

Meeting: Marine Racing Club
Date: November 11, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Papa Bear restaurant (Aurora, IL)
Secretary: Michael Mackey

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Bill Pavlick III, and immediately turned over to Chris Dudek for Treasure's Report.

Dudek reported that despite the bad weather, the Rochelle race netted \$606 profit for MRC. He proposed running the Rochelle race in September this year in hopes of better weather and more racing. No motion was made or vote cast; just offered for consideration.

Dudek also reported that Candlewick netted \$3,294 profit for MRC. He noted that Bill Carter negotiated an extra \$1,000 for prize money. The Candlewick organization lost money on the event, notably for the \$2,500 expense for the shuttle buses they hired that was severely underutilized. It appeared that nobody from outside the Candlewick community came to the races. As always, some complaints were raised by some residents, but overall racers were well-received. The ATV sponsor never paid the Candlewick organization, accounting for further monetary loss on their part. Dudek reported that Candlewick showed signs of willingness to have us back in 2009, but maybe later in the year so residents won't lose much lake time during the coveted height of summer. In the end, the Candlewick organization lost \$8,000 on the 2008 event. Chicago Paul reported he has been in contact with Candlewick, and is awaiting a response for the possibility of racing there again in 2009.

Dudek reported that Burlington, WI will be held on Memorial Day weekend in 2009, and that BSOA is definitely committed.

Talk about Pell Lake continues. Dudek reported Kip Trump will meet with Pell Lake representatives on December 1. There is talk that Pell Lake may possibly replace Rochelle on the schedule, but that is to be determined. In the end, we are striving for six local races to be held in 2009 between MRC and BSOA.

Bill Pavlick III made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion was seconded and approved.

Bill Pavlick III made a motion to make (Chicago) Paul Nielander Commodore, Mike Pavlick Vice Commodore, Chris Dudek Treasurer, and Michael Mackey Secretary; motion was seconded and approved.

Chicago Paul assumed the floor and talked about his focus on recruiting and the race schedule. Specifically and ideally, CP would like the club to own two complete sets of safety gear (one medium size and one extra large size) as well as boat(s) and motor(s). All gear to be clearly marked, "Property of Marine Racing Club" (embroidered on garments; most likely vinyl lettering on hardware). The idea is to be able to get people off the street into a boat easily and inexpensively, and not have to scramble to find

stuff. He is applying for grant money to help pay for the gear; the application must be submitted by December 15, 2008.

CP discussed race day setup and tear down, and that it takes upward of 47 people to fill positions at each race we host. CP is establishing committees for specific areas of concentration to help facilitate easy setup and tear down of races sites, and to get more people involved so as to not rely upon a core group to do it each and every time. Committees thus far are: Announcing; Recruiting; Advertising and Promotion; Race Site; and Bylaws.

There was much discussion about a new dues structure for MRC. Current dues are \$25 per year for an existing member. CP proposes the following:

New Member: \$50 – includes certificates for two free MRC races, a club shirt, a boat sticker, and a patch (\$65 value).

Renewing Member: \$40 – includes certificate for one free MRC race, a club shirt, a boat sticker, and a patch (\$45 value).

Young Race Member: \$15 – includes certificate for one free MRC race, a club shirt, a boat sticker, and a patch.

Non-racing Member: \$10 – includes free food certificate (lunch/dinner) at all MRC race events.

Above are proposals only. No motion was made, and no vote was cast to take action on these proposals.

CP went on to discuss testing and rides at race sites, and stated unequivocally that uninsured testing and offering of rides is no longer viable. In other words, if you are at a sanctioned race site, you may not test or offer a ride to another person unless an ambulance is present. This restriction applies only at sanctioned races. If there is no sanction, testing without an ambulance is permissible, but of course at your own risk.

At 8:30 p.m., CP turned the floor over to open discussion. Chris Dudek is investigating “Blow-out Insurance” as a means to cover us for events such as Rochelle.

At 8:37 p.m., CP made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting date: January 15, 2009. Location TBA.