

VINTAGE AND HISTORIC DIVISION

Minutes of Governing Board Conference Call – March 29, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Vintage Chairman Butch Kropfeld at 8:00 PM EDT. Governing Board members in attendance were Doug Whitley, Don Kelson, Larry Lauterbach, Bill DeGlopper, Marv Hart and Dan Joseph. Members not in attendance were Phil Mitchell and Roger Lapierre.

Butch reviewed each of the bylaw changes which had been proposed by an ad-hoc committee at the APBA meeting in Chicago. The ad-hoc committee consisted of Phil Mitchell, Andy Mitchell, Jay Marshall, Richard Delsener, Dan Joseph, Debbie Joseph and Butch Kropfeld, with input from APBA President Mark Wheeler. Each proposed change was reviewed, and a vote of the committee was held on these issues:

1. The change of Article V, #14, concerning mandatory helmet specifications and accepted helmet colors, to match changes which have been made by the APBA to their general safety rules. The Governing Committee voted unanimously on a motion made by Bill DeGlopper, seconded by Doug Whitley, to accept this change.
2. The rejection of the ad-hoc committee's change to Article V, #10, concerning two-seater hydroplanes. The Governing Committee voted unanimously with one abstention on a motion by Dan Joseph, seconded by Don Kelson, to keep Article V, #10, as it was in last year's bylaws. Additionally, the word "two-seater hydroplane" in this bylaw will be change to "multi-seat hydroplane."
3. The change of Article V, #21, concerning the addition of requiring all drivers in Vintage and Historic to have a physical examination performed every two years. The Governing Committee voted unanimously with one abstention on a motion by Don Kelson, seconded by Dan Joseph, to require a physical examination of all drivers, performed by a physician (MD or DO), physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner, every two years. The results of this physical exam are to be sent to the APBA, with a copy retained by the driver to present at Vintage and Historic events as proof of this exam.

All other changes to the bylaws were accepted as presented.

Under new business, discussions were held on the following topics:

1. Planning for better safety at Vintage and Historic events. Don Kelson reported for Region 10 that referees at events in their region assign lanes to participants prior to the heat, require a 40' separation of boats, and stress to participants to "move your head" so as to know where other boats on the course are located and to pay attention to which flag is currently flying on the course.
2. The importance of having a vintage referee who works with the inboard referee at dual-sanctioned events.
3. Bill DeGlopper suggested that having a driver-activated strobe light on V&H boats, to be used in case of a breakdown or other issue on the course, might be a good consideration.
4. Discussion of the recent accidents at the Tavares, FL CRA event.
5. Canadian events are requesting participation of APBA V&H boats at their events. It was mentioned that APBA boats would need to be members of ACHA to participate, but that membership is free.
6. Don Kelson reported that David Williams will be having a meeting at the Unlimited Museum in Seattle to discuss safety issues. Don will report back to the Governing Committee on this meeting.
7. Both Region 10 and Clayton have been using a black flag with a large yellow stripe on it to increase visibility. It was noted that sometimes it is difficult to discern between the black and green flags on the course.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Vintage & Historic Secretary