



March 2023

March Letter from John Griggs

Happy March to all my fellow Marine Prop Riders. We are getting closer to spring, and you all know what that means.....boat racing is getting closer! I hope all our racers are well underway getting their boats ready for the season. As I write this, we are well underway with the week of preparations for the Detroit Autorama. A huge thank you to all those involved who made sure the MPR display is ready to go with boats, information, and fun for all. I am sure it will be a good time and I look forward to telling everyone about it at the March meeting.

At the Region 6 meeting, all our proposed races were well received. I was particularly proud of our members as they gave updates during the inboard meeting. It was nice to see the Marine Prop Riders so active in the meeting and let's keep on doing whatever we can to promote our great sport and get races to show. There were some other happenings that I am sure we will cover at our next meeting.

All our races are underway with plenty of meetings and planning that is happening daily. As we move forward, I am happy to see the progress from all our race site committees and we will have updates to share on the next meeting as well. As always, there is still plenty to do so if you feel like you want to help there is still plenty of time to get involved. Just let us know and we will accommodate however you feel you can help. Thanks to everyone for their continued hard work and we definitely have some good momentum.

Think spring everyone, it's getting closer and closer!

John Grigg

Marine Prop Riders – General Meeting – 01FE2023 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres. John Grigg at 7:32 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

January 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Motion to approve as printed in newsletter, **Steve Linn**; second, **Cassie Briggs**; motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – MARIO MARALDO: Mario Maraldo submitted the treasurer's report, noting an expense of \$185 for APBA club membership; balance is \$12,146.77. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, **Rich Falcinelli**; second **Cassie Briggs**; motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – NANCY SPANICH: Nancy's 11JA2023 report finds: 48 primary, 12 primary family, 2 honorary, 14 lifetime, 3 lifetime family for a total of 79.

PUBLICITY – TINA WILSON: Nice job by Tina, going vacationing (finally!)! **Nancy Spanich** will fill in for the March issue, send stuff to her for inclusion.

ENTERTAINMENT – RAY DONG: Ray Dong has a DVD of photos/video from Guntersville, Rocky Fork, and Madison for viewing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Steve Read** – new race search committee: **A. Belleville Lake** – race date is **24-25 June 2023**, date is on the APBA race calendar. More info next month. **B. Ford Lake** – JAYCEE's chairman, **Barry Pray**, and **Vic Butvila** met, awaiting park meeting; race date 05-06AU2023 is on the APBA race calendar. **C. Mott Lake's Crossroads Village (Flint area)** - **Dave Muscinski** reported an initial meeting with the C S Mott Foundation, a Flint area community support major player, with positive outlook, a next meeting to present a filled out proposal is on tap; race date **12-13 AUGUST 2023** is on the APBA race calendar. Kettering University was suggested as an additional potential helper for the race. **D. Quake:** **Ray Dong** and **Steve Read** will be meeting with the White Lake Twp board to continue efforts to revive racing on Pontiac Lake.
2. **Autorama:** **Dennis Scott** reported six boats (no unlimited, opens up some space, all six are Inboard Hydros) will be entering Cobo on the Tuesday (21FE2023) before Autorama, avoiding the usual move-in traffic snarl. **Phil Goodell** reported working on paperwork for electrical; funds allocated last month will be sufficient. Videos for showing should be sent to **Scooter Grigg** for inclusion in showings; no stuff that has been copywrited by the Unlimited Hydros. Autorama dates are 24-25-26 February 2023. A list was started for volunteers; passes will be available at will call, **Dennis Scott** is the backup plan.
3. **APBA National Meeting news:** the expected IRC commissioner was a no-show. **Barry Pray** reported that the *Litesaver* device was made mandatory for all vintage, purchase at a discount price is available. **Phil Goodell** reported that the IRC will vote on the proposed head and neck restraint rule sometime this month.
4. **Audit (actually a financial review of MPR records):** John Grigg, Nancy Spanich, Ray Dong, Ray Dong and D. Whitney will join Mario to review the club finances, pizza consumption follows completion of the review. Date TBD.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **December 2023 MPR Meeting:** as a thanx to Simple Palate for continuing to host our monthly club meetings, a discussion of having a Xmas celebration at the December 2023 meeting ensued. A target price of \$25 each for a buffet meal was suggested by the Simple Pallet management. A motion was introduced by **Barry Pray**, seconded by **Rich Falcinelli** to hold the MPR Xmas celebration at the 06December2023 MPR meeting at Simple Pallet with the above buffet featured; motion carried.
2. **Social Media / Website / Facebook:** these are being revitalized, with much work already done. **Scooter Grigg**, **Brian Reed**, and **Dillon Goodell** are working on all of this stuff. **Steve Read** spoke of the need to direct Facebook viewers to the website and capture contact information so promotional material for our races can be forwarded. Also suggested is a need for an individual members to step up and report on races, history, educational info about boat racing, technical, where to go in Region 6 to watch, get stuff, etc., and for sale equipment; the commitment is to submit a short article each month from that club member.
3. **Detroit Unlimited Race:** not in 2023, out of time to complete arrangements; looking to 2024.

Next Meeting: 01March2023, SIMPLE PALATE, 7:30 pm

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Barry Pray; second, Steve Linn. Meeting adjourned at **8:11 PM**.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)

Marine Prop Riders – BOD Meeting – 31JA2023 – Meeting Minutes
Meeting at SIMPLE PALATE called to order by Pres-elect John Grigg at 7:14 PM

Attend: John Grigg (Pres); Steve Read (Vice Pres); Mario Maraldo (Treas.); Eli Whitney (Sec.); Nancy Spanich (Membr.); Dillon Goodell, Dave Musczinski (Membrs at large); Ray Dong (Ent.); Tina Wilson (Pub.); Brian Reed

Website: Brian Reed sat in on the meeting for this subject. John Grigg discussed the updates for the website completed to date, pleased with the improvements. Brian reiterated that the website is not friendly to smartphone compatibility due to server age. Brian agreed to look into how to get race sponsors and team sponsors to be connected on the website. John Grigg requested that the website be readied for proposed races to input their information (promotional, dates, stuff) when they are ready to input such.

Content for website: Steve Read spoke of the need to spread out among the membership monthly input, rather than depending on one person. Club members should add their race team info or update if already existing. We should assign to specific people for an item to be added each month about news, history, technical, club plans, etc. More people will need to step up, not just the few usually doing so. We will need suggestions from Scooter and Brian to implement this input into the website. Table to future BOD meeting.

Newsletter: Reports are present that members are not receiving emails which may make announcements or even receive the newsletter. Discussion ensued on first, how this can happen (probably in the person's SPAM file, they don't look); second, addresses correct? Nancy Spanich opined that we can find out who is opening the email for the newsletter and who is not, and take action from there (teach the non-openers to open). Newsletter on the website has in the past occurred the month after the newsletter is published to maintain a benefit to the club member; discussed was whether to put the newsletter on when published for all to read. Brian noted that the newsletter is often too big to fit in email (photos use up space). Whether to put the newsletter on right away or wait is tabled until a future BOD meeting.

Facebook page: MPR has a facebook page, Brian is the administrator (admin). Scooter has started a group within it; Brian suggested phase out the primary page, leaving the group section as the page, Scooter and Dillon Goodell to make it work. Dillon will send out a facebook message the Sunday prior to membership meetings as a reminder to attend; a notification to check facebook would go to members who have their email address correctly on our mailing list, plus the reminder would be visible to anyone looking at the facebook MPR page, help publicize the meetings.

Directory: Nancy queried if we wished to have a directory published for the members, as done on occasion in the past. While all agreed that it is a good idea, some questions arose regarding inclusion of those who did not want their personal info disclosed (an option on the membership application, very few check this, do more people want such?). Also discussed was how to disseminate the directory (print, word file, disc, mail, etc.) and who gets it. Cost is another facet to investigate. John Grigg is to mention the opt out provisions in his next presidents page in the newsletter. Tabled for future BOD meeting.

MPR SWAG: John Grigg discussed the need for a new MPR banner for Autorama; new artwork is desired; Ray will gin something up. Other SWAG (shirts, decals, etc.) was discussed; Dillon Goodell and Ray are to bring back some ideas on managing this; Dillon will obtain costs. Table to future MPR meeting.

Race Committees: John Grigg initiated discussion regarding the race committees, keeping finances separate from MPR, but bringing net proceeds back into MPR. Each race committee has committed to an account to keep these separate from club finances; Ray Dong discussed financial responsibilities; D. Whitney added opinion. The discussion is not complete by any means, to continue in future.

Next BOD meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by D. Whitney (Eli)



Hello everybody,

I am reaching out because we would like to fill out the teams page on our club website and we need your input. If you are not on the website and would like to be, please provide us with the necessary information.

What we would like from you is to provide picture(s) of your boat and/or team and a short little bio. It can be any length, within reason, and contain any information you'd like to share. Boat information, team information, accomplishments, sponsors. We can include links to your website, facebook, instagram, etc.

See the teams page for examples: <https://www.marinepropriders.com/teams>

Please respond to Brian Reed with team information moreinfo@marinepropriders.com

If you have someone computer savvy on your team and would like to maintain your own page on the MPR site, contact Brian to get an account on the site.

Direct any questions to Dillon Goodell dillonmgoodell@gmail.com or Brian Reed moreinfo@marinepropriders.com

Thank you, Marine Prop Riders

- Dillon Goodell

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Racers who are adding the "Liteceiver" to their boats, the following information was given to us at the Region meeting. Special pricing until the end of March

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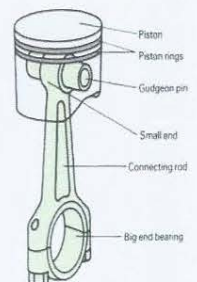
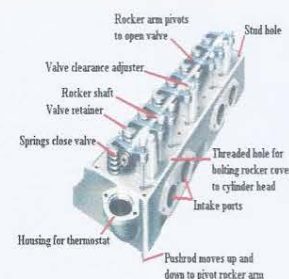
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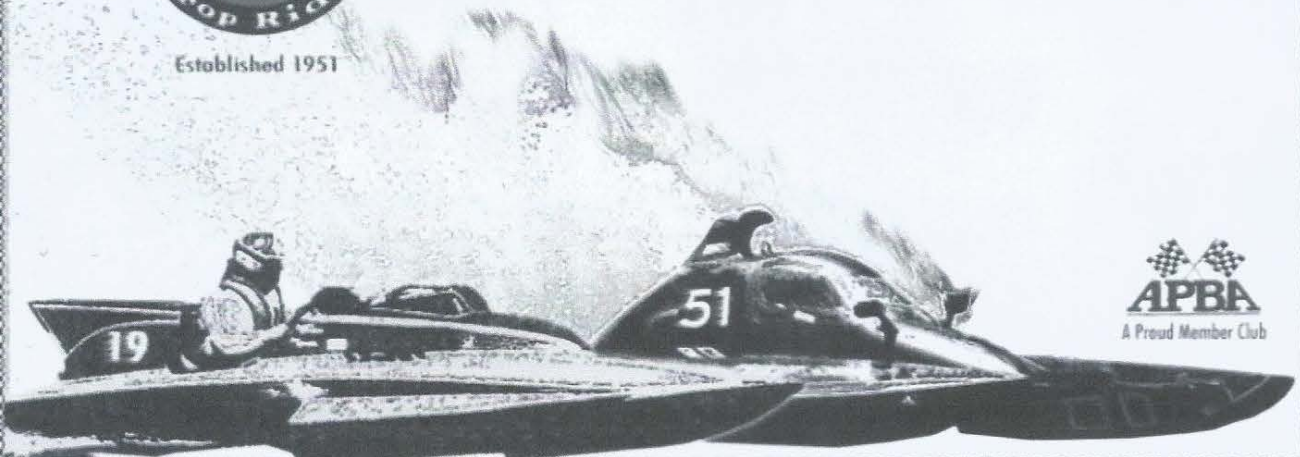


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