



**DECEMBER 2024**

**Happy Start to the Holiday Season fellow Marine Prop Riders,**

**I** hope everyone is looking forward to Thanksgiving as much as I am. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving and I hope your holiday is full of great food, good times, and plenty of boat racing talk around the table.

On behalf of myself and the entire board of directors, we would like to thank everyone that came to our annual banquet earlier this month. What a success it was and what a great way to conclude a fantastic year of racing. Congratulations to all the members who took home an award, all were well deserved, and I am sure I speak for the club when I say well done!

A heart felt thank you once again to Mario and Kathy Maraldo. The amount of work they put into making this annual event a special time for all of us deserves an award in itself. On behalf of the club, we cannot thank you enough for your time and efforts in making our banquet a huge success. So I don't leave anyone out, I won't name names, but thank you as well to all those who volunteered and contributed to the banquet as well, we all appreciate the time and effort it took to help.

One note on upcoming meetings. Simple Palate will be undergoing a renovation in the new year so there will be no January general meeting. There is a possibility it will affect February's meeting as well, but we will keep you updated on that. The board will meet as needed and anything newsworthy will be communicated to everyone.

See everyone soon and have a great start to the holiday season!

**John**



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## MARINE PROP RIDERS MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting Type:** General Membership

**Date:** 11-6-24

**Location:** Simple Palate

**Submitted By:** David Muczinski  
Secretary

**Meeting Called to Order:**

By: John Grigg - President

Time: 7:35 pm

**Topic 1: Motion: To Approve the October 2024 meeting minutes as printed in the newsletter**

By: Patti Hayes

In Favor: Unanimous

Seconded: John (Scooter) Grigg III

Opposed: 0

Discussion: Motion Discussed

Motion: Passed

**Topic 2: Treasurers Report – Mario Maraldo**

- Mario went through various months expenses
- No Deposits for October
- Balance = \$23,538.66

**Motion: To Accept the Treasurers Report as Given**

By: John E. Bridge II

In Favor: Unanimous

Seconded: Mike Horvath

Opposed: 0

Discussion: Motion Discussed

Motion: Passed

**Topic 3: Membership Report – Nancy Spanish**

- Due to the new calendar year of the club, As of today's date there are 4 members. Get those dues in.

**Topic 4: Publicity Report – Tina Wilson via John Grigg**

- Still in need of member Biographies for newsletter.

**Topic 5: Entertainment Report – Ray Dong**

- Ray mentioned this would be his last month organizing and is turning duties over to Austin Hayes.
- He said he would be available for help and guidance anytime.
- Ray said it has been an privilege to serve as entertainment director.
- Tonight's entertainment will be by Chef Chris from Schoolcraft College showcasing and previewing a PBS special on the great chefs of Detroit.

**Topic 6: Old Business**

- Pontiac Lake Report – Steve Reed
  - Still working with local officials on a number of topics.
  - Suggested with the township to start fundraising soon.
  - Will Modify the Mott Lake Sponsorship Presentation for use for Pontiac Lake
- Mott Lake Report – Patti Hayes
  - Starting Sponsorship recruitment with Steve Reed.
  - Contract received from Parks for 2025 event.

- o Meeting with Parks to be scheduled to wrap up details we need for sponsorship package.
  - o Level of sponsorships to be discussed to solidify what can be offered.
  - o Meeting next week to be scheduled with potential title sponsor.
- Region 6 Meeting Report – Patti Hayes
  - o Region 6 active boats: 26 boats across 5 classes.
  - o Buoys: Color was discussed to make entrance and exit orange and turn bouys yellow
  - o Clock: Region is pursuing getting a new race clock.
  - o Eli discussed that here is nothing wrong operationally with the current clock. Man who made it is retiring and future maintenance is in question. That is why the new clock is being considered.
  - o Spring meeting will be Feb. 22 and 23, Dinner and awards will happen on Sat. night. Pot Luck for sides style.
  - o National Meeting Jan. 22-25. Schedule and info. available on APBA website.
  - o Detailed Minutes from APBA Region 6 fall meeting will be available at the next region meeting. Patti will try to post on APBA website, To be determined.
  - o All proposed rule changes due into the inboard office by December 1st. Forms are on APBA website.
- Region 6 Meeting Report – IRC – John Grigg
  - o Patti Hayes and Tony black were elected to the IRC.
- Region 6 Meeting Report – Vintage – John Bridge
  - o John Bridge has been elected as Director of Vingage
  - o New bylaws still to be voted upon.
  - o Next years schedule in review.
- Region 6 Meeting Report – Safety – Various Participants
  - o Buoy Color: Same discussion as above for entrance and exit colors.
  - o Colors for outer course markers was discussed.
  - o Discussion to standardize course markers on a national level
  - o \$20 hot pit non member fee discussed and recommended to get rid of that due to extra costs imposed on race sites and teams.
- Region 6 Meeting Report – Club Report – Rick Falcinelli
  - o Dates for 2025 race schedule was discussed. Recap of 2024 season discussed.
- Region 6 Meting Report – General Discussion
  - o John Grigg discussed that dunk testing will only be on Sunday's for the fall meeting and two days for the spring meeting.
  - o Ray Dong brings up suggstions for getting more racers out in region 6 by bringing back the MACH points series. Must be a team effort to have this. Race sites also need to participate and cooperate. Ray will review and submit to the region possibilities for bringing the MACH point series back. Or at least a verison of it.

## Topic 7: New Business

- Autorama
  - o Discussion on who is handling on behalf of the club. Phil Goodell can handle duties from Florida and will be in charge of organizing.
  - o As of now Casandara and Tina have their applications in directly to Butch. Discussion moving forward to be determined of having the organizer sumbit all entries on behalf of the club to finalize who is participating to be fair for all members who wish to show their boat.
  - o We have 3 spaces into one big footprint equalling 20' x 60', generally is how it's always been.
- T-Shirts
  - o Phil Goodell reports we have 19 left and would llike to sell them. He will have them at the banquet.
- MPR Awards Banquet
  - o Mario requests for everyone to bring exact change or checks.
  - o He and others encourage everyone to bring baskets for the raffle.

## Topic 8: Motion: To Adjourn

By: Ray Dong  
 Seconded: Patti Hayes  
 Discussion: Motion Discussed

In Favor: Unanimous  
 Opposed: 0  
 Motion: Passed

Respectfully Submitted: David Muczinski - Secretary



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**Meeting Type:** Board of Directors

**Date:** 11-6-24

**Location:** Simple Palate

**Submitted By:** David Muczinski  
Secretary

**Meeting Called to Order:**

By: John Grigg - President

Time: 6:36 pm

**Roll Call:**

John Grigg - President:	Present	Tina Wilson - Publicity:	Excused
Phil Goodell - Vice President:	Present	Austin Hayes - Entertainment:	Present
Mario Maraldo - Treasurer:	Present	Patti Hayes - Member at Large:	Present
David Muczinski - Secretary:	Present	Adam Justin - Member at Large:	Present
Nancy Spanich - Membership:	Present		

**Topic 1: January Meetings**

- Due to the closing of Simple Palate, Jan. general membership meeting might be cancelled as the restaurant does not have an exact date when it will reopen. If the general membership meeting is cancelled, the board meeting can happen if necessary. Resolution TBD.

**Topic 2: MPR Banquet Update**

- Per Mario Maraldo – he expects attendance to be right around 100 people. There is still room for people if they want to attend.
- The venue will be open around 1pm for set up on Saturday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Topic 3: Mott Lake Regatta Update**

- With everyone trying to help, it was discussed that any business or ideas for the race needs to be discussed with the Race Chairman, Patti Hayes, before any discussions with any entities are done on behalf of the club.
- There is an outboard club who wants to race at Mott Lake and reached out to John Grigg. The name of the club is the Michgian Mafia. John and Patti are going to pursue initial talks with them to discuss viability.
- Discussion of the Vintage class' participation at Mott Lake, especially concerning the new by-laws that Vintage is voting on soon and how it could effect the race.

**Topic 4: Motion: Motion to clarify MPR Bylaw Article VI Section 1 which states the following:**

**“Club high points will be scored on a national points basis. However, in order to qualify for an award, you must attend three (3) races in Region Six or four (4) Marine Prop Riders Club meetings during a race calendar year.”**

**The word “you” in “you must attend” means the member has their boat at a race and is competing in order to have that race count towards high points. Just physically being at a race and not having your boat there to compete goes against the original spirit of what is intended in the bylaw.**

By: Patti Hayes  
Seconded: Phil Goodell  
Discussion: Motion Discussed

In Favor: Unanimous  
Opposed: 0  
Motion: Passed

**Topic 5: National High Points**

- Mario Maraldo said that the club high points uses national high points in their calculations.
- John confirmed that yes it is written in the bylaws as such.
- General Discussion

**Topic 6: Motion: To Adjourn**

By: Phil Goodell  
Seconded: Patti Hayes  
Discussion: Motion Discussed

In Favor: Unanimous  
Opposed: 0  
Motion: Passed

Respectfully Submitted: David Muczinski - Secretary

**Merry Christmas**  
**To all and to all a good night!!!!**



## **Attention All Prop Riders**

The 2025 Detroit Autorama is February 28, March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Huntington Place.  
The Marine Prop Riders are looking for volunteers to promote our club along with Hydroplane Racing at our booth.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Casie Briggs or Phil Goodell for details.  
We would like six volunteers to fill each of the following time slots beginning:

- **Friday** - First Shift from 11am to 5pm and Second Shift from 5pm to 10pm.
- **Saturday** – First Shift from 9am to 2:30pm and Second Shift from 2:30pm to 8PM.
- **Sunday** – First Shift from 10am to 2:30pm and Second Shift from 2:30pm to 7pm.

Daily show passes will be available for everyone who signs up at Will Call.

**Note:** You must be on the list to receive your pass.

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**And to think we know this legend.....**

# **“2024”**

## **Marine Prop Riders Banquet**



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## 2024 MPR Awards

### 1 Litre:

1<sup>st</sup> – Christ Ritz – Y-2 – 933 Points

### 2.5 Litre Stock:

1 st – Austin & Kyle Hayes – Thompson Bros. Racing – S-35 – 2,173 Points

2 nd – Jeff Dobis – S-49 – 1,350 Points

3 rd – Kevin Kreitzer – S-64 – 1,070 Points

### E350

1 st – Rob Betke – E-55 – 1,803 Points

2 nd – Alex Manga – 1,650 Points

3 rd – Dillon Goodell – 1,455 Points

### National Modified

1 st – Alex Manga – A-8 – 1,320 Points

2 nd – Tom Newman/Tony Black – NM-100 – 1,253 Points

3 rd – Cassandra Briggs – NM-42 – 955 Points

### Most High Points In The Club:

S-35 – Austin & Kyle Hayes/Thompson Bros. Racing – 2, 173 Points

Rookie of the Year – Alex Manga

Grant Ward “Unsung Hero” Award – Patti Hayes

Mario Maraldo “Prop Rider of the Year” – John Grigg

Hard Luck Award – Jim Wilson

Bob Ritz “Hard Charger” Award – Alex Manga

Doc Terry Memorial Sportsmanship Award – Jim & Christina Wilson/Brandon Zemach

Jim and Elsie Edwards “Person of the Year” - Ray Dong



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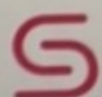
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**Please feel free to call one of us  
If you need anything.  
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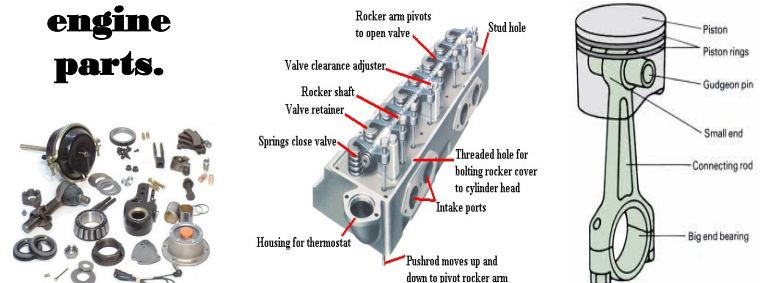
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