



January 2024

President's Letter January 2024,

Happy New Year to all Marine Prop Riders and their families and friends! I hope you all had a very joyous and peaceful holiday season. I am sure some of us need a vacation now that it is over!

Looking forward to the new year brings excitement and a newfound optimism for the club to achieve new heights and to continue to build on the momentum we built last year. I look forward to working with the board and members on making this the most successful racing season yet for our club and it's members.

Coming up we have the annual Autorama Show to which we have a history of representing the club successfully and helping spread the word of our great sport. If you haven't already, please consider volunteering by helping staff the display on one of the days. Sign up sheets have already been passed around and I'm sure will be available for sign up at the January meeting.

Next up will be the annual APBA meeting in Florida. We need to take the time to discuss issues and potential rule changes that would affect our club and its members to bring our opinions to national so we can be a unified voice. We can take this up at the next meeting as well.

I hope all of our racing members are underway with their off-season programs and I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meeting. See you soon!

John

Marine Prop Riders General Meeting
Simple Palate
December 6th, 2023

Meeting was called to order 7:33pm by Phil Goodell, as John Grigg was out of town.

Phil let everyone know that Tina Wilson had surgery and that the mailed copies of the newsletter will be a little late going out.

Motion made by Dave Muczinski, and seconded by Rick Falcinelli, to approve minutes as printed in the newsletter. – All In Favor.

Treasurer's Report: Mario Maraldo –
Deposits - 4
Expenses - 6

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Adam Justin, seconded by Rachel Anspach – All In Favor

Membership Report – Nancy Spanich:
33 Primary Members
12 Primary Family Members
2 Honorary Members
19 Lifetime Members
4 Lifetime Family Members
11 of the above members are new in December.
Total of 70 Members

Motion made by Mario Maraldo to accept the membership report, seconded by Sam Anspach – All In Favor.

Ray Dong – Barbara Jean Skelly passed away. Ray gave some history on her husband Tom Skelly. Moment of silence for Barbara Jean.

Entertainment – Ray Dong: Slides of his life of pictures

Old Business:

Banquet – Mario Maraldo: 112 paid people. Between 50/50 and baskets we covered the bill for the awards!!! Glitch was the back projection did not work out as well as expected. Dave Muczinski will work on it for next year. All gave Mario and Kathy a hand for the work on banquet. Thanked Nancy for centerpieces. APBA disappointed us again and did not have the points correct on the APBA website and there was some confusion on one of the high point awards. Ray recognized Dave Muczinski on the sound system set up at the banquet.

Recognized Stephanie and Shelly for selling 50/50s at the banquet.

Belleville – Steve Linn: Nothing new.

Mott Lake – Dave Muczinski – Nothing new.

Swag – Phil Goodell: Costs were covered. Whatever is left is profit. We will not have the swag available until the Spring.

Autorama – Phil Goodell: 3 definite boats. We have 2 footprints that Phil would like to fill. Partial commitment for vintage and J Stock. Explained how to register.

February 2 deadline, club reimburses \$50. Late fee after January 26th.

Volunteer sheet is on table. Patti will also send out a google sheet. Need lots to sign up.

New Business:

IRC Update:

Supporting inboard driving school. They could use some help. Contact Tony Black.

East Coast/West Coast Challenge Series – not going well, want to revamp. Need people to help with it.

Goals for 2024 – more professional and competitive. Make sure the races start on time, Class reps will need to be more involved. Better exposure – You Tube page – asking for videos from members. Media exposure – want to use drones. Phil explained the insurance cost for drones.

National events – have to have bids in right now. Need to make sure that we do not back up to an HRL or H1 event.

Phil discussed the rule change proposals for missing a bouy. No more trolling.

Experimental engines – Tim Collins said on the IRC call that they are rather vague and self centered. Does not think that they will benefit those classes.

Decatur – Phil Goodell: Sean said they are on facebook. Survey is done 1 ¼ record, Devon Ampitheater – Country band, Beach house Saturday night will have a VIP Party for racers. Still bringing in money. Has put in for the Eastern Divisional. Vintage are invited.

Phil Goodell suggested that MPR sponsor a meeting at the convention. Ray Dong made a motion to move forward with sponsoring a single meeting for \$100, Steve Fischel seconded the motion. – All Approved

Phil Goodell showed the new shirts that are for sale. They are polos and if we get an order of 15 they will be \$45.

Ray Dong: 3rd week in August will be the Detroit race and they will be hosing the Gold Cup.

John Bridges – 2024 Calendars – Unlimited. Christmas Party on the 10th for Unlimited Detroit. All invited.

Mario Maraldo made a motion to adjourn at 8:03pm, seconded by Adam Justin. – All Approved

Adjourned at 8:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Hayes

I still hear those voices



telling me; Buy another boat!!!



RACING ISN'T
ABOUT HOW
LONG IT TAKES
YOU TO GET
FROM THE START
TO THE FINISH,
IT'S THE ADVENTURE
YOU HAVE ALONG
THE WAY, THE
PEOPLE YOU
MEET, AND THE
UNIQUE MOMENTS
YOU SHARE.

Hydromoon



**Sorry for this lame newsletter, I am still on the mend from my surgery. It's been a long road and I can't wait till its over.
For the last 7 years that I have been doing this, I pride myself in getting it to the members on time. I am also working with a new computer (and for the old that's not an easy task).**

Christina Wilson



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- Family Membership: \$30.00 - Check box for paper newsletter**

Primary Member Name: <small>(Required for drivers and MPR board members)</small>		
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Street Address:		
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Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

Class/Number: _____ Boat Name: _____

Is the boat part of the vintage category? Yes / No

The Marine Prop Riders can share my contact information with other MPR members. Yes No

**Checks should be payable to: Marine Prop Riders
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If you need anything.
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