



# THE AUSTRALIAN MODEL POWERBOATING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of GENERAL MEETING

held at Rowville (Vic) 31<sup>st</sup>. March 2015

Meeting opened at 8:19 pm.

- Attendance: as per attached
- Committee in attendance: Craig Knight – President  
Graham Annabel – Secretary  
Tony Jones – Treasurer  
Frank Jones – Committee Member
- Apologies: Paul Stirton, Danny Bull
- Minutes from 2014 general meeting were read by Graham Annabel:

Moved to accept: Ken Retalick  
Seconded: Rod Nuienhout  
Passed: Unanimously

- Matters arising from previous meeting:
  - 1: New web page manager:  
Tony Jones reported that no one had come forward for the position. He had received a quote to have it managed professionally for a cost of 10-12K per annum – not even considered.
  - 2: Opened Face Book account to help promote the association.
  - 3: The Secretary reported that he had looked into a replacement for the plastic snow fencing and that the only other product that could be of interest was Barrier Mesh which comes in 50mt. rolls for \$31.50.
  - 4: The Secretary reported that he had looked into the availability of Kill Switches for Nitro boats. Although they are available (around \$80) they operate on a solenoid switch in the fuel line. When activated, the boat will keep going until the fuel in the line is consumed. Was considered not viable.
- General Discussion:
  - 1: General Scrutineering prior to each race was suggested. After a discussion, it was decided that each member MUST carry out 'self-scrutineering' prior to each race.

- 2: There was a discussion about being able to enter events online. The Secretary to discuss with RC Events in the US, they have advised that we can use their service for our events. Will see what is involved and the cost to host club.
- 3: The question was raise about closing event entries earlier so that event organisers can make decisions on whether to continue with meeting or not and organise trophies. There was no outcome.
- 4: There was a discussion and it was decided that there should be no late entry fees on an event entry.
- 5: The Middleton Trophy has been replaced with a new version. The old one is currently being refurbished and it was decided that it would be held by the Secretary as part of the association's memorabilia.
- 6: A list of the Perpetual Trophies is to be listed on the Web Page with the yearly winners noted. This will help Nationals organisers identify who has the trophies and ensure they are returned for the next event.
- 7: In light of the continually changing AMPBA RULE BOOK, it was decided that it be continued on the web page as a download and thus avoid the need to publish continually.
- 8: There was a discussion on whether we should go back to 3 boats as a minimum to create a class at an event. It was pointed out that a host club had that option by announcing it on the announcement of a regatta – the entry form.

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