

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
of the
British Model Powerboat Racing Society

Held on 24th November 2019 at Underbank Activity Centre, Sheffield

Members Present:

Madelyn Reid	Mark Wild	Luke Bramwell	Mike Barnes
Neil Ward	Gary Crisp	Kurt Cave	Dave Howarth
Stuart Rothwell	Andy Hill	Michael Jones	Martin Gleaves
Brian James	Nicola Attfield (Rae)	Carol Dickson	Terry Lucas
Garry Dickson	Janade Davies	Nigel Hobson	Tony Bollard

Non-Members Present:

Stuart Wiezniak	
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Apologies for absence were received from: Dave Baker, Brian Horrocks

Minutes of the AGM held on 27th January 2019

Proposed as a true record by Mark Wild, seconded by Mike Barnes
Vote: Accepted (unanimous)

Matters arising from the minutes:

None noted

Chairman's Report: (Mark Wild)

Welcome to the 2019 AGM. I would like to start by thanking you all for the support that you have shown again this year with going the society and those who have attended race meetings, it would be good to see a few more faces.

This year thankfully has not been as bad as the 2018 season so we have been able to run a championship although due to problems at the first race the format was set for the season to continue and seems to have worked with most enjoying it. The society has seen a decline in the number of people attending some meetings but people who attended I think will agree with me that we have had some great meetings.

We have seen a major decline in nitro boats since combining classes. Please remember that we are willing to run nitro classes but need suitable amount of entries. On the other hand numbers seem to be holding in the spark classes, could this be the way of the future? At the last AGM people mentioned over running fast electrics but no one this year has come forward regarding running them. In the past few weeks I have learnt that Electra MPBA Fast Electric Section has decided to close at the end of the year which is a shame for the hobby.

A little bit of late information that I've recently found out is that the factory that make the ASP range of nitro engines has closed and there seems to be no stock of the ASP 46 engine in the UK, although spares are still available through Just Engines while they have stock, this may impact the nitro scene even more.

Regards
Mark

Health & Safety Report (Mark Wild)

Thanks to everyone for the continued support. As far as our policies are concerned the society is well footed on the health and safety side of things.

One point I would like to raise is that all members running applicable boats ie fast electric nitro spark ignition, must have a form of either kill switch or working fail safe.

I would like to see the use more of fail safes incorporating kill switch devices on spark boats as I know of a few boats that have suffered issues of burnt out throttle servo and had problems shutting the boat down. Please consider that this may well be a good investment rather than an expense.

Regards

Mark

This raised a discussion around killer devices/fail safes and it was decided at this point to create a proposal:

All spark ignition boats are to be fitted with an ignition fail safe device

Proposal advice sub note – Auto kill boat engine if you have a low battery, radio glitch, lose connection or power loss

Proposed: Brian James

Second: Mick Jones

Voted: For – unanimous, proposal carried

There have been a few incidents with hitting the rescue boat, can we please be more thoughtful thank you. If anyone is interested in gaining Lvl 2 for rescue crew then we may be able to arrange a course. We also have high vis vests now. MPBA use helmets, it was agreed that the society should provide these but it is discretionary to the rescue crew if they wish to wear them or not, not compulsory in the policy or insurance.

Treasurer's Report: (Mike Barnes)

BMPRS Financial Account – 2019 Season

As advised at last year's AGM I would be looking to increase the membership fees from 1st January 2020 to £14 for renewals and £17 for new members and this is still the case considering the economic climate and an expected increase in insurance cost of 3-12%.

Balance as of 3/11/18	£2178.43
Membership payments	£1149.00
Race Fees for year	<u>£ 75.00</u>
Total Income	£3402.43

Outgoings up to 10/11/19	
Stationary	£ 74.48
Room and Food	£200.00
Insurance	£519.68
G.D.P.R	£ 40.00
Internet Hosting Costs	£122.40
Domain Name Fee (bmprs.org)	£ 12.47
Domain Name Fee (bmprs.co.uk)	<u>£ 9.59</u>
Total Outgoings	£978.62

Balance	£2423.81
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Rule Changes/Proposals

1. Proposal – Terry Lucas

High Vis vests, BMPRS logo for OOD/Lap scorers & any other official on the day. Adds to the profile of the society instead of nameless bodies running around. Also, a point of immediate contact if anybody has a query.

High Viz buoys, or covers which are required for safety and comfortable racing environment. Megaphone system, everyone can then hear what is going on ie Any infringements, safety issues, collisions with rescue boat. Should be in the region of min. 80 watts.

High vis already supplied with BMPRS on the back. Trying various options with buoys and will purchase a megaphone for the start of the next season.

2. Proposal – Mike Barnes

Membership fees to be increased from 1st January 2020 to £14 renewal and £17 new member.

Second: Luke Bramwell

Voted: For – unanimous, proposal carried

3. Proposal – Madelyn Reid

The original proposal change was to provide provisional minutes within 2 weeks. Following an in-depth discussion those present agreed to following proposal:

Change rule 6.2.1 to:

6.2.1 publishing of the minutes from the AGM

6.2.1.1 the Secretary will furnish the Committee with a provisional set of minutes within 30 days on the AGM annually

6.2.1.2 within 30days of receiving the provisional minutes these are to be reviewed and agreed by the Committee and published on the BMPRS website

6.2.1.3 the minutes are to be received and confirmed by the membership at the next AGM and any matters arising are noted

Second: Neil Ward

Voted: For – unanimous, proposal carried

4. Proposal – Terry Lucas

We have been asked to review membership payments to be made by Paypal. Can we discuss and agree this?

Discussion was held and it was explained that BMPRS is an unincorporated society, we would need to have a business bank account however online banking for accounts requiring more than one signature is not possible and would be unmanageable without online banking. We can look to possibly include an online membership form and provide bank account details for members to make payment by transfer. Garry and Mark will work on this.

Election of Officers:

With the imminent relocation of Mike Barnes we will be looking for nominations for a new Treasurer. Mike is happy to continue for the short term and provide a hand over but cannot commit to a full year in office. Mark suggested Andy Hill to be co-opted for 1 year into the position at a relevant time by the Committee. All other Committee posts, according to the society rule 6.2.4 all other officers being happy to stand again for their respective posts are deemed elected, the Committee is therefore:

BMPRS Committee:

Chairman	Mark Wild
Secretary	Madelyn Reid
Treasurer	Andy Hill (co-opted)
Membership Secretary	Terry Lucas
Health & Safety Co-Ordinator	Mark Wild
C & VP Protection Officer	Luke Bramwell
Junior Member Representative	Luke Bramwell
Webmaster & PRO	Garry Dickson

Voted: For – unanimous, carried

Proposed 2020 Racing Calendar

We are in talks with Leicester venue and also MPBA for a possible joint weekend event. More information to follow.

Race meetings TBC as awaiting confirmations from some venues, will be published on website once confirmed but proposed:

April – Leicester

May – Trafford

June – Branston

July – Nottingham

September – Nottingham

Sept/Oct – Leicester

Will be looking to increase water time, 15 mins race time and then open water at the end of the day time and weather permitting with judgement to be made by OOD on the day.

AOB

1. David Howarth suggested a race event weekend to make it more viable for members travelling some distance to attend. This is being considered with Nottingham or Sheffield but considerations need to be made with current potential issues with neighbours and Water Officials. Watch this space.

Next AGM

22nd or 29th November 2020 at Underbank Activity Centre, Sheffield

Presentation

A Class	1 st	Gary Crisp
C Class	1 st	Mick Gelson Robert Daniel
D Class	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Kearon Worthington & Mike Barnes Andy Hill Garry Dickson
Cat T2	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Garry Dickson Tony Bollard Martin Gleaves
Best Newcomer		David Howarth
Scoop Challenge		Mike Barnes
Member of the Year		Andy Hill and Mark Wild

We also had a JB Tuned pipe which was auctioned to Tony Bollard with proceeds going to Kearon's fund.