

MINUTES

American Power Boat Association - Vintage & Historic Committee Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

April 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM by V&H Chairman Jeff Buckley. Board members in attendance were Jim Olson, Vice-Chairman; Dick Delsener, East Coast Representative; Shaun Kelson, West Coast Representative; Steve Compton, Inboard Representative; Rich Luhrs, Outboard Representative; Dan Joseph, Regions Representative; Jackie Meyer, Officiating Representative; John Woodward, Communications/Marketing; Matt Yarno, APBA Board Liaison; Special Projects Representatives Rich Evans, Jim Berry, and Rick Sandstrom.

The minutes from the January 21 meeting were approved unanimously on motion of Steve Compton, seconded by Jim Olson.

Under old business, Chairman Buckley reported that he is still working on finalizing the roles and responsibilities for the various committee members. The V&H calendar for 2021 has been published on the APBA website; unfortunately, the event at Red Bank, NJ which Bob Moore has been tirelessly working on has been canceled.

Chairman Buckley initiated discussion on the issue of flatbottom boats on the west coast. There have been conversations with owners encouraging flatbottom boats no longer in competition to come out to join V&H and participate at area V&H events. There are also flatbottom boats that would qualify for V&H but are still running competitively. A small number of racers have asked the Region 10 leadership to allow them to cross over to V&H at the same event, participating as part of V&H and also competing at the same event. They would use this opportunity to give experience to drivers. There does not appear to be a great deal of support in V&H to allow this to happen. The question of liability if this crossover was permitted needs to be addressed; the question of how this would advance the stated purpose of V&H was also asked. It also was noted that the mindset of a competitor may not be the same as someone participating in V&H. Chairman Buckley temporarily tabled discussion on this issue until a later point in the meeting.

Under new business, Chairman Buckley described the process for the approval and publication of minutes from V&H Board meetings. He has been working to streamline this process. Minutes will be recorded by the Secretary and sent to the V&H chairman. He reviews them and sends them out to the 8 voting members of the V&H Board for additions or corrections, and requests unofficial approval of the minutes by return email. A vote for official acceptance of the minutes takes place at the next meeting. All bylaws changes will have the added step of being approved by the APBA Board of Directors before they are approved.

The approved colors for helmets were discussed. The issue is whether to leave this determination in the V&H bylaws or eliminate it from the bylaws as it is already covered in the APBA General Safety Rules. After discussion, Chairman Buckley requested that Rich Evans go through the current V&H bylaws to determine any rules that reference topics already present in the APBA General Safety or General Racing rules so that the V&H bylaws can be streamlined and simplified.

Extensive discussion on duplication in the bylaws in Article IV, paragraph 7 and Article III, item 2A followed. Article III, item 2A was passed at the last meeting but it is in conflict with Article IV, paragraph 7. A motion was made by Jackie Meyer, seconded by Rich Luhrs, to completely eliminate the wording in Article IV, paragraph 7, and move the wording from Article III, 2A into that space. The vote was 5 in favor, 3 against; since the motion needed a 2/3 majority, the motion did not pass. A motion was then made by Steve Compton, seconded by Jim Olson, to rescind Article III, paragraph 2A. The motion passed on a 7-1 vote.

Chairman Buckley requested that discussion on the reinforced cockpit/canopy issue be tabled until the next meeting to allow for complete evaluation and discussion on the issue to take place.

Under Board Reports, Jim Olson reported that Regions Rep Mike Currie has asked whether Region Reps can sit in on Board meetings. Chairman Buckley replied that Region Reps will be invited to V&H Board meetings when appropriate. Mr. Olson reported that shirts are being designed for Board members and special projects members, and Region Reps, with different colors being considered for each group.

Dick Delsener reported that inboard races are not published on the APBA website yet and are still tentative.

Shaun Kelson reported that information about a potential test session in Region 9 has appeared on social media but a sanction has not been requested for the event. Mr. Kelson has been promoting events in Region 10 and is excited to get the season going.

Steve Compton requested further discussion on the issue of flatbottom participating in V&H and actively racing at the same (dual) event. Following significant discussion, it was decided to allow these boats to run as a special event only in Region 10 for the 2021 season as a test to evaluate the issue going forward.

Rich Luhrs reported that a combined outboard/inboard event in Piney Point, MD is in the planning stages. Jim Berry and Rayner Blair are working on getting commitments from inboard vintage boats to determine whether there is enough interest to get a crane for the event.

Dan Joseph reported that a Region Rep for Region 9 is still needed. He will schedule a Region Reps meeting soon. Dr. Joseph also reported that he has participated in Zoom calls with Region 10 and commended the Region 10 organization for being very well run.

Jack Meyer reported that Jerry Kelson is helping him with officiating responsibilities on the west coast.

John Woodward reported that there will be 3 V&H articles in the next issue of Propeller. Holly Jones and Becky Nichols have been very helpful in working with him on getting articles published. He will be sending out a survey to the V&H membership to gather information about where they obtain their information about V&H; this will help V&H centralize where official information is published. Mr. Woodward requested that members send ideas for articles to him.

Matt Yarno reported that the APBA has accepted an offer on the sale of the building in Detroit and a contract is being written.

Rick Sandstrom had no report.

Jim Berry reported that the new Piney Point event will go on with or without inboard participation, but they are hoping to include inboards.

Rich Evans reported that he will be working on cleaning up the V&H rulebook to eliminate any items that are already covered in the APBA GSR and/or GRR.

Debbie Joseph reported that plans for the Wheeling event on Labor Day weekend are moving forward.

Chairman Buckley reported that work continues on getting the V&H section of the APBA website up and running. A possible V&H event in August in Detroit is being evaluated. A V&H driver's school on the east coast is also being evaluated for inboards and outboards. Boats to use in this test session may be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 PM EDT on motion of Rich Luhrs, seconded by Shaun Kelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary
Vintage & Historic Committee