

MPBA AGM Minutes 2003

Present

- I Williams - Chairman
- Eugene Beirne - Secretary
- A Shillitto - Treasurer/ Records
- Nick Rees - International Rep
- D Baker
- P Heaton
- W Addison
- Ruben Rees

Apologies: Stephe Hart, G Cornford, I Phillips

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the 2002 meeting were presented for acceptance .

Proposed E Beirne, Seconded I Williams - Accepted by unanimous vote.

Chairmans Report

The Chairman thanked Eugen Beirn for all his hardwork in the last year, especially for the Nationals.

The Nationals had been an Excellent meeting apart from a couple of problem areas, these included the day entry fee, bird mess around the launch area and noise at night in the camping area. All that attended did enjoy the event.

The SAW attendance was poor, probably due to poor weather on the Sunday, however Saturday attendees had a flat calm lake and good weather.

Secretaries Report

Nationals:

53 boats entered, Only 1 mono 2 open and no hydro 1's
Poor attendance from the South of the country but this should not follow in future years.

A Vote of thanks was offered to Sue Beirne and Jenny Hart for their efforts in organising and supporting the event.

Proposed EB, seconded IW , carried unanimous.

The site was a bit noisy at night. Section made a small profit from the event

Some Trophies were not awarded (classes were not run) and these can be re-used for other Events

Need to get better Publicity

Thanks to John from the Northampton Club for all the help and assistance that he and his club offered. (Club Donation of £50.00 made)

Treasureres Report

Not inconsiderable problems with Bank during first 6 months (could not get money out)
Financial report made (attached). Small increase in available funds. Next years grant will be reduced to £320 from £348. This is based on £175 for AGM expenses etc., and £1.50 for each member expressing an interest (ticking the box) in FE - so canvas every one to tick the box!
We should look to investing money in improving the position of the section - equipment. Leaflets etc.

PRO Report

None offered PRO not present. The view expressed at the meeting was that there had been no publicity effort at all.

International Report

World Championships 2004 will be held in Warsaw. Costs will be good value. This is a group effort so people needing assistance with transport etc can be helped.
There is a possibility that the UK can host an IDC ECO event in 2004 - possible 2 day meeting - Bridlington?? Nick will investigate venues [Action - NR report Jan2004]
Magazines will be approached in relation to carrying an article on the world Championships to heighten interest.
[Action - NR]
Nick suggested that ideally we need a national water. Suggestions invited and NR will approach contacts [Action - NR/All]

Record Officer Report

SAW though low attendance was a good friendly event and well worth attending.
New records made - reported else where
Need to look for more locations, Rother Valley, Llandrindod Wells mentioned. [Action - All]
2 days for event are essential
Small loss from event due to costs

Election Of Officers

The following Officers were elected all were carried Unanimously

Role	proposed	proposer	seconder	vote
Chair	I Williams	NR	WA	Unanimous
Records Officer	I Williams	NR	WA	Unanimous
PRO	I Williams	NR	WA	Unanimous
Secretary	A Shillitto	IW	EB	Unanimous
Treasurer	A Shillitto	IW	EB	Unanimous
PRO	A Shillitto	IW	EB	Unanimous
International Rep	Nick Rees	IW	EB	Unanimous

The officers appointed the following to the Committee.,W
Addison, E Beirne, P Heaton, D Baker

*NB Secretary is not responsible for the organisation of the
Nationals - this will be undertaken by the committee as a
whole.

New Business

Bridlington was suggested as the site for the Nationals
2004 - Electra have registered their agreement - dates
need to be set in conjunction with the club and this is
urgent. Backup location Billing Aquadrome [Action - IW]
Consider Billing Aquadrome for SAW Event - note
drawbacks above plus the lake is multi use
Race classes - need to canvas opinion on supported
classes for the nationals [Action AS]- *all are invited to
provide comments*

NR proposed FSRE should be run at Nationals NR to
produce outline rules - AS to canvas opinion[Action
NR/AS]

NR proposed ECO should be 1 heat less with a 6 boat final
- opinions to be sought with a view for this years Nationals
[Action AS]

AOB

WA raised the problem of numbers of boats in heats and
proposed a max of 6 - opinions will be canvassed but this
is an individual club problem - the Committee can only
provide guidance notes [Action - AS to canvas opinion]
This goes hand in hand with 'rules of etiquette' suggested
that these be compiled and distributed. Suggested
following penalties - first offence - warning - subsequent
offences loss of 1 lap . [Action - ALL to bring up locally
and feed back ASAP]

DB stated that more involvement between interested clubs
is needed. HOW [Action - Ideas from all]

Need to investigate opportunities for promotion and provide
ideas to clubs etc. Boat mags, websites, Local and national
press and TV, Sports council [Action -Nick Rees will
provide IW with Scottish contacts as possible membership
opportunities.]

IW stated that Fast Scale boats should also be catered for.
Can we offer a service to Gas Turbine powered boats?
[Action - IW to take up with MPBA]

AS Will mail S Hart with offer of Committee place for
Electra and info on Nationals [Action - AS]

EB will provide AS with contact list [Action - EB]

Meeting Closed at 1420

**NB All actions to be reviewed/position updated
monthly. Small actions complete by Jan 1 please.**

**Please note that we invite comments and
help/assistance from all comers**