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2011 TORC AGM Minutes

by Heather Knox

October 29th, 2011
 For a full copy, please contact your executive.

Meeting called to order: 9:18am J.Elliott
Attendees: 34 plus, Guests 4, Regrets 1

Executive Reviews/Reports

President Report – Jordan Elliott. All races in 2011 made money except Waterford.

Vice President Report – Brian Sherriff. Thanks everyone for all their hard work and help in 2011.

Treasurer Report – Jayne Howard. Revenue \$25,000 versus Expenses \$23,153 with a difference of \$2432.46.

Secretary Reports – Heather Knox. No Report

Membership Report – Erik Luksep. 86 members in 2011 with continuing growth hopefully

Promotion Report – Andrew Fralick. 2011 TORC was in TIBS with Fast Boats Canada. London Show with a Tunnel Hull provided by Dan Orchard. We didn't participate in CME or ACBS

Seaflea Meet on Six Mile Lake was a success ACBS 2012 will have at least 5 boats (B.Shorney) Beginning of TORC 60th Anniversary Year. Any special events or ideas to celebrate the occasion?

Newsletter Report – Andrew Fralick. Still in need of help and submissions. Team profiles are also always appreciated.

Statistician Report – Graham Fralick. No results yet. Approximately 16 days of racing this year.

Correspondence Received/Sent:

Letter received from Heather Rennalls (to be discussed later) about possible race site in Woodstock

CBF Reports/Updates

Insurance problems w/ inboard division. Valleyfield Group will be got their own insurance.

Lise Haineault has resigned as President and Derek Anderson is Interim President for time being. CBF is financially comfortable for a couple of years. CBF doing a lot for the Outboard division, we need to support the Convention. Suspected fee decrease for membership

APBA Report/Updates

Increase in Outboard membership fees

Old Business:

Radio Update – Purchased by G.Fralick, need anymore, or do any old ones need to be replaced?

Radios are in great condition, no need for any replacements.

Muskoka Sea Flea Fun & Meet event at 6 Mile Lake. Report for 2011/2012. To be discussed at future meeting

APBA Historical Society update for J props from Sheila Whittington. No Update, Sheila not here.

Lifejackets to be inspected? Inspection will be more diligent in the future.

Arnprior Update. Not discussed

Phasing out of old engines, Jordan Elliott, new information? J.Elliott would be interested in a 10 year plan, what engines do we want to see around and which we don't. To be discussed again at a future meeting.

T-Class to investigate diver – investigated but ruled out.

Finley's trophies, Jordan Elliott to advise.

Trophies were brought to meeting to be picked up

2011 TORC Award Winner nominations

Norm Thinell Award, Best New Driver
 Nominated: Eryk Csonka, Dave Elsey, Will Hunter (winner), Patrick Thor-

neloe
 Larry Wells Award, Sportsmanship and Outstanding Performance

Nominated: Scott Whittington, Don Whittington, Jordan Elliott (winner)

Jack Abel Award, Outstanding contribution by a TORC member or sponsor to Outboard racing

Nomination: Paul Kryskow, Don Whittington, Erik Luksep (winner), Hunter Equipment (J.Hunter)

2011 CBF Award Winner nominations

Outboard Rookie of the Year

Nominations: Dave Elsey (winner), Eryk Csonka, Paul Coulter

Oley Berkis Award, Outstanding Involvement to Further Racing in Ontario

Nominations: Brian Sherriff, Don Whittington, Heather Knox, Andrew Fralick (winner)

Eric Wolf Award, "Presented in memory of a good friend and fierce competitor"

Nominations: Eric Abel, Erik Luksep (winner), John Webster

Best Race of the Year

Nominations: Dunnville, Gravenhurst (winner)

Elections for 2012

President, Nominated: J.Elliott (1st H.Knox, 2nd E.Luksep) Vote: Passed. Accepted.

Vice President, Nominated: B.Sherriff (1st A.Fralick, 2nd H.Knox) Vote: Passed. Accepted.

Treasurer, Nominated: H.Knox (1st J.Elliott, 2nd G.Fralick) Vote: Passed. Accepted.

Secretary, Nominated: W.Hunter (1st J.Elliott, 2nd H.Knox) Vote: Passed. Accepted.

Membership Director, Nominated: E.Luksep (1st J.Misener, 2nd J.Howard) Vote: Passed. Accepted.

Statistician, Nominated: G.Fralick (1st H.Knox, 2nd A.Fralick) Vote: Passed. Accepted.

Executive Switch of Duties

Minutes to be completed by Will Hunter Club Secretary.

New Business:

Heather Rennalls from Woodstock to discuss a possible race. Ted Abel and John Webster to attend Town Meeting (Mark Hayward contact as well) J.Elliott and E.Luksep to send her list of 'things to do' and promotional materials. Can we fit another race? J.Elliott set deadline of January 7th for Heather Rennalls to provide information and feedback from town. Executive to send her contact info to T.Abel, J.Webster and M.Hayward

COR [Classic Outboard Runabout] it is a new class that I am just beginning to work on the development stage. I just want to mention it. - D.Whittington. Mod VP type boats, slow class, growing on the east coast.

T Class Rule changes for 2012 – D.Whittington
 6 Minor changes to be submitted at National Meeting.

Inspections - D.Whittington. T Class will have inspection sheets and boat stickers. TORC needs to start getting more serious with inspections as membership grows. Technical inspections as well, someone needs to be enforcing them. MOTION: A.Fralick – TORC pays Officials training fee for Matt Arlt to join CBF.



TORC is to back him up completely and make sure he is treated with respect. 2nd D.Elsey. PASSED. Only CBF approved inspectors can tear down engines.

Poor T class turn out at certain sites - D.Whittington. Poor turnout related to camping versus available motels Boat Launch at Gravenhurst was very disorganized. T Boat count is up to 32, with a hopeful 20/ race

Race Day schedule - D.Whittington. Set schedules including what time we are to register and start each day. Leave with executive to discuss and set up.

Boatstars.com update and intro - A.Fralick
Trying to create and distribute a magazine
Very welcoming to TORC. Free Advertising.

TORC Awards Dinner - need for food solution (Ginny Hunt unavailable). Prize ideas as well. - A.Fralick. N.Dixon and H.Knox to discuss dinner options and ideas. T.Billinger may donate items (oil?). P.Thorneloe and E. Csonka to look into trophies.

CBF Convention Update - A.Fralick
No date has been set yet, but likely in January
A.Fralick is stepping down from vice-chair position – need someone interested in stepping up. A Fralick advised it is likely Scott Toole will step down as chair, opening that position also.

Bulk buy awards for 2012 races? - A.Fralick
Not discussed

Event shirts for 2012? Need a transporter. - A.Fralick. J.Hunter to transport shirts from race to race TIBS, CME, London, etc. What shows are we aiming to get in and volunteer boats and manpower for. - A.Fralick. TIBS, Rich Brown trying to get more classes, will know size of booth in a couple of weeks. B.Markell to donate carpet and can supply moving equipment. CME, January or February, Cam Newlands looking into dates. London Show, not a great show, should discuss with Dan Orchard. P.Coulter to check with Orchard about show.

Limit entries of T boats at Waterford? Rookies only? T750 only? First come first served through pre-registration? Other ideas/solutions? - A.Fralick. Back up plan so whole day isn't consumed, T boats up first and then racers around to help with everything else.

Possible new clock as supplied by M.Cory (details and discussion to follow)

Supporting New Dock at Erinsville - A.Fralick
Buy a plank for new dock from Bar/Lions Club
Motion \$50 donation for plank A.Fralick, 2nd P.Coulter. PASSED

TORC 60th celebration ideas - A.Fralick
Tie in with Sailing Club and/or CBF convention. Logo on Awards perhaps, TORC jackets another option. Andrew working on a logo/design
Perhaps a reunion of past members. Clayton, NY. Possibility to connect with them & promote TORC's 60th year.

"Official" shirts for our officials. - A.Fralick
To discuss at future meeting

Reminder that last year it was discussed to bring in St. John's Ambulance to do a free course on first aid. Can we achieve this for this year?

Membership fee increase – E.Lukse

MOTION increase membership fee for individual racer from \$35 to \$50, family from \$50 to \$60 and leave non-racer at \$35. Motion put forth by E.Lukse, 2nd J.Elliott. PASSED

Bryan Agar/Brian Sherriff comments on announcer's viewpoint. Would like to see all drivers have the same numbers on boats, can email B.Sherriff or Bryan at bryanandcathy@sympatico.ca to clarify your information and boat numbers. It was noted that bright colours are easier to see on the water, and adding colour or striping to the vertical surface will help. B.Sherriff to send out profile sheets again to update information for the announcer. All boats should be following CBF rules about black and white numbers.

Newsletter, should we keep this or just utilize Facebook better? – B.Sherriff. Definitely continue to send out newsletter, majority of members read and like newsletter.

Race Site Business

Waterford
B.Sherriff to contact Waterford and see if it's possible to negotiate lower fees
Gravenhurst
Made money, lots of spectators, next year we need someone to man launch ramp and hot pits
Hopefully we can put the clock on the barge this year. Erinsville. Drags do not wish to go, Rough conditions, need help/volunteers from Ottawa Club
J.Elliott to contact OVPBC about taking over the race.

Dunnville—Larger pit area needed, New ramp hopefully this year. Keep roads closed both days. Push beer tent towards water for extra room for drags and t class. B.Sherriff to take lead on race

Woodstock (discussed above)

New Business not on Agenda

Meeting Dates

January 14, Feb 4, March 3, April 14
Awards Luncheon Feb 25

Race Dates:

Waterford June 9/10
Gravenhurst June 23/24
Erinsville July 21/22
Dunnville August 25/26 (preferred date)
Drags will try and find people to go out and man the boat (A.Ray as possible help)
Rescue Boat driver needs to be CBF member and have first aid training

Meeting Adjourned: 1:04pm J.Elliott, 2nd H.Knox

On the Cover

Out of time, pics just stolen from Hydroplane Quebec site and Todd Billinger facebook page.

Top: 20SSH at Dunnville. Mike Werner Jr with Paul Kryskow on his inside.

Middle: ASH, Maely Bergeron (I hope, might be her sister Gaelle) coming in after a run.

Bottom Left: ASH, Will Hunter having a wild ride at Erinsville Ontario. Unfortunately he didn't save it. He and Rick Fralick who he tangled with were ok.

Bottom Right: Todd Billingers new ThunderCat hull for 2012 with Lucas Oil support.

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As the prop turns by Andrew Fralick



Word on the street is Barry Markell of Ottawa area has sourced an OMC motor to put on his ASR Racecraft. It's suppose to be a good one! The grapevine also says he bought an ASH hull and will get that on the water in the second half of the season.

Tom Schnull who is a new member from Mississauga has bought a new Yamato 302 and a hydro to try out. He originally was interested in reviving a sea-flea from years past, but interest in the racing side of things has grown. Erik Luksep has been helping him out and he'll be on the water in the spring to see what his next steps are.

Sources say Will Hunter and his father Jim have added a 25SSH outfit from the states. A top runner. What don't these guys own now? Time for a runabout! Haha. Have fun guys and don't get buried in stuff! As TORC's 2011 Best New Driver award winner, Will is surely be one to watch.

Rumours have been surfacing that there could be a race in Tweed on the first weekend June. Talks are

suppose to be taking place with the town.

Talks are also taking place in late January with officials in Woodstock about a possible event at an ideal location. Local people are heading up the efforts. Look for news at the February meetings.

ThunderCats inflatable race boats have secured a deal to run with the OPA event in Sarnia, Ontario for the next 4 years is my understanding. OPA sanctions offshore powerboat races. Support money for the class was also approved.

Todd Billinger's new ThunderCat is painted in sponsor colours and it looks great. (See cover) Other parties are also chatting about getting involved in the new category.

Lots of talk about other new categories and classes... COR, GT30, new drag classes. I'm sure some will be discussed at the CBF Convention.

CBF Convention - Feb 18 by Derek Anderson

The CBF Annual Convention will be held the weekend of February 17, 18, 19, 2012. It will take place in Kinston, Ontario at The Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

This year, the annual convention is being held after the New Year as we have been extremely busy moving the National office. Since November 28, 2011 we are located in our new office and we will be pleased to welcome you all. (New Address at end of news letter)

This year's convention will be business as usual. It will start with a Welcome Aboard party Friday evening for all, with the first scheduled meeting taking place Saturday morning (General Assembly) followed by the Division meetings (Inboard, Outboard and Vintage) in the afternoon.

Saturday evening will be the Annual Banquet, it will start with dinner followed by our Awards Ceremony, where our Champions will be crowned with trophy presentations for all division winners and special awards will be presented. It will be followed by an evening filled with music and fun for all.

Sunday morning we have reserved the Hotel pool for our members, where they will be able to take part in the Inboard Capsule training. Please remember in order to compete in CBF or APBA events you must have passed a certified capsule test.

Reservations for the Hotel can now be made. Rooms start at \$115.00 a night for rooms with 2 Queen Size beds, \$125.00 King room and \$145.00 for a Junior Suite. Please reserve quickly as space is limited. This price can only be guaranteed until January 16, 2012.

The dinner menu will be out shortly, meeting and banquet tickets are available for \$60.00 each. Banquet and Party \$55.00. Meeting and/or Party \$15.00

Please contact the CBF head office to reserve your Banquet tickets before January 16, 2012.

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We will have more information on the convention shortly.

The success of the CBF Convention depends on you the members. Please come out and support your federation. We look forward to seeing you all there. Regards, Derek Anderson, CBF President



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The Sherriff's Blotter

by Brian Sherriff

Annual General Meeting

Close to 40 people attended the meeting, and some said that is the most in years. If so, it is a good sign, yet there were many people missing, and some classes under-represented. It is understandable that people can't always attend due to time and distance, but we do hope everyone can attend a winter meeting and the banquet.

Jayne Howard presented the financial status of the club, and money in the bank is up about \$3,000 over the previous year. Money is in the bank to pay for the first three races of 2012, which is imperative as the second and third races come before money can be collected at Waterford-the first race. The executive is working on how best to use the surplus, or to save it.

There have been many hours spent by Andrew Fralick, Erik Luksep and Mike Cory sourcing a digital start clock. Others have also been involved, and have been speaking with other clubs to discover the features of their clock. Collectively, they have been compiling a specification and are trying to negotiate with various vendors. However, we may still be approximately \$1,000 short of the money required. There is discussion about ordering soon, as some businesses are slower at this time of year and can offer a discount. I think we need to work on how to go forward and buy the clock so that we can operate our races more professionally. It is on our "wish list", and let's hope we can bring it to fruition for 2012.



TORC executive was elected, with Will Hunter entering as secretary. We look forward to his assistance with recording and preparing meeting Minutes. Also, we are anticipating his youthful input to contribute an energetic perspective for new ideas. President Jordan Elliott advised he will serve in 2012, but can't commit beyond that for personal reasons. However, he continues to have the desire to work on growing the Gravenhurst event.

After serving TORC for many years, never being a racer, all members should be grateful for Jayne Howard's efforts as Treasurer. Heather Knox will perform this during the year, with Paul Coulter jumping in to do the tax return. Coulter advised that he may be able to stand as the full-time treasurer in 2013. Jayne Howard advised she may be available to be scorer in Gravenhurst.

What does all this mean? Volunteers get tired when the work becomes too big. I'm sure this has been discussed for 60 years of TORC, and we really do need to appreciate all who can volunteer whether on the executive, repairing our equipment, developing a race site, or work on race day. I hope we can get a drag racer on the Executive for 2013. We need to continue to make the drag racers comfortable and feel more a part of the club. We did have good participation with them for volunteering at the races, so the next step is to be involved with planning to ensure their needs are being met.

Don Whittington presented his findings about a racing class that he advised is "growing on the east coast". COR (Classic Outboard Racing) features Mod VP type boats. The boats run relatively slowly, and he will be working the internet to continue develop interest and bring in new racers. He has done it before with the T-class. He will update us when he has new information.

Heather Rennals of Norwich presented her plan to bring racing back to her area - Woodstock!

Ted and Erik Abel with John Webster and Ernie Wilson of Ingersoll are working directly with Heather, and are gathering local support. They have a meeting scheduled for late January. We expect to have an update to you at the February meeting.

The family of former racer John Finley has donated his old trophies to TORC. We have a group that is looking to restore them and hopefully we can recycle them and award them to our racers.



Many items were discussed regarding making a race day go smoother. Issues such as the Gravenhurst boat ramp for T-class and drag boats where we need better coordination, late starts at Erinsville and clock problems that should be solved with a new digital clock! Gravenhurst had a late approval date for 2011, and we didn't want to push for too much, so 2012 should result in an improved race site.

Ginny Hunt is unavailable this year to prepare the great luncheons she has done in the past. We need ideas, and prize ideas too.

Andrew Fralick, vice-chairman of the CBF Outboard is stepping down from that position, as it is likely that chairman Scott Toole will as well. That means both positions are likely open, and available. CBF Convention is upcoming in January.

As our wish list of needs increases, items continue to be fulfilled. Bill Markell is donating carpet that we can use at boat shows and will deliver it. Thanks Bill! Ask and you shall receive. There is some great strengths in the club and it is very nice to see people helping when they can. Where may you fit in?

TORC members decided to donate \$50 to 'buy a plank' for the dock and patio construction in Erinsville. Look for TORC's plank at Beaver Lake next year. We hope our involvement will be not only a small encouragement, but assist us with our ongoing relationship there.

As part of the 60th year celebration of TORC we are looking for ideas of how to include former members and encourage new ones so that TORC can continue on. John Webster was recognised as a member since its inception.

Membership fees for 2012 are increasing. Of course, everyone wishes to race for free, but the reality is, there are costs that we don't have sponsorship to cover. Non-racer memberships remain unchanged. Individual racer increases \$15 to \$50/year, and Family increases \$10 to \$60. Some commented that they would expect fees to be \$100/year for racers as is the case in snowmobile racing, so TORC remains relatively inexpensive. One of the reasons for increasing fees was to cover bank charges for accepting credit card transactions, but those were added just to make it easier for the volunteer race registrar on race weekend. A good idea, I believe, and it is likely we will move the early registration to a week earlier than it was this year to take even better advantage of it by creating even less pressure on the registrar.

Announcer Bryan Agar attended and reminded racers to put boat numbers on both sides of the boat (a rule actually), and suggested that if it is possible for a racer to be the same number, regardless of class being raced in, that will help the announcers, and make it better for the spectators.

Agar and I also mentioned that it is confusing when the race leader is shown the chequered flag, and a following lapped racer who is shown the white flag then proceeds to drive one more lap. In other forms of racing, once the chequered flag is displayed, a driver can only cross the finish line once. In order to not get into modifying the General Racing Rules, we have the option of having the referee state at the beginning of the race day that a racer should not drive one more lap, but will be awarded the position even though all laps are not completed. This will create less confusion for spectators, eliminate the boredom of watching one boat navigate the course, and speed

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up the race day. In Canada, in OPC, they had a rule that if a racer drove an extra lap, the penalty would be one lap. I even saw a race-winner receive this penalty and therefore not get the win. It certainly put a focus on paying attention to the flags!

Should we continue to prepare the newsletter? Are new social media and email taking over and making the printed/mailed newsletter format outdated? The majority in attendance advised they read and enjoy it, and wish for it to continue.

Boatstars.com was presented by Andrew Fralick and is an interesting web site to promote our races. Explore this site and envision ways to collaborate and promote TORC races.

TORC awards and TORC's vote for CBF awards were voted on. Winners will be honoured at the banquet. In order to make this a more fair vote in the future, I propose that we receive nominations at the AGM in 2012, or receive them by email prior to that meeting. Then, we can receive votes from every TORC member even if they cannot attend the AGM.

In order to better honour the people for whom the awards are named after, we would like to have more information about these people before we forget them and the reason for naming a certain award after them, and improving the definitions where required. These are the awards: Oley Berkis-Outstanding involvement to further racing in Ontario; Eric Wolf "Presented in memory of a good friend and fierce competitor". Send any information you have to bri.sherriff@gmail.com



The Toronto International Boat Show is January 14-22. We are anticipating having space, and need volunteers to represent TORC at the booth and to display their boat.

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Jan 14	TORC Meeting—THSC 9am-12pm
Jan 14-22	Toronto Boat Show Booth G166
Feb 4	TORC Meeting—THSC 9am-12pm
Feb 11	Detroit Boat Show
Feb 17-19	CBF Convention—Kingston ON
Feb 25	TORC Awards— THSC 11am-5pm
Mar 3	TORC Meeting—THSC 9am-12pm
Mar 3	APBA Race—Lakeland FL
Apr 14	TORC Meeting—THSC 9am-12pm
May 5	TORC Swap Meet & BBQ, Picton ON, 9am into the night
June 1-2	CBF Race—Tweed ON
June 9-10	CBF/APBA Race—Waterford ON
June 23-24	CBF Race—Gravenhurst ON
June 23-24	APBA Race—Bay City MI
July 13	ThunderCat Run—Port Dover ON
July 15	ThunderCat Run—Pottahawk ON
July 20	PWC Race (ThunderCat) - Belle River ON
July 21-22	CBF Race—Erinsville ON
July 21-22	APBA Race— Trenton MI
Aug 4	APBA Race—Grass Lake MI Nationals
Aug 4-5	OPA Race (Offshore/ThunderCat) - Sarnia ON
Aug 11-12	APBA Race—Top O MI Nationals
Aug 25-26(18-19)	CBF/APBA Race—Dunnville ON
Sept 1-2-3	(Labour Day) - APBA/CBF Race - Lock Haven, PA
Sept 15-16	APBA/CBF Race—Redwood NY
Oct 27	TORC A.G.M.

Send in your dates!

More updates to come... keep your eyes and ears open!



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