



**ERCU Board of Directors**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, 6 p.m.  
Via Zoom

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Quorum present. Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m.
- b. *Those Present: David Newton, David Heilbrunn, Jerry Dunlap, Craig Mullen, Nelson Holmberg, Dennis Caines, Mike McIntosh, Jim McKeon*

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Jerry Dunlap moved to approve minutes from 10/8/24 meeting with no changes. David Heilbrunn second. With no further discussion, board voted 7-0 to approve minutes as presented.

**III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

- a. Treasurer/Registrar – Jim McKeon reported that the club currently has \$4,364 in the bank. He also reported that the only outstanding bill we have out is \$50 for our state filing. Jim asked to plan, financially, for items/equipment that will need to be purchased this offseason. Nelson said he would prepare a club budget as has been done in previous years.
- b. Race Coordinator – 2025 proposed schedule. David H. had presented the draft proposed schedule he put together and distributed to the board via email last week. Asked for feedback and direction from the board whether to move forward with making reservations for all the dates at parks featured in the schedule. The board, by acclimation, provided support and direction to move ahead with the proposed 2025 race schedule. The proposed schedule is also attached to these minutes.

**IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- a. None

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. David Newton's resignation – David Newton shared his resignation from the Board of Directors with one year left on his current term. All board members shared appreciation to David for his three years of service on the board.
  - i. Appoint replacement to the vacant seat on the board (to complete unexpired term through 10/31/2025) – Nelson opened nominations of club members in good standing to replace David on the board. Jerry Dunlap nominated Dennis Caines. David Heilbrunn seconded. Dennis accepted the nomination and with no further discussion the board voted unanimously to appoint Dennis Caines to fulfill the unexpired term, through 10/31/2025. Congratulations and many thanks to Dennis for accepting the responsibility of serving on the board.
- b. Appointment of board officers
  - i. Chair – Nelson Holmberg was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Board voted unanimously to appoint Nelson as Chair for the 2024-25 season.



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- ii. Secretary – Jerry Dunlap was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Board voted unanimously to appoint Jerry as Secretary for the 2024-25 season.
  - iii. Treasurer/Registrar – Jim McKeon was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Board voted unanimously to appoint Jim as Treasurer/Registrar for the 2024-25 season.
  - iv. Race Coordinator/Statistician – David Heilbrunn was nominated and seconded to serve both positions to create an opportunity for having two inspectors on the board. No other nominations. Board voted unanimously to appoint David as Race Coordinator/Statistician for the 2024-25 season.
  - v. Inspector – Craig Mullen and Mike McIntosh were nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Board voted unanimously to appoint Mike and Craig as Inspectors for the 2024-25 season.
  - vi. At Large – Dennis Caines was nominated and seconded. No other nominations. Board voted unanimously to appoint Dennis as At Large for the 2024-25 season.
- c. Review of 2024-25 Priorities – Nelson presented a list of board priorities for the 2024-25 offseason, including delegation. The board agreed that the priorities were appropriate, and Nelson e-mailed the list of priorities to all board members following the meeting. The list of priorities is also attached to these minutes.
  - d. Winter meetings – Nelson shared that he would like to resume ERCU board meetings pre-scheduled once a month during November, December, January, February and March. These meetings would be intended to conduct the business of the board and to encourage camaraderie and participation among members of the club. The November and December meetings will be virtual, via Zoom, on Saturdays. The January meeting will be a board meeting followed by a trailer work session at the home of Dennis Caines, on a Saturday in January. The February meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the Roger Newton Memorial RC Model Boat Show, February 15 at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum. The March meeting will be a test, tune and inspect day at Waughop Lake in Lakewood, date to be determined.

**VI. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Membership survey next steps – The full board discussed the proposed survey mechanism and agreed there was just one priority issue that the membership needed to be surveyed about, that being the Gold Cup format. A poll will be set up on the club's website and will remain open for five days. A club email will be sent to all members alerting them of the opportunity to express their opinions about the Gold Cup. Expediency in this question is important due to the potential of a necessary rule change, and in terms of reserving parks dates.
- b. Sponsorship proposal – The club now has a boilerplate sponsorship proposal document that includes pricing and sponsor benefits for various different levels of sponsorship. Craig, Mike and Jim all agreed to lead sponsor sales efforts. The boilerplate proposal was emailed to all board members after the meeting and is



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attached to these minutes. It will also be made available to members of the club who also may want to reach out to potential club sponsors.

- c. Rule book update – Nelson updated the board about his project to clean up the rule book and make it easier to navigate while also eliminating contradictions and redundancies. David Heilbrunn and Mark Gran have also agreed to help with reviewing Nelson’s changes to the book. Craig Mullen also offered to help with illustrations and/or photographs. He will work with Mark Gran to accomplish this.
- d. Competition Committee update – Nelson updated the board on the status of the Competition Committee. Gerry Bordon has agreed to continue as chair of the committee and Jay Fonville and Mike Hughes have also agreed to continue serving the committee. Dennis Caines had agreed to continue but has now been appointed to the board of directors, which makes him ineligible to serve on the Competition Committee. Tom Markos has agreed to fill an opening on the committee and has been appointed by acclamation of the board. Brian Buaas has not responded to outreach about his continued service on the board, so Nelson asked Gerry to reach out to Brian directly. If Brian chooses to not serve on the committee any longer, the board will recruit and appoint another member ASAP.

**VII. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- VIII. ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business to address, Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.