

Dutch Squires called the meeting to order at 1:30PM

He provided an overview of what the committee has done since the beginning of December. We have been voting on rules since the beginning of December to allow rules to be passed prior to the first Inboard race of the season.

Don Melillo explained the binders and how it will work.

Jim Aid purchased a screen that we can use for slideshows. Dutch purchased a PA and speaker that we can use for drivers meetings and banquets.

Roll Call-

Thom Heins
Joe Sovie
Katelyn Shaw
Bob Wilson
Jimmie Stewart
Tim Collins
Dale Hernandez Jr.
Chris Famaris
Julian Rucki
Matt Yarno
Chris Owens
Tony Black
Jim Aid

Justin Squires- Excused
Wally Johnston- Excused

Old Business-

-Chairman Views

-Race Site Promotions- gave money to race sites that needed assistance.

- Evansville Eastern Divisionals- Successful event. Smooth operations. Spoke to the situation this year.
- Spanaway Western Divisionals- great place to race. Outstanding event. Boat count was 43 boats
- Hampton Summer Nationals-Successful event. Ran Jstock class there as well and was successful. 64 entries. Had an inspector training with Wally, Bob Wilson and Chris Oliver

-Driving School- Discussed the budget and explained some of the costs.

-2.5 mod class participants- went from 5 boats in 2017 to 29 boats in 2018

-Inspection protocol- worked well. We need to do a better job of communicating and educating racers about the inspection protocol.

Equipment Purchased- purchased inspection equipment for region 5. Purchased new digatron for region 6 and whistler, P&G and scale for midwest. Purchased buoys for championship equipment.

Promotional Supplies and Printing- we will not be printing the posters this year. Feathered Flags to welcome racers and fans. Official shirts were purchased for this year. Printed class rep brochures, inspection stickers, and safety inspection forms.

Should we be looking at the award expenses for the future?

APBA accounting fee \$200 per month for \$2400. Sandy Cody severance pay \$1666.00. Don Melillo volunteered his service for secretary.

Participation went up, a couple new races, quality championship events, tried some new ideas.

Reports-

Scoring report- Ann Shaw submitted documentation of information.

Dave Shaw- apologized for mistake made when calculating HOC points. Asked for assistance with nominations for Mark Weber award.

Katelyn Shaw- Spoke to the school boat success this year. Reached out to businesses for support of new drivers.

Budget-Motion to adopt the budget by Jim Aid. Second Julian Rucki. Budget approved-unanimous.

Presentation of Championship bids-

2019- Eastern Divisionals- Jimmie Stewart spoke to Kent Island bid. Tim Collins spoke for Rocky Fork.

2019- Cracker box Nationals- Julian Rucki spoke to the nationals.

No bids for 2020- Eastern and Westerns

2021-Jimmie Stewart spoke to Summer Nationals for Hampton.

Howie Nichols spoke to the IRC about what he would like to see of the 2019 commission. Bob Wilson asked about the website and Howie stated that it should be ready to launch soon. Chris Fanaris asked about having a tab on the new website that would keep track of award winners.

Inboard Racing 2019-

Continue with quality and successful projects

Race site support

Driving School Programs and promotion

- Continue to work on Championship events
- Continue with inspection protocol
- Develop drones guidelines
- Expand class combinations
- Explore options on points system
- Implement a program to encourage qualified members to assist with turn judging
- Use social media
- Review capsule certification
- Explore youth racing
- Develop non conflicting race calendar

Action Group

School Boat- spoke about future business opportunities. Getting people to man boat shows. Follow up with more clubs to allow for people to be involved at the club level. Maybe provide a membership that gets them more access to other races. Promotional bags. Propeller magazines. Something to remind them of the opportunity in APBA throughout the year. Discussed maybe renting boats but came up with constrictions.

Drone-clarification of BOD verbiage for authorized video. To allow for assistance with officiating. Referee needs puling footage and being able to see it in a timely manner. Equipment- aircraft and controller. Use others equipment maybe as a way to introduce more people into our sport. FAA requirements. Reached out to HRL to see what they use and do. Contract with race site would define roles-pilot, assistance ref working with pilot, his team to assist people. Need liability insurance for the person flying the drone.

Youth Racing- looking for smaller class for youth to get involved in. Talked about getting more J's with radios and a clock to race at inboard races grooming them for inboard rules. They would get inboard and national points and could be included in the banquet.

Turn Judges and Corale- Spoke about proposal made decided on- Make a rule that a club will pay an additional \$50 per day for turn judges and a corale for that day. If a one day national there would be a \$150 dollar additional fee. If 2 days, a \$300 fee.

High Points- cut down the number of races for high point- 10 regional races, 5 race weekends Divisional and nationals. Discussion on points system. Would like to get more people involved in the points chase. Some felt it unfair to discuss this without reaching out to members of APBA.

Race calendar- would like time to discuss 2020 and 2021 and have a recommendation to put a plan in place so that races will not overlap or take someone else

Flatbottoms- Yes to GPS rule. Inspector needs to check and clear GPS units. Possibly freeze records and have capsuled class.

Social media- Matt will post and link items on several social media sites.

Meeting adjourned.

February 8th

Roll Call:

Matt Yarno
Tim Collins
Dale Hernandez Jr.
Julian Rucki
Tony Black
Thom Heins
Katelyn Shaw
Chris Fanaris
Jim Aid
Chris Owen
Joe Sovie
Jimmie Stewart
Bob Wilson

Dutch spoke about agenda.

- We will discuss flatbottom proposals at a later date
- We will table high point discussions

Discussion of Bids

-Eastern 2019-
Matt Yarno-Abstain
Tim Collins-RF
Dale Hernandez Jr.-Cam
Julian Rucki-Cam
Tony Black-RF
Thom Heins-Cam
Katelyn Shaw-Cam
Chris Fanaris-RF
Jim Aid-Abstain
Chris Owen-RF
Joe Sovie-Cam
Jimmie Stewart-Cam
Bob Wilson-Cam

Cambridge was awarded the 2019 Eastern Divisionals

- CB Nationals 2019- unanimous
- Nationals 2021- Hampton-table bid until can

1 litre rule-redress the rule proposal for the new 4 stroke engine into the 1 litre class. Bob Wilson and Tim Collins spoke to the rule. Tim Collins called for the redress:

- Joe Sovie discussed using an automotive and matching block and parts. The block head must stay in its original configuration with a single barrel carb, throttle body intake.
- Possibly look into options within the class.

- Jim Aid suggested

-IRC voted to leave the rule in the rulebook- all opposed. All in favor to remove.

Jimmie Stewart- discussed issue with getting JS Pistons. Jimmie spoke to the tech committee and they will come up with options.

A race to the Future

- Are we willing to make BOLD changes
- Can we look outside the box?
- Can we look beyond our garages
- Do we have too many classes

What is needed?

We need to come up with a plan moving forward. A mission statement.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:15 PM