



February 2024

Dear Fellow Prop Riders,

Hopefully everyone's offseason programs are in full swing and moving forward successfully. As we move forward with plans for the new year, many new developments are in the works for not only the sport on the national level but also regionally and locally. Full updates and reports from various events like the national meeting that was just held will be discussed as a club at our general meeting. From what I understand the Marine Prop Riders were well represented too, well done!

As far as what is on our radar coming up, first and foremost is the regional meeting in early February. One piece of exciting news is that the region 6 awards ceremony is making a comeback. If you are still considering making the trip, I hope you can attend. Remember, it is at these meetings that you can learn about potential changes and rule updates that can affect you, so it is important to attend and let your voice be heard. It is also a chance to build on fellowship within our sport so come on down and have a good time with fellow racers and friends.

Plans are well under way for this year's MPR showing at the annual Autorama. More to be discussed at the February meeting but if you haven't already, please consider volunteering for a few hours at the event to help support and promote the sport we love. Looking forward to seeing you at an event or a meeting soon to shape our future together!

*John*

MPR General Meeting  
January 10, 2024

Meeting called to order by John Grigg at 7:36pm

Moment of silence for Holly Baker and Tom Clark who have recently passed away.

Old Business:

Motion made to accept minutes by Rick Falcinelli, seconded by Adam Justin. All in favor

Treasurer's report given by Nancy Spanich in Mario's absence

Withdraw – 2/ Deposits - 2

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by, Dave Muczinski made a motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Falcinelli – all in favor

Welcomed new faces and our Inboard Chair, Tim Collins

Nancy gave membership: Total 82 member for 2024 so far

Steve Linn made a motion to accept Membership Report and Dave Muczinski seconded the motion, all in favor.

Publicity – Tina is still recovering from her surgery and could not make it. No report.

Entertainment: Ray – Steve Read put together a comprehensive report on marketing and will present it to the membership.

IRC – Timmy Collins – National Meeting in 2 weeks. Talked about the IRC having more contact with race sites, few rule changes... most are not real impactful. The top one is life jackets...50/50 split on people across the country that actually wear lifejackets. Spoke about a group of flatbottoms coming back to our category but they will not be racing with inboard. Timmy will have more info at next meeting.

Dave asked if there was any more info about drones. Timmy said it has been challenging but he feels they need to be mandatory. His concern is how to do it without a lot of cost. Approx \$3,500 per weekend...hopefully we can offset that so that the race does not have to pay the whole fee. Sarah suggested sponsorship. Might be easier for the East Coast than the west coast who has more races.

There will be recaps of each race within a couple of days on you tube, etc.....

New swag – Dillon will still take orders

Autorama – entry deadline 2/2....late fee of \$25 after 2/2.

***John suggested that other people step up to do things instead of having all the same people over and over again.***

John talked about the drop in boat count on Sunday's at races. Does not look good on us and will not help the sport grow.

Steve Read said that he has some handouts leftover from Autorama and asked if we want to use them. Sarah will update the flyer for this year.

The Challenge Series will not happen. IRC is working on a new plan for a series.

Driving School – Tony is looking for help. Tim said that a place is needed to store the driving school boats. Tom can store one, can pay for another, but needs another option. Would like to keep them all together. Need someone to bring the student boat back from Region Meeting and a place to store it, hopefully permanently. Vik offered to bring the boat up from the Region Meeting.

Race Site Updates:

Mott – No new info

Belleville – No new info

Motion to accept old business made by Vik , Steve Linn

Patti – Region Meeting Feb 10&11, 2024, gave all of the info pertaining to hotel.

Steve Read – will pursue Pontiac Lake to see if there is any interest at all.

Harsen's Island – still being discussed but will most likely be a testing session.

Steve Read – Pontiac Lake – Him a Ray discussed. The locals did not close the door last time, left it open for them. They do want to pursue the race one more time before they make the decision.

Ray spoke about the issues that the park/DNR has with us. Some were out of our control and were not any boat racer. Ray said that area is about to take off and he wants to be a part of it.

Vik had contact with the Ann Arbor Jaycees. Jaycees said that they would talk to the rest of their people to see where it goes. John told Vik to send something to the board if they would like to continue.

Ray and John presented Steve Read with the Prop Rider of the year award. Steve thanked everyone. Apologized for his absence recently. Would love to help with more things now that he is retired.

Bylaw Proposals, both proposals submitted by Phil Goodell passed.

Proposed motion to amend Article III Section II of the Marine Prop Riders By-Laws (Election of board positions) – Motion made by Rick Falcinelli, seconded by Adam Justin. All In Favor. Motion Passed.

Proposed motion to amend Article VII Section I of the Marine Prop Riders By-Laws ) change wording from Co Sponsor to Conducting Club. Motion made by Austin Hayes, seconded by Dave Muczinski - Majority in favor, opposed, Steve Linn. Motion passed.

Steve Read went over a lot of marketing materials.

Dave motioned to vote, Rick F seconded, all in favor.

Dave M motioned adjourned,

Meeting adjourned 8:33 pm

Respectfully Patti Hayes

MPR Board Meeting  
January 10, 2024

Not Present: Ray, Mario, and Tina  
Called to order, John Griggs 6:15pm

John said Steve Read asked about pursuing Waterford. Discussion followed about Mott/Waterfor conflicts, the advantages/disadvantages of both, dates, Sunday race issues that we always have, support from race teams, record vs non-record, etc... Mott becoming a record course could be a plus. Mott owns the land around the course...no residents, and White Lake has said they do not want to give up prime boat season to us. Phil pointed out that this should NOT be for 2024...should be 2025. Phil also suggested a Test & Tune. Phil suggested we do a list of concerns, dates, camping, etc.... State Park has to give the go ahead before anything else is done. Motion to have Steve move forward with Pontiac Lake made by Adam Justin and seconded by Patti Hayes. All in favor

Test & Tune: Harsen's Island – The Clay Township supervisor contact John. Still a good possibility and can accommodate the bigger boats. There is still a possibility of holding a race there. Discussion regarding water conditions. Motion by Patti to allow John to continue discussions with the people in Harsen's Island, seconded by Nancy. All in favor. Will look at dates but hoping before the season starts out East to draw those boats.

Brian – Website: We talked about the need to get stuff posted in a timely manner and would like to have it jazzed up. John asked if we were getting out of Brian's comfort zone with what we want to do with the website and asked if we can pursue another person to do the website. Explained the various different things that we would like to see on the website. We explained all that we are looking for and what may be involved. Austin and Brian will move forward to see what they can come up with.

Nancy confirmed that Feb is the last month of the newsletter if people have not joined.

Adam Justin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Grigg – all in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

# Attention All Prop Riders

The Detroit Autorama is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Huntington Place, and we are looking for volunteers to man our booth and promote our club along with Hydroplane Racing.

We also need a few more boats for our display. Last year we expanded across the aisle which gave us additional room. If we cannot fill that space, we run the risk of losing it for future shows.

If you're interested in volunteering or displaying your boat, please contact Phil Goodell or Patti Hayes for details.

Our boat entry deadline is January 26<sup>th</sup>.

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# SAFETY CELL TESTING

The date for the safety cell testing will be March 16 at 12 to 3:30

The location is at  
Scuba Centers of America

Located At:

3280 Fort St  
Lincoln Park Mi 48146.

Kevin Thomas with Ace Diving would like to have anyone looking to attend to call him so he can get a rough idea of time and so he can schedule you with a pool time.

You can reach Kevin at: 269-569-3765.

That is also his text number which is just as good.



# FINALLY!!! BANQUET PICTURES





# AWARD WINNERS



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**REMINDER!!!!**

**REGION 6 MEETING!!!! THIS YEAR WE WILL BE DOING AWARDS. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY. DINNER WILL BE ON YOUR OWN AND YOU WILL RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR THE AWARDS!!!!!!**

APBA REGION 6 SPRING 2024 SPRING MEETING

FEBRUARY 10/11, 2024

NEW PLACE: PHONE: 1 (419) 931-9999

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

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DIRECTIONS: From Detroit: I 75 South to US 23/475 North to Ohio route 25 South

(Perrysburg/Bowling Green) .9 miles. From US 23 North follow US 23/475 South to Ohio Route 25 South (Perrysburg/Bowling Green) .9 miles.

NOTES:

1. Please inform the Reservation Desk that you are attending the APBA Region 6 Meeting. There are 20 rooms being held for Friday night; 30 rooms for Saturday night. The hotel will hold our rooms until January 26, 2024 Call today!!!

2. The Region 6 Inboard Safety Team (Box 21) will have the "Test Cell" at poolside each morning for anyone wishing to complete driver capsule training requirements. A \$30 donation is greatly appreciated! A signup sheet will be posted in the lobby on Friday at 3:00 p.m. and each day. You must sign up for the time you would like to have. The Covid safety procedure will be strictly enforced.

3. This is a Holiday Inn Express, breakfast is available only, no restaurant or bar on site. It is located in the Levis Commons Town Center with many different cuisines available.

4. The Vintage and Historic committee will propose bylaws for the newly formed committee.

5. There will be an awards ceremony this year Saturday night. No food, just a good time.

AGENDA – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

7:00 a.m. SAFETY CELL (until 9:00 a.m.) POOLSIDE

11:00 a.m. VINTAGE AND HISTORIC MEETING TRINITY ROOM

1:00 p.m. OFFICIATING ,SAFETY & RESCUE MEETING ORCHARD ROOM

3:00 p.m. CLUB MEETING ORCHARD ROOM

AGENDA – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

7:00 a.m. SAFETY CELL (until 9:00 a.m.) POOLSIDE

8:30 a.m. OPC MEETING TRINITY ROOM

8:30 a.m. INBOARD MEETING ORCHARD ROOM

9:30 a.m. MODIFIED OUTBOARD MEETING TRINITY ROOM

10:00 a.m. STOCK OUTBOARD MEETING ORCHARD ROOM

10:45 a.m. ALL MEETINGS ADJOURN

11:00 a.m. GENERAL MEETING ORCHARD ROOM

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Thank you,

Patti Hayes

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**Please feel free to call one of us  
If you need anything.  
We would be glad to help**


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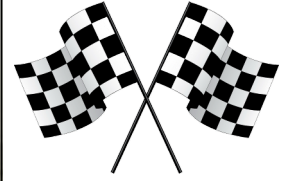
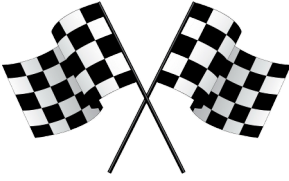
The Marine Prop Riders boat racing club welcomes you to join our club.  
 Memberships are just \$20 individual and \$30 for a family.  
 So many ways to get involved!

owning/racing a boat | race team crew | race day volunteering | turn judging  
 racer hospitality | show publicity | event planning | safety team | so much more!



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**MPR Members:**

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