

American Power Boat Association
Stock Outboard Category Meeting
105th Annual Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina
January 21 – January 24, 2009
D. Scott Reed, SO Chairman

MINUTES

1. Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, January 22, 2009.
2. Opening Matters
 - a. Chairman Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - b. Chairman Reed called for a moment of silence.
 - c. Chairman Reed appointed Stacy Runne as SORC Secretary.
 - d. Chairman Reed administered the Oath of Office to the Commission Members.
3. Roll Call:
Commissioners in attendance:
Alex Poliakoff: Present
Scott Clark: Present
Troy Gladkowski: Present
John Runne: Present
Dave Schubert: Present
Brian Trolian: Present
Tom Johnston: Present
Jeff Brewster: Present
Roger Przbyla: Present
Gene Schertz: Present
David Anderson: Present
Tony Perman: present
Stephan Wilde: Present
Tammy Dawe: Present
Bob Trolian: present
4. Committee Appointments:
Referee: Charlie Gonyea
Inspector: Roger Carr
Promo: Paul Nielander and Troy Gladkowski
Boat Tech: John Runne, Roger Przbyla, Tony Perman, Brian Trolian.
OMC Tech: Brent Backus
Merc Tech: Dave Young
Hot Rod Tech: Cooper Jess
Sidewinder Tech: Ed Runne
Yamato Tech: Tom Johnston
Manufacturer/Supply List: Jeff Brewster.
5. Motion made to approve appointees. Seconded. Motion passes.
6. Motion made to approve 2008 Minutes. Seconded. Motion passed. One opposed. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

7. Motion made to approve all the decisions of the race committees and referees for 2008. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
8. 2009 Championships:
Winter Nationals: Pineville, LA March 20th – 22nd
Closed Course Nationals: Grass Lake, MI July 27th – August 2nd.
Marathon Nationals: Indian River, MI August 8th – 9th
9. Motion made to loan Central LA to pay for their sanction and insurance. Seconded. **Motion failed.**
10. Motion amended for the loan to be re-paid within 60 days of the close of the event. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
11. 2010 Championships
Winter Nationals: Ocoee, FL
Closed Course Nationals: Oroville, CA
Marathon Nationals: Indian River, MI
12. Motion made to approve 2008 awards. Moved, seconded, **passed.**
13. ASH air traps discussion tabled.
14. Motion made to accept rounded pickle forks proposal. Effective November 1, 2009. Seconded. 2 opposed. **Motion carries.**
15. Motion made to implement reinforced cockpit side recommendation into our rules. Seconded. Motion passed. To be printed in next Propeller.
16. Manufacturer's Reports: Tabled until later in the day.

NEW BUSINESS

17. 2011 Nationals Bids
Closed Course Nationals: Wakefield, MI Stock, Mod, J
Motion made to approve accept the proposal for the 2011 nationals in Wakefield, MI. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
18. Bids for 2009 Divisionals
Northeast: Millville, April 24th – 26th.
Southeast: Ocoee, FL March 13 – 15 or Jesup GA April 4 - 5.
Central: Depue, IL June 27 – 28
West: Seaside OR June 27 – 28
Marathon:
19. Bids for 2009 North American Championships
20. Bids for future winter nationals: Pudding Stone, CA or Bakersfield. March 2011.
21. Recessed for break at 10:08 am.

22. Reconvened at 10:28 am.
23. Pat Gleason did a slide show presentation for personal protection equipment.
24. Put together a committee to add recommendations for safety equipment to rule books and Propeller. Tammy Dawe and Brian Trolan, for safety equipment certification.
25. Report from John Runne, Chairman of the SORC Steering Committee.
26. Manufacturer's Report
Yamato – Ric Montoya/Tom Johnston
27. APBA Website Presentation – Mark Wheeler
Promo Report – Paul Nielander
28. Recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM
29. Reconvened at 1:07 PM
30. Promo Report Continued: Paul Neilander
31. Motion made to approve the Promotional Budget for 2009 for \$15,000. Second. **Motion passed.**
32. Motion was made to have the 45SST Nationals in Chowchilla, CA July 18th 19th. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
33. Discussion on Sidewinder 20ci tabled. Tom Johnston, Steve Wild, Roger Przbyla, and Dave Anderson to present more information later.
34. Motion made to accept proposal to make exception to “straight line in chute” to avoid a stalled boat. Seconded. **Motion failed.**
35. Motion made to accept proposal that National, Divisional, Championships scales must be certified once a year, prior to the event. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
36. Motion has been made to allow Oklahoma to be designated with the letter “O”. Seconded. **Failed.**
37. Brian Trolan and Mark Miskerik gave report on Grass Lake Nationals.
38. Motion was made to accept the proposal for referees at Divisionals to shorten milling time to less than three minutes, at driver's meeting. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
39. Motion was made to remove the requirement to have the OEM decal on the motor cowling. **Motion withdrawn.**
40. Motion made to allow the use of aftermarket decals for OMC A engines that meet the design and look of the OEM decals. **Motion withdrawn.**
41. Motion made that replica aftermarket decals are allowed on all stock outboard engines. Seconded. **Motion passed.**

42. Motion made to make exception to stock outboard where the individual scores points towards the final standings. Seconded. **Motion fails.**
43. Discussion to allow 4 bladed props in SO **tabled.**
44. Motion is made to move the CSR weight to 460. Seconded. Motion amended to make it a ballot item to request the reduction of the CSR weight to 460. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
45. Manufacturer's Report on Mercury. Read by Jeff Brewster on behalf of Dave Young.

MERCURY REPORT

Dear Fellow APBA Members,

2008 was a growth year for 25XS Mercury engines.

We have increased our inventory to having nearly every part (new or good used) in stock or available within a reasonable amount of time for delivery to any racer or prospective racer. This includes any of the parts necessary to convert a fishing model engine over to a racing model on an exchange or parts needed basis. For example: We will exchange your heavy flywheel for a light certified one and will also balance it with your crankshaft. We also have ready swivel brackets to fit the IAI performance down housings and will take yours in exchange to save time. IAI also has the powerhead adapter / tuner housings and we have the remaining tuner tubes and other minor hard parts and gaskets to complete the assembly.

We are in the process of up-dating the vendors list and will be putting it on Hydro Racer. This list will have our sources for the parts we stock in the event the individual would prefer going directly to the source. Our goal has not been to profit but to grow racing.

Mercury is still and will be producing powerhead components.

We can either assist the individual in getting everything they need weather it be a complete used engine or new converted fishing model. Or we will assemble it for the individual.

As of now, the only parts that are not available are the lower unit housings and the drive shafts. Gears, cones, water pump housings etc. are readily available. We are in the process of facilitating the production of these items at a reasonable cost, but this is not set in stone at this time.

My one thought of an option on the lower unit issue at this time would be to permit the Sidewinder unit with an adapter to the IAI down housing.

I spoke with Dave Scott on 1-14-09 questioning him about the 44XS engines. He told me his sales have been dormant for approximately the last year. He also told me he had no lower unit housings in stock.

It is my opinion that the Super Thunderbolt as presented last year by Allan Akerstrom should be approved. If inspected as presented it would have no advantage over any of the other engines accepted into the class. It is a good alternative to someone that does not have the financial resources necessary to buy some of the other engines and can only help a weak class. It's all about choice my fellow Americans.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Young

46. Break for the day at 3:58 pm.

Day 2

47. Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 9:02 on January 23, 2009.

48. Chairman Reed called on Craig Dewald to explain and present his proposal. Discussion followed.

49. 2009 S.E. Divisional Bid-March 13, 14, 15 at Ocoee, FL. Noted that all four J classes will have ¾ mile record course. Another bid exists for Jesup, GA.

50. Motion for Ocoee. Second. Discussion. Noted that J committee gave divisionals to Ocoee. **Motion passed.**

51. Proposal from Tammy Dawe based on Pat Gleason's safety update/explanation. Proposal read by Brian Trolian. Discussion. Proposal was as follows:

There shall be a mandatory certification on lifejackets, cut-resistant sleeves, and cut-resistant pants. The certification shall be done every four years and conducted by the manufacturer. Certifications shall be checked at all boat safety inspections. It is also recommended to check certifications after the final heat of each race.

52. Motion made for proposal. Second. Questions. Decision made to share with Mod and other Committees. Minimum standard. **Motion passed.**

53. Proposal to change height limit in ASH to 1 3/4 inches.

54. Motion was made and Seconded. Questions and explanations of why rule is being presented. Discussion. **Motion fails.**

55. Proposal to change overlap rule. Call for explanation of proposal. Motion made to replace existing rule with new proposal. Seconded. Discussion.

Proposal is as reads:

- i. An overlap is established when the bow of the overtaking boat becomes even with the back of the lead boat/motor.
- ii. The lead boat has the right of way until an overlap has been established.
- iii. Once an overlap has been established, the overtaken boat must give the overtaking boat room to clear all course markers.
- iv. The overtaking boat cannot force an overlap once the lead boat has begun to alter its course to negotiate a turn.
- v. Any violations of the overlap rules listed above will result in the disqualification of the driver for the heat.
- vi. The Intent of this change is to make a rule that is easier to identify and more in line with how we actually race.

56. Call for vote. **Motion Fails.**

57. Four proposals for the Hall of Champions. Sub-Committee formed to review and report on proposals for HOC criteria. Jeff Brewster, Tammy Dawe, Troy Gladkowski.

58. Inspection manual technical issues and updates. Scott Reed has to update revisions and noted about H and I head dimensions on the 102 and 302. Inspection manual discussion. Noted that extra page should be added in Inspection Manual indicating that update and change records should be kept.
59. Motion for extra page made. Seconded. Discussion. Motion amended with page numbering to include year; extra notes page will be added in back. Vote taken. **Motion passed.**
60. Comment made that technical data should not be duplicated in the rule book. Discussion ensued. Recommendation will be sent to Tana Moore.
61. Spec sheets should be specific to engine. Call for motion. **No motion.**
62. Proposal that spec sheets should use same terminology and be in line with the Rule Book. **No motion made.**
63. Proposal made that permissible Modifications and restrictions should be in the inspection manual. **No motion made.**
64. Proposal made to add “Marvel Mystery Oil” to recommended Procedures for measuring combustion chamber volume. Motion made and seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. **Motion passed.**
65. Class or engine tech changes. Proposal 14- To strike out “gear case bolts and connecting bolts.” Explanation and discussion followed. Waiting for Brent Backus (consultant) to call back. Vote will be taken later.
66. Ed Runne presented and updated Sidewinder project. Questions and discussion ensued.
67. Break for 10 min-rejoin at 10:50.
68. Quick demo video presented by Paul Nielander.
69. Return to Proposal 14. Discussion and questions continued. No Motion.
70. Proposal to Remove the Mercury as an eligible motor in the A class. Motion made. Second. Discussion. Vote taken and tied. Tie broken by Chairman Reed. Motion passed. Jeff Brewster noted as voting against it.
71. Proposal 15-Merc 15 pistons and rings. Not addressed.
72. Availability of OMC pistons and OEM and Aftermarket. Brian Trolian presents updates. Discussion.
73. Proposal 16-GLM aftermarket pistons for the OMC. Motion for acceptance as a part replacement. Seconded. **Motion passed.**
74. Weight difference between A and AX classes-skipped
75. Racing Outboards LLC. Sidewinder “A” motor will be legal for competition in ASH and ASR. Motion made and seconded. Discussion. Motion amended-contingent upon receiving spec sheets and conclusion of the design. **Motion receded.**

76. Motion to remove probationary time period for the sidewinder A, thus leaving it without a probationary end date and seconded. Motion amended to include the 25SSR and 20SSH and seconded. Vote taken, **Motion passed.**
77. Break for lunch at 12:30. Rejoin at 1:40.
78. B Classes-Add tech manual for 15 CID sidewinder. Motion, second, **Motion passed.**
79. Proposal to rename the current BSR and BSH classes to 15SSR and 15SSH. Explanation of proposal. Motion made, second. Questions. Decide to consult with Gloria at HQ. Assuming no huge admin hurdle. Motion passed and includes other class name changes that were proposed.

J. Runne-yea
B. Trolian-yea
G. Shertz-nay
T. Johnston-nay
J. Brewster-nay
B. Trolian-yea
S. Clark-yea
A. Poliakoff-yea
D. Schubert-yea
T. Gladkowski-yea
T. Perman-yea
D. Anderson-yea
T. Dawe-nay
R. Pryzbyla-nay
S. Wilde-yea

80. C classes-Lower CSR weight. Will be balloted item.

81. 25 Classes-Proposal to remove the restricted Yamato Motors from the 25SSR class. Motion, seconded. Questions and Discussion. Amended to remove restricted motors as of November 1, 2010 and seconded. **Motion passed.**

J. Runne-yea
B. Trolian-yea
G. Shertz-yea
T. Johnston-yea
J. Brewster-nay
B. Trolian-yea
S. Clark-yea
A. Poliakoff-yea
D. Schubert-yea
T. Gladkowski-yea
T. Perman-yea
D. Anderson-nay
T. Dawe-nay
R. Pryzbyla-yea
S. Wilde-yea

82. Yamato 80 will no longer be legal for competition in 25SSR. Motion for the motor to be removed from a 25SSR closed course class. Seconded. Amended so that the motor will be illegal in APBA class #6070. Motion was declared out of order and left the floor.
83. Motion made stating that the Yamato 80 will no longer be legal in 25SSR. Seconded. Amended motion to state that this will be effective November 1 2010. Seconded. **Motion passed.** 1 abstention.
84. Rename 25SSR to BSR, grouped with BSR and BSH class name change.
85. 2009 Racing Outboards LLC. Sidewinder 20 cu. In. motor will be legal for competition in current 25SSR and 20SSH (new BSR and BSH) recommended that same guidelines be followed as A-get more info and spec sheets. Remains indefinitely probationary.
86. Restrict the Mercury 25XS for 25SSR (new BSR). Motion, and seconded. Discussion. Amended to be effective November 1, 2010. Motion receded.
87. 20SS Class-Wiseco Pistons, part number 10186M06046. Motion to be accepted, seconded. **Motion passed.**
88. 20SSH renamed to BSH, passed with other renaming proposals.
89. Yamato 102 will no longer be legal for competition in 20SSH. Motion made and seconded. Vote taken, **Motion passed.**
- J. Runne-yea
Bob Trolian-yea
G. Shertz-yea
T. Johnston-yea
J. Brewster-nay
B. Trolian-yea
S. Clark-yea
A. Poliakoff-nay
D. Schubert-yea
T. Gladkowski-yea
T. Perman-yea
D. Anderson-nay
T. Dawe-yea
R. Pryzbyla-yea
S. Wilde-yea
90. Motion made for the Yamato 302 will also no longer be legal for competition in the 20SSH class as of November 1, 2010. Seconded. Discussion. **Motion fails.**
91. Request shared: 20SSH class height be dropped. Basis of consistency with the C class.
92. Motion made so that the Yamato height in 20SSH be dropped to $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Seconded. Discussion. Motion failed.
93. D Classes-Proposal 3-DSR height to be $\frac{3}{4}$ in for any rule. Discussion. Note will be added to tech manual to match the rule book.
94. Break for 10 min. rejoin at 2:55.

95. Alex P. shares report on Tohatsu. Discussion and questions.
96. Proposal that the SRC buys two Bass/Tohatsu motors at a dollar amount equal to two Tohatsu engines with the intention to sell to APBA members and that the money is used to replenish the motors. We ask that the APBA council negotiate the contract. Seconded. Discussion. We will authorize a dollar amount-\$13,000. **Motion passed.**

J. Runne-yea
Bob Trolian-nay
G. Shertz-yea
T. Johnston-nay
J. Brewster-yea
B. Trolian-nay
S. Clark-yea
A. Poliakoff- abstains
D. Schubert-nay
T. Gladkowski-nay
T. Perman-yea
D. Anderson-yea
T. Dawe-yea
R. Pryzbyla-yea
S. Wilde-yea

97. Bass/ Tohatsu shall be raced as received from the manufacturer. Needs to be enforced. Pg 38 B.7. Alex P. expands. Discussion. We ask that local inspectors enforce the rules.
98. 16/17 gears for Tohatsu. Discussed. No motion.
99. Availability for Carburetors. Dave A. reports. No motion.
100. Place Thunderbolt in Classics due to lack of interest. Motion made and seconded. Discussion. Question called. As of November 1, 2009. **Motion fails.**

J. Runne-abstain
Bob Trolian-yea
G. Shertz-nay
T. Johnston-nay
J. Brewster-nay!
B. Trolian-yea
S. Clark-yea
A. Poliakoff-nay
D. Schubert-yea
T. Gladkowski-yea
T. Perman-abstain
D. Anderson-nay
T. Dawe-abstain
R. Pryzbyla-nay
S. Wilde-nay

101. Roger Pryzbyla takes floor for a moment.

102. Motion made that the Marvel Mystery Oil proposal be amended to allow a blending of Mineral Spirits as well. Seconded. Discussion. Tabled.
103. Proposal for 0 height for the Tohatsu engine. Motion made to change height to 0 on the Tohatsu. Seconded. Discussion. **Motion fails.**
104. Break for the day at 4:24.
105. Saturday January 24th meeting opened at 8:40am
106. Other tech/ class rules. "A" air traps Rule 20 Section 4 Motion R Przybyla, Alex P.2nd delete rule for ASH. Discussion. **Motion fails.**
107. "ASH" air trap proposed by Brian Trolan- Motion & 2nd, Discussion **Motion passed.**
Rule 20 Section 4 Air traps shall be limited to a maximum depth of 5/8" at the aft end of the boat and 1 5/8" depth 18" forward, and at no point shall the air trap depth exceed the line created by the maximum depth dimensions provided. The maximum width of air traps is 7/8" each.
108. Boat Tech proposed by Brian Trolan-Runabouts A minimum beam measured at the aftmost intersection of the chine and the side or deck. Motioned & 2nd **Motion carried** 1 opposed
109. Hot Rod skeg revisited. Motion approve only a horizontal split line gear case (Little)& use the Hot Rod downhousing with the new Sidewinder Power heads. These must meet skeg dimensions and specifications for the Sidewinder. 2nd Motion **carried** 1 opposed.
110. 25 Motor-Motion to accept 25XS an aftermarket impellor as long as it is a replica of the current impellor. **Motion carried**
111. 25XS Motor Motion to make the only permissible block 1986 & newer a 7 bolt rear water jacket. **Motion carried**
112. 25 Motor "K" dimension in inspection manual. Motioned to change 6.540 + - .030 2nd **Motion carried**
113. TJ motioned to add Marvel Mystery Oil-it is permissible to add up to 50% mineral spirits. 2nd, **Motion carried**
114. Motion It is permissible to allow Sidewinder gear case configuration. 2nd. **Motion carried.**
115. 45SST class-wants to be left in stock. No conflicts.
116. Motion to lower amount of races for high points to 12. SO Rule 17.3 2nd **Motion failed.**
117. Motion to remove "& marathon combined" in Waldman award and creation of Fred Miller award "in closed course and marathon". No 2nd
118. Motion to remove "closed course and marathon combined" description in Waldman and Menzies award. Motion amended to take out Menzies award. 2nd **Motion carries.** Tammy Dawe opposed.
119. Clean up rulebook in Menzies award. **Ayes carried.**

120. Form committee for Service Award-John Runne, Jeff Brewster
121. Looking for additional committee members for Promotional Committee.
122. Motion to extend date of deletion for Mercury motor in A class from Nov. 1,2009 to Nov. 1, 2010. 2nd **Motion carried**, 4 against.
123. X out "A" drivers in Propeller Ad.
124. Runabout and Hydro rule changes-re-write the boat rule in Nautical terms
125. Other changes-add section in the Propeller to inform drivers of new rule changes
126. Rule book needs Index and Glossary of terms-request to be put back in rulebook.
127. By law changes-2 year term for SORC (Proposal 11)-Council will take to Board. Straw poll by SORC agree
128. Rule 23.4 A 1 d Stock Outboard Championships-No Motion
129. Motion to approve \$500 expenditure for category awards to be taken out of Promo committee. 2nd **Motion passed**.
130. Motion to approve \$100 expenditure for last year's Rookie of Year jacket. **Motion passed**.
131. Motion to approve \$500.00 for category banquet for 2010 and \$100.00 for Rookie of the Year award. **Motion passed**.
132. Motion to make 25XS rules previously passed at this meeting to make go into effect 2009. 2nd **Motion passed**.
133. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am. Motion, 2nd, passed.