

Meeting: APBA Region 7  
Date: Oct. 9, 2021  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Location: Ryan Burdick's home, 44W741 Little Woods Trail, Hampshire, IL 60140  
Secretary: Michael Mackey  
Attendees: "Big" Don Allen (Zoom), Dee Berghauer (Zoom), Ryan Burdick, Fred Eichmiller (Zoom), Chris Fairchild, Bill Gohr, Cooper Jess, Dan Keylard, John Korbus, Darrel Ludwig, Holden Mackey, Michael Mackey, Brian Palmquist (Zoom), Bill Pavlick III, Mike Pavlick (Zoom), Roger Przybyla (Zoom), Brent Walbrun, Mike Wienandt, George Young

Meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. sharp by re-elected Region Chair Bill Pavlick III. Previous R7 meeting minutes (Nov. 2, 2019) are available on the [Marine Racing Club Meetings webpage](#).

### **2021 Recap — Chris Fairchild**

- 2021 was good.
- APBA membership and races only down slightly from 2019.
- Moneywise, APBA is good.
- HQ building is not yet sold.
- Monica Allen is the new APBA secretary.
- All trophies previously house at HQ — including the Gold Cup — are going to a museum in Daytona Beach, Florida to be on permanent display.
- Region 7 elected the following: Bill Pavlick (chair), Michael Mackey (secretary) and Brent Walbrun (treasurer). Board members are Ryan Burdick, Marlee Hill and Mikey Pavlick.

### **USTS/Pro Recap — Mike Wienandt**

- A combined USTS and Pro Nationals were held in DePue, Illinois.
- Currently lobbying with Pro to get them back into APBA.
- Is angling to have USTS hold more Pro races in 2022 and going forward.

### **OPC Recap — Bill Gohr**

- The OPC category did well in 2021.

### **Region — Dee Berghauer**

- Berghauer asked if there were any recent changes to the region bylaws. There were none.
- Fairchild pointed out that the region bylaws for all regions were “reset” to a base level by HQ during the restructure.
- Fairchild assigned Berghauer to oversee a committee of two members of his choosing to draft any updates to the Region 7 bylaws they deem necessary or warranted.
- The 2022 national meeting will be both in person and via Zoom.

### **BSOA — Darrel Ludwig**

- BSOA will host the Phantom Lake, Wisconsin race in 2022 one week earlier than usual to accommodate local boaters and alleviate congestion at the boat ramp.
- Phantom Lake 2021 did OK financially.
- Ed Hearn is interested in hosting a race in La Porte, Indiana over Memorial Day Weekend in 2022 and asked to borrow the BSOA equipment. Fairchild advised Ludwig to have Hearn contact him regarding the site.
- Oshkosh, Wisconsin is tentative due to high ambulance costs. A combined (double-sanctioned) event with drag boats is being considered.

### **MRC — Bill Pavlick III**

- The 2022 Rock Falls, Illinois race date is moving to August 5-7 at the request of the race promoter, and will be a 4/3 race.
- The Candlewick, Illinois race is being planned with the Candlewick board. No firm date to announce yet. This will be an unsponsored event and run a limited schedule.
- The Beloit, Wisconsin race for 2022 is being planned for late September.

### **Region 7 Commissioners**

- Stock: “Big” Don Allen. Mod: Andy Hansen and Brian Palmquist. Pro: Mike Wienandt. OPC: Merv Bjork.

### **Treasurer’s Report — Brent Walbrun**

- APBA is doing well.
- Racing is up 90% over 2020.
- Overall membership is slightly down from 2019.

## **Engines — Ludwig and Wienandt**

- Several Yamato engines have been imported to Mike Ward in England, but they are already all spoken for. It's rumored that Ric Montoya sold a powerhead to a person and a midsection to another, but he is not selling complete engines.
- Supposedly a supply of Sidewinders is in stock and ready for buyers.

3:41 p.m. Motion to adjourn. Moved to accept; seconded; vote was unanimous; meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: TBA.

**APBA Standardized Region By-Laws**  
**July 25, 2018**

These By-Laws are set forth for use by the Regions. In the event it is not covered here  
APBA By-Laws shall be adhered to.

**Article I: Region Boundaries**

**Section 1.1** – Region Boundaries will be defined by the APBA Board of Directors (BoD) and defined in the APBA By-Laws.

**Section 1.2** – Regions may produce their own logo and utilize said logo with approval from the BoD.

**Article II: Region Officials**

**\*Terms are defined in Article IV - Elections**

**Section 2.1** – Officers of each Region shall consist of;

**2.1.1** – Region Chair

**2.1.2** - Region Vice Chair

**2.1.3** - Secretary

**2.1.4** - Treasurer

**2.1.5** - Activity Vice Chairs

**2.1.6** - Directors – 7 members and each Club Commodore

**Section 2.2** – Committees, [appointed by the Region Chair](#) shall consist of;

**2.2.1** – Nominating Committee

**2.2.2** – Awards Committee

**2.2.3** – Publicity Committee

**2.2.4** – Safety Committee

**2.2.5** – Rescue Committee

**2.2.6** – Officiating Committee

**Article III: Regatta Officials**

**Section 3.1** – All officials listed on a Sanction must be approved by the Region Chair after passing the official test provided by APBA.

**Article IV: Elections**

**Section 4.1** - APBA will make an effort to email a ballot for Election purposes to all Region Members. The email will be sent to the email address on file with your membership application and on record within APBA HQ. Members have every opportunity to correct or verify their email address with APBA Headquarters prior to August 1 preceding the elections. If a member does not have an email address they must notify APBA HQ prior to August 1, requesting a USPS mailed ballot. In the event a USPS mailed ballot is requested it must be received at HQ no later than 14 days prior to the published deadline in order to be considered valid.

***\*\*For the 2019 elections these dates will be September 1<sup>st</sup> instead of August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
This note will be removed for the 2020 Elections.***

**Section 4.2** – Region election may be conducted via email, USPS, or in person and shall be decided by a majority vote at the annual Fall Meeting for the next year. **\*\*For the 2019 season, all elections must be conducted via email vote unless a member specifically requests a USPS ballot as described in Section 4.1.**

Nominations for Region positions and Category Commissioners must be received by the current Region Secretary no later than September 15, 2018. A Ballot for Region positions and Category Commissioner shall be sent to all Region members no later than October 1, 2018. Ballots must be returned no later October 15, 2018. Where Regions have been combined, the Secretary's from both Regions shall coordinate the procedure. The Nominating Committee shall appoint a chair person to accept nominations, prepare a ballot, and receive all submissions. It is incumbent upon the chair of this committee to verify the validity of the ballot received. Example: A PRO member does not vote for a Commissioner in another Category that he is not a member in.

**\*\* This note will be removed for the 2020 Elections.**

**Section 4.3** – The Region Chair shall be elected to 2-year terms **beginning in 2020. For the 2019 season the Chair shall be elected for a 1-year term only.** There shall be no term limits.

**Section 4.4** – All other positions within the Region shall be elected annually.

## **Article V: Duties of Region Officers**

### **Section 5.1 – Region Chair:**

**5.1.1** – Represent and attend the Region at the APBA annual meeting

**5.1.2** – Preside over all Region Meetings

**5.1.3** – Represent and attend all Council ~~At Large~~ meetings and conference calls

### **Section 5.2 – Region Vice Chair**

**5.2.1** – Assist the Chair in fulfilling his/her duties

### **Section 5.3 – Secretary**

**5.3.1** – Keep the minutes of each Region Meeting

**5.3.2** – Send notice of meetings to the APBA HQ for member notification

### **Section 5.4 – Treasurer**

**5.4.1** – Keep an accounting of Region Funds

**5.4.2** – Submit invoicing to clubs for payment of Region Dues accrued at an event

**5.4.3** – Provide an accounting of Region funds to its members at each Fall meeting or upon request of the Region Chair.

## **Article VI: Site Protection**

**Section 6.1** - Race Site / Sponsor exclusivity will expire 18 months after the last sanctioned event at the location unless written permission is extended to a different conducting club. After the 18 months has expired the Race Site / Sponsor will be considered open to any club or category.

**Section 6.2** – If the sponsor/site of a race in a particular racing division wishes to sponsor a race in a different division, or, if the sponsor/site wishes to change from one club to another club within the same division; the following sequence of events shall occur:

A. If the currently sanctioned club agrees to release the sponsor/site they may do so. The Commodore or other authorized party will inform the Region Chairperson in writing. No further Region action will be required.

B. If the currently sanctioned club does not agree to release said sponsor/site, a mutually acceptable agreement will be reached between ALL affected parties. The Region Chairperson will moderate these proceedings.

C. If no agreement can be reached before the sanctioning period, the Region Board of Directors may vote to approve the race. A special meeting may be called by the Region Chairman or a ballot taken by phone or mail.

## **Article VII - Amendments**

**Section 7.1** – All ~~amendments~~ additions to these By-Laws must be approved by 2/3 majority vote of those present at the Annual Fall Region Meeting and then submitted to the APBA BoD for final approval.

## **Article VIII: Exceptions**

Each Region may submit By-Law requests for their specific Region only and

will be listed here.

**Section 8.1 – Region 1**

**Section 8.2 – Region 3**

**Section 8.3 – Region 4**

**Section 8.4 – Region 5**

**Section 8.5 – Region 6**

**Section 8.6 – Region 7**

**Section 8.7 – Region 8**

**Section 8.8 – Region 10**

**Section 8.9 – Region 11**

#### **Article IX: Region Fees**

Each Region may adopt fees charged to clubs conducting events within its Region Boundaries as approved by 2/3 majority vote at the Annual Fall Region Meeting and submitted to the APBA BoD for final approval.

**Section 9.1 – Region 1**

\$1 per boat Safety Fund Fee

**Section 9.2 – Region 3**

\$5 per weekend

**Section 9.3 – Region 4**

\$25 Sanction Fee per event (Powerboat Superleague is exempt)

**INBOARD CATEGORY:**

\$50.00 per Race Day

\$10 per entry for a regular race

\$20 per entry for a Championship race

**STOCK/MOD/PRO OUTBOARD CATEGORIES (excludes J):**

\$5 per entry per day

**OPC CATEGORY:**

\$10 per entry per day

**Section 9.4 – Region 5**

\$305 equipment fee (prorated for use of Rescue Boat only)

**Section 9.5 – Region 6**

**INBOARD CATEGORY**

\$30 per entry per day

Race site - \$100.00 deposit non-refundable by spring meeting guarantees race date to be held for that race site.

Region 6 Equipment: normal cost + \$1000.00 for race weekend; normal cost is any transport cost/expenses of Region 6 personnel handling the equipment on loan; the entire fee or part of the fee may be waived by the Region 6 Inboard Chairman and the Region 6 Equipment Manager, evaluated on a case by case basis.

Race site - Prize Money: \$750.00 per class per day minimum. New races have a reduced rate of \$500.00 per class per day minimum for the first three years at the new race site.

Race site - Officials / safety fund: \$675.00 per day (chief scorer \$100, chief referee \$100, Assistant referee \$100, inspector \$75, timer \$50.00, pit coordinator \$150, Region 6 Inboard Safety Fund \$100).

**STOCK OUTBOARD**

\$2 per entry for the weekend

**Section 9.6 – Region 7**

\$10 per day

**Section 9.7 – Region 8**

\$3 per entry

**Section 9.8 – Region 10**

\$1 Kilo fee per day

\$1 Banquet fee per day

\$25 per Sanction

INBOARD

\$5 Publicity fund fee per day

**Section 9.9 – Region 11**

\$1 per entry per day

\$1 Kilo fee per day

\$50 Rental Fee - OPC Scales, Rescue Boat and Radios