

Meeting: Combined APBA Region 7 meeting and MRC/BSOA meeting/awards banquet
Date: Nov. 9, 2024
Time: 5 p.m.
Location: The Brat Stop, 12304 75th St., Kenosha, WI 53142
Secretary: Michael Mackey
Attendees: Debbie Burdick, Ryan Burdick, Kristi Ellison, Pat Gorchals, John Hoffmann, Lindsey Hoffmann, Cooper Jess, Steve Johnson, Annette Korbus, John Korbus, Bennett Mackey, Holden Mackey, Lauren Mackey, Michael Mackey, Cassandra Olson, Tad Olson, Brandon Ortlieb, Paul Ortlieb, Brian Palmquist, Bill Pavlick III, Karsten Pavlick, Jennifer Przybyla, Roger Przybyla, Mark Schmerbauch, Jim Sendt, Callie Shensky, Kris Shepard, Michael Shepard, John Schwartz, Brent Walbrun, Jill Walbrun, Beatrice Zurita.

Meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. sharp by Region Chair Bill Pavlick III. Previous region meeting minutes (Nov. 4, 2023) reading of minutes waived by motion and vote. 2023 region meeting minutes are available on the [Marine Racing Club Meetings webpage](#).

Awards Dinner — Bill Pavlick III

- Nov. 9 at the Brat Stop.

Announcement — Darrel Ludwig

- BSOA bought \$100 worth of beer for the happy hour at 6 p.m.

Treasurer Report — Brent Walbrun

- \$925 in revenue from race dates.
- Made \$0.25 in interest.
- The only expense was \$1,000 for the new pickup boat engines.

Club Equipment — John Hoffmann

- Bought two 20 hp four-stroke engines and sold the two two-strokes.
- Everything is winterized.
- New fuel pump installed in the safety boat engine.
- Figured out a way to move the equipment in 2025, but need to make sure there is non-ethanol gas in the club truck before it leaves Wisconsin since non-ethanol gas is difficult to find in Illinois.
- New hinge on the safety boat bow, new light bar and new canopy is being made.
- Need members to make buoy anchors.

- Buoys are expensive. Drivers will be charged \$100 for each destroyed buoy if there is nobody else involved pushing them into the buoy in the turn (or elsewhere on the course).

Schedule — Bill Pavlick III

- Phantom Lake, May 17-18. John Hoffmann is race director. No testing; no driving school Friday. Pig roast scheduled for Saturday evening. No issues raised by the town or residents.
- Danville, June 28-29. Free testing June 27. No school.
- Rock Falls, July 12-13. Free testing July 11. School TBD.
- Beloit, Sept. 6-7.
- Antioch, Sept. 20-21. It is a hard stop at 5 p.m., even if we're in the middle of a race. Tim and Natalie enjoy having us there and are pleased with the races and turnout so far.

Pro — Kristi Ellison

- Marinette, Wisconsin, June 13-15 (UP/Wisconsin border on the river).
- Wausau, Wisconsin, June 21.
- Springfield, Ohio, mid-May.
- Universities of Wisconsin and Michigan are working with APBA and the U.S. Navy to work on an e-boat program. Looking for mentors to drive the boats. Dana Potts will work with us to integrate the e-boats a weekend race program.
- DePue, last weekend in July.

Four-stroke J program — Bill Pavlick

- The larger C boat is a great way to start; safer way to start. But will be difficult for the junior drivers to transition back to the two-stroke AX boat (Ryan Burdick).

New Business — Mark Schmerbauch et al

- Start thinking about gears for the larger gearcases (25XS, D, etc.). Gears are not available.
- Konny may be able to make gear sets.
- John Korbus may be able to make gear sets.
- Originally made in the 1950s, and nothing was digitized. All the original prints are buried in company archives.
- APBA membership will all be online. Nothing will be sent for 2025 membership in the mail.
- Physicals are required for all drivers in all categories for 2025 and going forward every other year.

- Propeller covers are mandatory in 2025. A propeller cover is considered a cover that is heavy-duty enough that if somebody falls on the propeller, they won't get cut.
- Stock, modified, pro and junior are among the safest and most insurance-friendly categories in APBA.
- APBA member cards will be color coordinated and on a lanyard.
- 2025 Nationals in Springfield, Ohio. 2026 is Fulton, New York. 2027 is Wakefield, Michigan.

6:27 p.m. Motion to adjourn. Moved to accept; seconded; vote was unanimous; meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: TBA.