

# **APBA QLD AGM**

**DATE** – 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011

**VENUE** – 50 THALLON ROAD, HATTONVALE, QLD

**MEETING BEGAN** – 11am

**ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES** – Peter Dukic, Craig Lewis, Clyde Lewis, Susan Lewis, Brent Lewis, Andrew Leeson

**APOLOGIES** – Linda Sonter, Damien McKenzie, Mal Thompson, Paul Jackson, Dave Garner.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by Peter Dukic and seconded by Clyde Lewis.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES** –

**CORRESPONDENCE** –

Please see extensive list of correspondence from Susan Lewis – these are sorted into Correspondence from National APBA, Bundy Thunder Committee, Lockyer Powerfest and individual club correspondence.

Snail mail – **CORRESPONDENCE IN** – Rob Peters (Bundy Thunder Committee) – Bundy Thunder 2011 – 100 Drivers' Packs

Snail mail – **CORRESPONDENCE OUT** – Appreciation certificates sent to all drivers, sponsors and Trojan crew for their support of the Lockyer Powerfest.

Clyde Lewis has accepted the correspondence and Peter Dukic has seconded them.

**REPORTS** – President 's report –

## **President's Report Queensland APBA - July 17<sup>th</sup> 2011**

In opening this meeting, once again we started the year with a tragic death of John Cross at Yarrawonga, Victoria. Our sympathy and thoughts go out to John's family, friends and supporters.

Racing this year was cut short by some of the worst floods in QLD's history, which devastated all of our venues. This limited our racing to only 5 race meetings this calendar year. I'm pleased to see that our venues are slowly rebuilding and that Yeronga is up and running again on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. A great effort was put into running our 2<sup>nd</sup> event at Emerald by the Maraboon club and in particular Linda Sonter. I'm sure that their future endeavours will be bigger and better.

Bundy Thunder 2010 was a huge success, contrary to rumours that the crowds were severely down, Saturday's crowd was probably the best I'd ever seen, but Sunday's crowd was competing with other major events in the region. A new committee has been set up for Bundy this year and a new 2 year contract has been agreed upon. The work for this year's event is well under way with the recent arrival of driver's packs. We are forseeing a big response and big meeting this year at Bundy.

With great pleasure I'm happy to say that the Gold Coast Power Boat and Sports Club conducted their first race meeting in nearly 10 years at the Lockyer Powerfest at Laidley. The meeting was an unbelievable success with over 4000 people in attendance. The club has already started its preparation for next year's event to be bigger and better. This is great for QLD racing as we now have a 2<sup>nd</sup> major event in this state.

On the national front huge changes are in place, with the 6 presidents of each state taking a position on the National Board now. A complete restructure of APBA works and functions is under way. The benefits of these changes will not be seen initially, but in future years to come the vision we are taking now will become more apparent.

In recent times our council was not directly informed, but via forums that our NQ club had decided not to continue its affiliation with the APBA QLD. They have sort insurance from another entity and now have proceeded to slander the operation and structure of APBA, which is unfortunate to say the least. Slandorous comments were made against myself, Peter Dukic and APBA from the NQ President which were not appreciated and not validated. The NQ President has displayed on open forums his willingness to run outside of APBA rules, to let any boats run at their events, which is contrary to APBA official stance. He also is allowing driver's to compete without a competition licence structure. Due to these reasons, APBA QLD contacted MSQ water to notify them that this club has been disaffiliated with APBA QLD and we accept no responsibility for their actions.

APBA this year invested in infrastructure with a new computerized timing system, which has been used for the 1<sup>st</sup> time successfully at the Lockyer Powerfest meeting and is available for use for all QLD clubs. We are now in the final stages of launching our new webpage, which is more user friendly for the secretary and will enable a greater range of documents to be uploaded (eg. PDF files). We are currently in the process of building a new safety cell for driver testing and this will be ready for the start of the new licence year. This year we also introduced the QLD cup and I'd like to publicly thank Peter Dukic for producing an awesome perpetual trophy.

Financially QLD APBA is in a strong position and is predicting a growth in our sport in our state this year. This can only lead to better things happening in our sport in this state.

I'd like to thank all my members on council for their efforts throughout the year, all our clubs for their support and efforts throughout the year and congratulate all our QLD drivers for all their successes this year.

Yours in racing,  
Craig Lewis  
APBA QLD – President

Outboard – Michael Errington has helped with the running of Lockyer Powerfest, but now Damien McKenzie has accepted the job of running QLD Outboards.

Inboards – We are happy to hear that new boats are under construction, in the 6 Litre Pro Stock and 4.2 Litre class. This will lead ultimately to more participants at our race meetings.

A proposal has been sent to us for the QLD Skiff class to attract new members and drivers by opening up the rules. Further information will be given at a later date.

#### Maraboon club

Hello to QLD APBA and all in attendance,

It is with deep regret that I offer my apologies for not making the meeting today, to represent our club. It is due to family only and I wish I was there.

If nominated, I am more than happy to continue as Media Liason Officer, and as such, would like everyone from drivers and crews to feel free to offer me any ideas they may have to further continue our exposure. I hope that I have done you all proud with the articles i get done for Race Boat News AND AGAIN ASK IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE SOMETHING MENTIONED IN THESE ARTICLES TO PLEASE LET ME KNOW (sorry about typing)

Please let me also congratulate everyone involved with Laidley, it was a great meet and it is terrific to see South Qld trying to put on club days throughout the year. Drivers need to be able to support these club days better. (It can only help get our boats and drivers all the better to beat those southerners (Ha ha).

In regard to Maraboon Power boat club, we have again declined to set a date this year, as due to basically having to pay boats in either fuel or tow money to come out as well as the sanction fee we have to make sure we can get sponsorship in place before we host an event. We are hoping to host another event in 2012/13.

(Peter, if you could please send an invoice for membership it will be paid immediately.)

I wish Qld APBA all the best for the following year and you all know how to contact me if needed.

I will be at home today if anyone wishes to ask me something whilst the meeting is on. (07) 4164 3061.

Thanks  
Linda

#### South Queensland club

This club is still struggling with the venue and although the ramp is operational, the building is still unusable since the floods and will be not able to be used for some time to come. The car park currently is full of pallets of bricks. The running of the next race meeting is still planned for 31<sup>st</sup> of July, but with portable facilities. The lack of support, restricts numbers for future events. Hopefully drivers won't be missing out. This verbal report was given by Andrew Leeson.

A proposal has been under discussion, from the Water Ski Association to run a display of boats at the World Championships at Bramble Bay, Redcliffe.

#### Gold Coast club

Lockyer Powerfest – see President's report

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

QLD APBA is currently in a sound position, with all paperwork cross referenced and balanced. NQ Powerboat club owes money for a sanction not paid. Recently timing equipment and a printer was purchased, to aid the running of events in QLD.

Reports accepted by Craig Lewis and Andrew Leeson.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS –**

**MEETING CLOSED – 11.33am**

**DECLARE ALL POSITIONS VACANT – Nominations given for the following positions and positions have been accepted.**

#### **AGM Queensland State Council elections:**

Craig Lewis – President – accepted (nominated by GCPBC)

Damien McKenzie – VP Outboards - not present, but has accepted the position (nominated by GCPBC)

Craig Lewis – VP- Inboards – accepted (nominated by GCPBC)

Craig Francis – VP- Juniors - not present, but has accepted the position (nominated by GCPBC)

Dave Gardner – Rules Officer – not present, but has accepted the position (nominated by GCPBC)

Andrew Leeson – South Queensland delegate – accepted

Peter Dukic – Gold Coast Queensland delegate – accepted

Linda Sonter – Maraboon Club delegate – not present, but has accepted the position

Mal Thompson + Peter Dukic – Safety Officers – Mal not present, but has accepted the position, (nominated by GCPBC), Peter Dukic - accepted (nominated by GCPBC).

Susan Lewis – Secretary – accepted (nominated by GCPBC)

Peter Dukic – Treasurer – accepted (nominated by GCPBC)

Peter Dukic – Licence Officer – accepted (nominated by GCPBC)

Linda Sonter – Media Liaison Officer, not present, but has accepted the position (nominated by GCPBC)

Clyde Lewis – Patron – accepted (nominated by GCPBC)

- 15<sup>th</sup> July – AGM for 2012 has been called by Craig Lewis.
- Council dates, 1 month prior to Bundy Thunder Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Venue – TBA, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – a couple months prior to Lockyer Powerfest – called by Craig Lewis, General Meeting – venue TBA, possibly Yeronga. Everyone needs to make an effort to attend, particularly for executive members and it will be an open meeting for anyone to attend.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS –**

Licence Fees for 2011 – 2012 submitted for Peter Dukic, Treasurer.

Junior boat, built by the QLD APBA is  $\frac{3}{4}$  done. At this stage the boat will be kept at Hattonvale.

Cell test info – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 9am, cell test commences. All drivers are encouraged to all be there! Test fee of \$50.

Bundy Thunder – drivers' packs have been sent to APBA QLD. Packs will be handed out at Windsor for those interested and all others can access entry forms and drivers' packs via the QLD APBA Website and Bundy Thunder website. There is only 100 additional pit passes have been provided to QLD APBA for drivers and crew. Entry passes must be purchased at the gate. This is a 2 year contract, that will allow for CPI increases on certain items.

Wayne Sonter (via email) – raised issue of introduction of flashing lights on safety boats. Peter currently has one or two in the process to be used on safety boats.

**Meeting closed – 11.54am**