

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

Held on 27th January 2019 at Underbank Activity Centre, Sheffield

Members Present:

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| Terry Lucas | Mike Barnes | Haylee Chisholm | Neil Lucas |
| Garry Dickson | Malcom Pratt | Mark Wild | Stuart Rothwell |
| Ronnie Lampe | Shani Simon | Kurt Cave | Mike Durant |
| Michael Jones | Andy Hill | Carol Dickson | Michael Gelson |
| Brian James | David Baker | Irvin Hendrickson | Madelyn Reid |
| Dave Marles | | | |

Non-Members Present:

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| Neil Ward | Dave Howarth |
| Nigel Hobson | |

Apologies for absence were received from: Andy Rennie

Minutes of the AGM held on 7th January 2018

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: (Malcolm Pratt)

It's nice to see some new faces in attendance at this AGM, welcome to BMPRS. It's been a difficult year with only 2 races, we need to regroup and hope to do better in the coming season. Apologies for the lack of communication throughout my tenure as Chairman, I would like to inform those present that I am now stepping down as Chairman.
Thank you.

Health & Safety Report (Mark Wild)

Nothing to report from a very quiet racing season due to weed and water levels. I will be reviewing rules and regulations over the next 12 months to ensure we continue to comply with legislation. Some Health & Safety rules may change but anything of concern will be flagged on the BMPRS website.

Treasurer's Report: (Mike Barnes)

BMPRS Financial Account – 2018 Season

A very quiet racing season has seen little income other than from membership but nevertheless we have held our own and managed to maintain the bank account level. I will not be looking to increase the membership fees this year but there will be a proposed increase from 1st January 2020 £14 for renewals and £17 for new members which will be put forward at the next AGM.

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| Balance as of 3/11/18 | £2025.18 |
| Membership payments | <u>£1041.00</u> |
| Total Income | £1041.00 |

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| Outgoings up to 3/11/18 | |
| Stationary | £68.90 |
| Room and Food | £122.62 |
| BMPRS Internet | £37.90 |
| Insurance | £497.13 |
| New Web Software | £61.20 |
| Donation for Mark Beesley | <u>£100.00</u> |
| Total Outgoings | £887.75 |

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| Balance | £2178.43 |
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Terry Lucas, Membership Secretary, added that we have maintained 73 renewals and 10 new member registrations. Great news in the current economic climate.

Garry Dickson, Webmaster, advised at this stage that there is a change of the website as detailed in the above accounts. We have retained the bmprs.co.uk domain should we want it in the future however the main website will now be running under bmprs.org. Garry also highlighted the introduction of GDPR and advised that an amendment may be required to the current membership form to request consent to have boats, pics, detail added to the web. Garry is in discussions over this to ensure we continue to comply with GDPR regulations. Garry is also looking to include a For Sale/Wanted section to the website and is also looking into electronic payment methods for membership and race fee. It may be possible to use paypal but need to investigate this further for fees.

Rule Changes/Proposals

1. Proposal – 1. We introduce an experimental class (XClass), which would allow members to race electric powered craft. The hulls and drives must comply with the existing rules. The X class would be run as a non-championship series. The purpose of this class, is to explore and develop new classes suited for racing at BMPRS events.
 2. Power Restrictions: Craft are to be powered by a maximum of 36 cells NiCad/NiMH (42.2Volts) or Li-polymer batteries (Lipos/LiHV) 12S1P/12S2P (44.4Volts)
 3. Health And Safety:
 - a) X Class boats shall be fitted with either an external isolating loop, or switch - which will prevent the motor being energised.
 - b) It shall be at the discretion of the ODD whether, or not, a boat not fitted with a means of isolating the power is allowed to be driven at the event.
 - c) The recovery crew shall isolate the power when recovering boats - at the earliest opportunity.
 - d) All lipos shall be charged in a lipo sack, or other suitable containment device (not airtight). *Ammo cans can be adapted for use, by removing the air seal or drilling vent holes into the can.*
 - e) Only commercially assembled lipos to be used. They should be in their original wrapping.
 - f) Lipos should be charged away from fuel storage containers.
 - g) If space allows, it may be possible set up a designated charging area - with a suitable fire
 - h) : extinguisher on hand.
 4. Race Length/Start Procedure:
 - a) Race duration. Rule 12.3 should be amended to include 6 and 10 minutes, with a minimum total of (18 minutes for 6 min heats, or 20 minutes for 10 min heats- for electric classes.
 - b) In the event of a standing start, the positions will be drawn out of a hat.
 - c) The OOD shall have the discretion to run a modified course, which may be better suited for smaller boats, or youth/beginners class.
 5. Generators
 - a) Only silent camping style generators to be used - maximum operating volume of 62 db @ 7 m. (example of possible options listed below)
 - b) Hyundai HY 1000 Si (58 db @7 m)
 - c) Clarke IG950 800W (60 db @ 7m)
 - d) P1PE P1000i 1000W (62 db @ 7m)

A lengthy discussion was held. There was some concern from Mark that the cost for BMPRS members may be too much, perhaps 4 years off this level of racing? Dave Marles suggested a formatted trial. Malcolm Pratt felt the introduction of this proposal is a valid option but reiterated this should not impact the current race meetings at this stage. Perhaps look to slowly introduce gradually with proper organisation and structured guidelines, suggestion to run a 'show piece' race this season. Mike Barnes suggested isolators need to be in a consistent place on all boats. Irvine Hendrickson advised this proposal was meant as a trial to experiment and see if it is suitable for BMPRS. There was a feeling members will think it is a good idea until realising the expense.

It was then suggested that the Committee come up with a non-complicated Rule on spec/control/batteries to offer the opportunity and possibly put on a separate 10 minute race at one of the race meetings. Dave Marles, Malcolm Pratt, Irvin Hendrickson and Mark Wild to create a mini group to agree the new Rule and how to include it in the race season.

Vote: Original proposal denied. Revised proposal for mini group: For, unanimous, revised proposal carried

Rule Changes/Proposals Cont.

2. Proposal – to cease current racing format and introduce a new one allowing more water time this would mean combining nitro classes aa a and t1 into once class 7.5cc from 8cc upwards nitro and spark to be run in the same class with a minimum hull length for mono and vee and 46” and cats over 40” all hull must conform to other present rules of drive etc t2 class to remain as is racing format would then be 15min heats per class upto 10 boats per class running 2 heats am per class for championship afternoon to be either endurance team racing or a form of lapped/ timed circuit racing knock out or the same as the morning heats?

Some discussion to clarify classes split and concern over pitman cover if everyone has more than one boat with them.

Vote: For – Unanimous, proposal carried

3. Proposal – hold 4 or 5 races through the better months from May until September to count for championship. Venues to be used are Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester, Trafford, Branston, Kingsbury (only date avail 21st July) and to avoid the Bank Holidays and School Holidays where possible per current BMPRS rules. October to May to hold a 3 or 4 races for a winter series if members are interested using Kingsbury, Trafford, Branston, Nottingham, Sheffield, Leicester for a new winter series.

Vote on summer racing: Unanimous, proposal carried

Vote on winter series: Undecided – to be considered in future.

4. Proposal - Reduce the size of the Committee, this is due to finding it difficult to fill all the posts and also that certain Committee members have made little or no input for a period of time. The new Committee should become chairman, secretary, treasurer, webmaster, health and safety, membership secretary and cpvp. Proposal for posts:

- a) chair - ????
- b) secretary - madelyn
- c) treasurer - digger
- d) webmaster - garry
- e) h and s - mark
- f) membership secretary - terry
- g) cpvp - luke
- h) all reps and other posts from this agm cease existence

Vote: For – Unanimous – proposal carried

5. Proposal - The Committee, with the agreement of the present members at the AGM, are allowed to look at and where reasonable practical change any rule that may be out of date and simplify the rules for the race meetings. Any changes will be notified throughout the year at race meetings but not be in place until agreed at the next AGM.

Vote: For – unanimous – proposal carried

6. Proposal – to have the racing and financial year to be 1st January to 31st December.

Vote: For - Unanimous – proposal carried

Rule Changes/Proposals Cont.

7. Proposal – A few items to make the race day safer for all. Terry showed the members present some printed information on High Viz jackets, to promote the society but also be a point of contact on the day as easily identified. Gazebo for lap scorers/drivers meeting, to support in extreme weather and also be a central location for drivers meetings. Megaphone, for start/end of race and also communicate with rescue, drivers and pitman during race. All of this should come to a maximum of £500 for all.

During a discussion on these items Mike Gelson asked if rescue crew should be wearing helmets. Mark Wild highlighted this would make the role more restrictive but also that it is not a requirement of our insurance policy, further suggestion of 'ice hockey' style helmets which Mark will look to arrange.

Vote: For – Unanimous, proposal carried

Dave Marles then kindly donated a Gazebo. Mark Wild to arrange having BMPRS lettering/Logo added for identification and promotion purposes.

Election of Officers:

With Malcolm Pratt stepping down as Chair, no communication all year from PRO Dave Clay and CVPV Andy Rennie not being an active member there is a need for Committee Post changes. These posts were proposed by Irwin Hendrickson and seconded by Terry Lucas, Voted carried. 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:

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| Chairman | Mark Wild |
| Secretary | Madelyn Reid |
| Treasurer | Mike Barnes |
| 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 |

Proposed 2019 Racing Calendar

TBC as awaiting confirmations from some venues, will be published on website once confirmed.

AOB

1. Dave Marles asked if host clubs run the race meeting? No not generally although Kingsbury do tend to do so.
2. Mark Wild advised those present that Daz Elson has offered 1 hull per class for the winner at the end of the year. BMPRS graciously accepted but is at Daz Elson discretion on donating.
3. Dave Marles requested a reminder for race meetings to be sent out moving forward.
4. Dave Marles asked if those in the rescue boat are trained and approved. Mark advised there is no requirement for this but basic capability is a must. We will however be looking to ensure all Rescue Boat occupants are trained.
5. Mark Wild asked what members want to do during the afternoon of the race days. Those present agreed it should be something fun and to be decided on the day as would be dependent on time available.

Next AGM

24th November 2019 at Underbank Activity Centre, Sheffield