced.

### **2023 APBA National Meeting — Cassandra Olson**

- Many new rules came out of the meeting.
  - For Stock, Mod and Pro, if a turn boat judge is observed using their phone or other mobile device, they shall incur a yellow card penalty.
  - Random drug testing will be more prevalent at races for both drivers and officials.
  - Each region will receive four testing kits (six tests per kit).
  - Kristi Ellison, Robin Shane and Kurt Romberg are on the drug testing committee.
- 2024 Stock/Mod/J Nationals were awarded to SOA (Moses Lake, Washington).
- 2025 Stock/Mod/J Nationals were awarded to CVRA (Springfield, Ohio).
- Use of spec three-blade propellers was approved for the 300SSH class for the 2024 Nationals (pending production of the propellers).
- Officials are needed. Please take the tests as they populate on the APBA website (which should be early March).
- Stock eliminations will now consist of two-heat elimination races with either one- or two-heat finals, and no points will be awarded for elimination heats in non-championship events.

## **2023 APBA National Meeting (continued)**

- Single-event registrants are now eligible to race at any event except for Nationals and Worlds (pending APBA HQ approval).
- The Mod “Black Flag” rule does not have to be enforced at Stock race sites where physical limitations such as docks and/or limited beach area makes launching and retrieving boats excessively difficult (e.g., Oshkosh and Beloit). The rule can be overruled at the discretion of the referee per President Fairchild’s directive of “Run the race.”

## **Wakefield, Michigan — Open Floor Discussion**

- BSOA is continually working with Snowriver Mountain Resort (née Indian Head) on accommodations and lodging for the race committee, racers and families.
- All other issues appear to be status quo with the city of Wakefield.
- Trailer spots.
- Camping spots.
- BSOA needs to seek state of Michigan approval to use overflow sites for camping.
- The new BSOA club website ([bsoaracing.com](http://bsoaracing.com)) is also the one-stop-shop Nationals information.

## **Phantom Lake, Wisconsin — Open Floor Discussion**

- All systems go; please preregister as usual.

## **Danville, Illinois — Bill Pavlick III**

- Due to its popularity with the crowd, Chris Fairchild has agreed to again bring his F1 boat again for flyby demos and display.
- MRC will offer a racing school on Friday. The club boat is currently with Chuck Homuth and the club Yamato 302 is currently with Tad Olson.
- We need pontoon anchors.
- Holden Mackey volunteered to set up the marathon racecourse.
- The lower pit area will be striped off this year for better organization to maximize the space. Please adhere to the spaces.

## **Rock Falls, Illinois — Bill Pavlick III**

- All systems go, and we’re back to our traditional late-August date (Aug. 26-27) with setup and racing school Aug. 25.

### **Beloit, Wisconsin — Bill Pavlick III**

- All systems go; race date is the weekend after Labor Day (Sept. 9-10).

### **Miscellaneous — Holden Mackey**

- After attending meetings and conversations with the Flagg-Rochelle Community Park District board of directors, a “soft no” was the decision for returning to racing at Lake Sule. Mackey will continue to occasionally and strategically reach out to Rochelle.
- Asked for club consideration to hold two races in Rock Falls in 2024.
- Lauren Hagelstein received the APBA Mod Rookie of the Year award for 2022.
- Mark Preidis received the APBA Rookie of the Year Achievement award for 2022.

11:04 a.m. Motion to adjourn. Moved to accept; seconded; vote was unanimous; meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: TBA.