

**Minutes of MPBA
Fast Electric Section
AGM 2008**

**Saturday 13th September
Bridlington**

Meeting opened at – 7.30pm

Present –

S Mitchell, S Hart, P Barrow, C Osman, G Roberts, P Heaton, A Blears, P Blears
C McGinn, N Rees, R Rees, M Harvey, D Harvey, J Baker, S Rayner, B Hickman
N Murgutrod, P Upton-Taylor, C Ransom, I Phillips, A Bond, M Shipman, J Bond,
A Shillito, J Foster,

Apologies for Absence-

None to report.....

Minutes of Last years AGM –

Accepted Unanimously – No matters arising

Officers Reports –

Chairman's Report-

First thing to talk about is the fact that I have taken over as Chairman of the section, I was asked by Allan Shillito & Simon Mitchell to take over. As Ian Williams had resigned due to ill health and family problems, we all wish him well for the future.

I soon found out that the section had no paperwork, no rules and no insurance. With the help of Allan and Simon we managed to get our house in order, and with a great deal of help from Trevor Goodinson.

The MPBA NEC are very happy with all we have done and have used out Health and Safety, Terms & Condition, Risk assessment and Method Statement in the new MPBA rule book.

We as a Committee have done a lot more than you can see, but its all crossing the I's and Dotting the T's.

If no one else wants the job I will carry on and try and do the best I can for the section, within the time I have spare.

Chairman MPBA FES

Stephe Hart

Secretary's Report-

Nothing new to report this year

Treasures Report-

All accounts are up to date prior to these years UK Nationals, A copy of the accounts has been sent to the MPBA and every thing is in order

Public relations officer

(Officer stood down through the year)

Safety Officer –

Not Present

International Officer –

The Team Leader began his report by distributing the refunds on first entry fee (reclaimed from the MPBA) to the UK Team members and the Naviga certificates to those who had left the Championships early. He then congratulated the National Team members who had travelled 1000 miles to Warsaw on behalf of all the membership who had supported them. Special congratulations were then extended to Ruben Rees for his Gold Medal in Mono 1 and to Paul Heaton. Paul reached finals in Hydro 2, Mono 2 and Mono 3. He returned with a Bronze in Mono 2. The first landmark medal to be won by our growing group of talented Northern racers. The Team also broke the National record for the number of finals places. As well as Paul's three, Nick Rees reached two, Colin McGinn one and Ruben Rees one. Tom Watson, Pete Barrow and Vaughan Miller, subject to the fortunes of racing, were not far off.

The Team Leader then announced Zagorka Lake near Starra Zagora in Bulgaria as the very likely next World Championship venue for 2010. He briefly explained how the Team Leaders meeting was constituted, how the new sub committees will work to look into all possibilities for LiPo classes. He invited members to contribute their own ideas for consideration. He pointed out Team Leaders decisions ran the M Section just as our AGM decisions should run our National Section.

Lastly the Team Leader briefly pointed out the negative side of the event. Deplorable wrong decisions by judges meant that we were still fighting for Ruben's Gold, though his win was unquestionable, with video evidence filmed by Tom Watson. Paul Heaton would have probably taken Gold had his race been restarted instead of re run. The Team Leader explained that all these problems had their roots in the withdrawal of the Nautilus judges as part of an attempt by two officials in Germany to stop the event. He said that Stephe Hart strongly supported this group and tried to stop our Team by telling the Team Leader that the event was cancelled. The Team Leader put the Information from the Chairman to the Team who decided it was probably false. The Team Leader concluded by pointing out to the meeting that, despite the problems, Team GB had worked together and really delivered for the UK.

Area Reps-

Nothing to report

Election of Officers Including new committee format – Vote for New committee format =

11 = For

4 = Against

10 = Abstention

Chairman- S Hart seconded by

16 =or

9 = Abstention

0 = Against

Secretary – Mitchell seconded by

Carried Unanimous

Treasurer – A Shillito, P Barrow to stand

A Shillito = 7

P Barrow = 14

Abstentions = 4

P Barrow voted in as new Treasure

Saws Officer- Chris Osman seconded by

Carried Unanimous

Nationals Officer- Ian Phillips seconded by

Carried Unanimous

Section Racing Rules & Section General Rules –

MPBA new rule book -

NAVEGA -

Proposals for 2009 –

Sponsorship / Advertisement on Site -

A token of gesture to be made to the MPBA,

Carried Unanimous

Split Mini Mono & Mini Hydro

Both classes to run Full Oval –

Proposed by N Murgatroyd seconded by S Mitchell

18 for

7 Abstentions

3 Day Event –

Proposed by S Mitchell seconded by S Hart

Proposal was dropped but a small discussion was held over the idea in future but with less classes running i.e. eco standard then that frees time up through the weekend.

Super Mono –

Proposed by J Read seconded by P Barrow

A 6 – 8 cells class open to monos and cats ran for 6 mins with a 10sec mill time All Participating drivers must have had a minimum of at least 1 years competitive fast electric boat racing experience to compete in the class

Carried unanimous

Regatta Venues and Dates

2009 Natinals

The 2009 UK Natinals to be held at Bridlington

Carried Unanimous

Date proposed

18th / 19th July

Carried Unanimous

Saws Event-

Still looking for a good sport to hold this event the saws officer will post a date and venue as soon as applicable with the possibility of Burton on Trent

Any Other Business

1 = European entrant been allowed to race –

S Mitchell brought up the Question of European entrant been allowed to run in the UK Nationals as every year they are rumours that get spread about that people are not happy allowing them to run along side the uk championships , A vote was taken to allow European entrants to race at the UK Nationals
Vote carried unanimous

2 = Lap scoring equipment –

Pete Barrow brought up the subject of a transponder system need due to the closeness of the racing or some way of doing a electronically counting so lap times can be checked in the event of a complaint
We need to look into getting a laptop and some software and then revuing the system next year with the possibility of getting a full transponder system