

Conference Call of the Vintage & Historic Representatives – December 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Whitley at 7:07 PM. Members in attendance were: Region 1, Brian Small; Region 2, Marv Hart; Region 3, Bob Moore; Region 4, Dan Joseph; Region 6, Billy Noonan; Region 10, Jim Olson; Region 11, Frank Banducci; Region 12, Stuart Ford; Unlimiteds, David Williams. Also participating in the conference call in an advisory capacity was past vintage chairman Tom Bertolini. Absent from the meeting were: Region 2, Bill DeGlopper; Region 5, Chuck Woodruff; Region 6, Ron Snyder; Region 8, Phil Mitchell; Region 9, Jay Marshall; and Canada, Sylvain Demers.

The minutes of the October 20, 2010 meeting were approved as previously presented.

Doug briefly discussed the rule concerning passengers in vintage boats. This rule has been reviewed and will be left as it is currently stated in the vintage rules. It will not be on the agenda for the national meeting.

Discussion concerning the requirement of a kill switch for the passenger/riding mechanic was held. The reps agreed that there is no safety benefit to requiring the use of a second kill switch. This item will not be on the agenda for the national meeting.

Discussion concerning the resurrection of the 100 MPH Club for vintage was held. It was unanimously voted by the reps to not bring the 100 MPH Club into vintage. This item will not be on the agenda for the national meeting.

Discussion regarding the requirement of A-100 life jackets in vintage will be held at the APBA national meeting in Detroit to allow for input from APBA Safety Director Mike Weber.

An issue regarding the vintage rule concerning helmet color (Article V, Item 6) will be clarified at the national meeting. Doug will also speak with representatives from Lifeline and Security about addressing the vintage meeting concerning safety equipment.

Discussion of establishing a national high points system was held. The consensus among reps was that developing a system that would be fair and equitable will be difficult. Further discussion will take place at the national meeting. Bob Moore and Billy Noonan will work to establish some preliminary guidelines before the meeting.

Following discussion and unanimous vote, Article VII, item 3, paragraphs B & D in the current vintage rulebook (which follow) will be removed from the vintage rulebook:

*B. New drivers must be available the afternoon prior to the event for detailed boat inspections and instruction on special procedures on the racecourse. The Safety Committee or specially selected experienced drivers will perform this instruction.*

*D. During the afternoon session prior to the event, experienced drivers will observe novice drivers and have them go through typical maneuvers and situations so that their skills can be evaluated and guidance offered. This is especially necessary in the case of single seat hydroplanes. In this case an experienced driver will observe the new driver from a chase boat or from land.*

Discussion was held concerning vintage boats which run with engines larger than appropriate for the original class. Referees can make the determination to not allow a boat to run which is, in their opinion, unsafely overpowered. These boats must be carefully observed by referees and inspectors at vintage events to insure that they are operated safely. Article IV, Item 9 in the vintage rulebook discusses this issue.

Doug discussed that he would like to see more vintage referees at inboard events. The inboard referee has responsibility for the running of his event, but it is desirable that a vintage referee also be present to work with the inboard referee in the parts of the event which involve vintage.

Doug asked reps to submit nominees for the team of the year, rookie of the year and spirit of vintage awards to be presented at the national meeting. He also asked reps to continue to work to bring in new APBA vintage members, whether they are full members or associate members.

Doug reminded reps that the 2011 APBA Rule Book will only be available online. Beginning in 2011, they will not be available in print form. Referees should print the vintage rules for their use before an event.

Doug reported that minutes from the reps meetings will be published on the APBA website and will not be published on the vintage website.

Doug reminded reps that dates for 2011 events are tentative until they are approved at the national meeting. Any dates that are "announced" on the vintage website or elsewhere are not confirmed until the meeting. Doug reminded reps to let those in their regions who are planning events in 2011 that they must let him know of their prospective dates before the national meeting or sanctions will not be granted.

Doug encouraged all vintage boat owners to support APBA events in 2011 if they are scheduled on the same weekend as non-APBA events.

Doug encouraged all reps to attend the APBA national meeting in Detroit the last weekend of January, 2011. The tentative time for the vintage meeting will be at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 29, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Joseph