

Minutes/Notes of the 2021 National Inboard Racing Commission

The 2021 Virtual Annual meeting of the Inboard Racing Commission was called to order at 1pm EST on January 24, 2021 by Chairman Dutch Squires. Roll call was held and all members of the IRC were present (1 asked to be excused but was on the call). Also on the call were Ann Shaw, Chief Scorer, Eli Whitney, Safety Committee Chair, and most of the Class Reps. Overall there were approximately 60 members on the call. Following the swearing in of the 2021 Commission, Dutch gave his Chairman's address and had a moment of silence for all of the members that we had lost during the past year.

Committee reports were given by Don Melillo, Chief Referee, Ann Shaw, Chief Scorer, Wally Johnston, Chief Inspector, Eli Whitney, Safety Chair, Kip Brown, chair of the West Coast T boat program and Tony Black and Matt Yarno on the Driving school.

Katelyn Shaw and Matt Yarno gave a quick report on what has gone on so far with the BOD. The biggest discussion on the BOD right now is the sale of the APBA building. There have been a few bids and counter offers, but, as of yet, nothing has been done. A relocation committee has been appointed to discuss where we will move if/when the building sells. As of now, we would like to continue with a storefront and are not prepared to move to working remotely. All of the trophies and memorabilia at HQ has been inventoried and will be taken care of upon sale of the building. The BOD has also discussed capsule training and as of now, have postponed the capsule training for the year 2021. Matt Yarno added that it was determined that morning that this is something that the board will readdress.

Dutch then gave a report and explanation of the Inboard Championship Challenge Series. He reported that this year there was no double point's race selected for either the West or East Series. In place of this, any race could become a double point's race by paying a \$250.00 fee by April 1st. The question was asked if the April 1st date was in stone and told all that because of Covid could be flexible.

Following the Challenge Series discussion, Dutch went over the 2021 Race Season Championships. Eastern Divisionals, Hampton, Western Divisionals in Richland, WA, The Nationals in Black Lake. He also mentioned the classes that were having their National at a different location than Black Lake. GNH at Caesars Creek, T 's and JSS at Cambridge, and he National Mods possibly at Caesars Creek if the Black Lake Club releases them.

The North American Championships were awarded as follows:

T's, JSS, SA, and SE's to Mays Landing. All other inboard classes to Owensboro. A reminder that the 2022 and 2023 National are at the Hampton, VA race site. Also, Lakeland was still waiting to hear if they had been awarded the Worlds from UIM.

The Budget was presented and approved.

The order of business was Rule proposals. A summary is attached on all action taken. One of the rule proposals was for the combination/elimination of classes. Dutch has appointed a committee to look into this proposal. He asked John Shaw to chair and all class reps of the effected classes to be on this committee. They are to discuss the various ideas, try to get race sites to use some of the combinations and report on what might or not work.

Discussion then moved to adding \$5.00 to the current \$20.00 Promotional Fund collected at all races. A motion was made and seconded to add the \$5.00 and it would be added to a fund that specifically states Inboard Challenge Series. Dutch commented on how the committee for the series would love to find some sponsors but so far have not had any success. There were a couple of possibilities and then Covid hit last year and they went away.

The topic of what does the Inboard Category do about a new driver without a "dunk test" . Dutch appointed Eli and Don to come up with a plan in case it is needed.

Dutch announced that the next IRC meeting would be the first or second week of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Summary of Rule Proposals

RULE NUMBER	AUTHOR	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	ACTION
GR-1	Shaw	Elimination of classes	No motion. Dutch appointed John Shaw to chair a committee with class reps to study the idea.
GR-2	Melillo	Driving age for 2.5 Stock	No motion.
GR-3	Schellase	National Points	No motion.
GR - 4	Challenge Committee	Add \$5.00 To Promoional Fund	Passed. Unanimous except for 1 No
S-1	Whitney	Restraint Systems	Tabled to next IRC Meeting
T-1	Fanaris	Add Sunoco GTX260 to list	Tech Committee recommended. IRC passed unanimously
T-2	Gildermaster	2.5 Stock Camshaft Change	Tech committee recommended no action due to Jim Sechler & Dutch working with a company to replace the Esslinger head
T-3	Gildermaster	2.5 Stock Rocker Arm Change	Tech committee recommended no action due to Jim Sechler & Dutch working with a company to replace the Esslinger head
T-4	Peeters	Rule 40.14 Propellers	Tech committee recommended no action. No motion.