



THE AUSTRALIAN MODEL POWERBOATING ASSOCIATION Minutes of General Meeting held
at Finley Bowlo 27/4/17

Meeting Opened at 20.25pm

Attendance: As per attached attendance sheet.

Committee in attendance:

- Craig Knight – President
- Daniel Yarrow- Vice President
- Tony Jones – Treasurer
- David Jones – Secretary
- Frank Jones – Committee Member

Apologies:

- Steven Fox

Moved to accept – Craig Knight

Seconded – Colin Buckmaster

Welcoming address made by meeting chairperson Craig Knight thanking all in attendance

Minutes from 2016 Meeting were read by David Jones.

Moved to Accept: Kevin Morris

Seconded: Daniel Yarrow

Passed: Unanimously

Matters arising from previous minutes:

National's attendance improved since last year, possible reasons were the timing of the event to minimise the impact on members requiring time off work to attend. Expressions of interest were sought for clubs interested in hosting next year's event.



General discussion

1. Members brought up what could be done to improve attendances at sanctioned events. Suggestions were also given for potential allocation of funds from The AMPBA given the current bank balance of the association.
2. Grant Hudson suggested subsidising costs of travel to encourage people to travel and gave the example of sailing competitions that paid a per kilometre fee for travel. Most saw this as unviable due to the low entry fees in comparison for our events.
3. Eric Arlitsch suggested encouragement to help others attend events. Bring in new blood and pointed out that in general it's the same old faces attending and racing these events.
4. Frank Jones suggested a possible subsidization of entry fees.
5. Tony Jones suggested a standardised trophy for all sanctioned events to reduce costs for the host clubs and in turn reduce entry fees for competitors.
6. Rob Johnson suggested trying new events, different races, starts etc.
7. Kevin Morris suggested that we as racers need to take it less seriously and have more fun. We shouldn't race with a win at all costs attitude.
8. David Jones suggested that our current racing format would be more fun if we showed each other more respect and didn't blow each other off the water.
9. Ron Yarrow suggested the use of transponder systems given the AMPBA has funds to support this. Tony Jones suggested that it would be ideal for a club to trial this, AMPBA committee to investigate and advise.
10. Kevin Morris raised that at a previous AGM it was decided that the AMPBA would supply Fire extinguishers to all clubs, this was discussed and generally thought that clubs would purchase the extinguishers and seek reimbursement from The AMPBA.



11. Rob Johnson raised what could be done to encourage more members into the association, asked where could we advertise. Suggestions of Hobby shops, Full size power boat racing clubs, water ski race clubs etc were some suggestions given.

12. Steve Tredaway and Gary Holborrow enquired about the scale boat register held within The AMPBA, it was confirmed that this has been let go and not currently being maintained. Daniel Yarrow offered to update and maintain the register.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm

Minutes taken by: David Jones AMPBA Secretary