

APBA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 15, 2020

1. The APBA Board of Directors teleconference was called to order by the President, Chris Fairchild at 7:30pm CT.
2. A moment of silence was held to acknowledge the passing of Jeff Williams.
3. Roll call was taken. In attendance were: Chris Fairchild, Adam Allen, Kyle Bahl, Fred Hauenstein Jr., Jean Mackay-Schwartz, Abby Pond, Jan Shaw, Robert Wilson, Matt Yarno, Aaron Stephens, Mark Wheeler, Bob Wartinger, Jack Meyer, Jeff Conant, John Wlodarski, Mikey Pavlick, Patrick Gleason, Rachel Warnock, Richard Fuchslin, Ann Fitzgerald, Lisa Jennings, John Runne, Dutch Squires, Kristi Ellison, Jeff Brewster, Robin Shane, Rich Luhrs, Pete Nichols, Richard Shaw, Jeff Titus, Bill Pavlick, Ken Scoville, and David Hale. Tracy Trolan joined the call after roll call was completed.
4. Minutes from the April 10 meeting were presented for approval.
 - a. Motion to approve made by Mark Wheeler; Seconded by Jean Mackay-Schwartz; Motion to approve minutes passed unanimously.
5. Summary of Safety Rule Changes
 - a. President Fairchild reviewed all safety rules previously voted on via email. All rules were passed. Breakdown of rules and votes can be found in attached documentation. There were no comments.
6. Discipline Rule Changes
 - a. President Fairchild stated that the rule change was presented to Legal Counsel, Ed Hearn and it was determined that the rule was written poorly. Secretary Mary Williams is working to rewrite the rule; we will revisit this at a later date.
7. Region Election ByLaws
 - a. Two documents were sent via email regarding the new Region Election ByLaws. Mark Wheeler suggested a change to bylaw 17.2.7c. The bylaw is to now read "Category Commissioner shall be elected to a 1-year term. There shall be no limit to the number of terms. (beginning in 2021)". Jan Shaw asked why bylaw 17.2.8 was crossed out. Mark Wheeler explained that it will allow the regions to choose what they specifically need; he asks Becky Nichols to confirm. Becky Nichols confirms and includes that some regions combine duties which was cause for the change. Jan Shaw asks if the removed bylaws must now be removed from the Region ByLaws. President Fairchild states that Region ByLaws can be more specific than the APBA ByLaws, just not lenient from them.
 - b. President Fairchild called for a motion to approve. Aaron Stephens speaks on behalf of all region chairs and states that they would like to switch to a 1-year term for each region officer. This statement is addressed no further.
 - c. Motion to approve bylaw document XVII made by Mark Wheeler; Seconded by Jan Shaw; Motion to approve document XVII passed unanimously.
 - d. Motion to approve bylaw document IX made by Jean Mackay-Schwartz; Seconded by Mark Wheeler; Motion to approve document IX passed unanimously.

- e. Jeff Titus questioned the August 10 date in bylaw 9.2.3 starting in 2021. Mark Wheeler stated that all election information had already been sent out so the rule change will have to wait until 2021 as stated. Jeff Titus suggested a change to bylaw 9.2.4d. The bylaw is to now read “The Election **Results** shall be **announced** after independent, outside, review and certification of the ballots received has been reviewed by the APBA President.”
 - f. Jean Mackay-Schwartz amends her motion to approve bylaw document IX to reflect the changes made by Jeff Titus; Seconded by Mark Wheeler; Motion to approve bylaw document IX with suggested change passed unanimously.
8. Budget Update
- a. President Fairchild stated that an update budget was sent to the Board of Directors just prior to the meeting and opened the floor for discussion. No statements were made, we moved on to the 2020 plan.
 - i. Please see section 10.b in “Other Matters” for further discussion.
9. 2020 plan
- a. President Fairchild states that Dutch Squires approached him with the idea of combining the 2020 and 2021 seasons. President Fairchild does not want to only race for fun, he stated that our members deserve more than that. In blending the 2020 and 2021 seasons, APBA would freeze all rule changes and meetings to discuss rule changes until the National Meeting in 2022. We have already held races in 2020. President Fairchild states that the SORC voted to not have a nationals of their own, but approved a marathon nationals. President Fairchild would like to run for regular points for the rest of the 2020 season with no 2020 High Points or Hall of Champions. He states that there would be no reason to have a National Meeting discussing rules, but we could have something more fun, like a convention. This plan was sent via email to the entire Board of Directors for discussion, there were only two responses.
 - b. Discussion: John Wlodarski questioned the ability to combine points if members are only active in 2020 or only active in 2021. President Fairchild stated that if someone joined in 2020 but not in 2021 and they still qualified to win High Points, then they would be the winner. Kyle Bahl stated there should only be one membership for 2020 and 2021 if it is going to be treated as one season. Kyle Bahl states that memberships should carry over if you do not race in 2020; if you do race in 2020, then your 2021 membership should be a 50% discount. President Fairchild says the Finance Committee will have to okay that. John Wlodarski states that he would be willing to pay for both seasons if it meant he was able to race, he understands that APBA has costs. Jeff Titus states that only a handful of people actually chase points and those are the main people we are talking about. Jeff Titus also mentioned that there was a good chance states will shut down again, that we do not know where we are going to be next year, and this season is better to be treated like it was back in World War II. Jean Mackay-Schwartz expresses her concern with combining the 2020 and 2021 seasons stating that certain areas cannot race this year at all, and the west coast drivers would be at a deficit in points before their season even began. Robin Shane states a concern that combining the seasons would stunt registration in 2021 in the case that some people already got their best 15 races. President Fairchild states that the categories could tweak their rules to

adjust to this combined season. Dutch Squires adds that some people already raced this year, and they feel they deserve something; points give people a reason to race. Dutch Squires also mentions that there will be very few races to combine into the 2021 season and Inboard acts just like OPC using “best” races, so it would make no difference to them. John Runne states that APBA has no responsibility with the cancellation of races, APBA did not cancel any races, it was the clubs and states. John Runne talks about how people want their money back from APBA, but APBA did not prevent anyone from racing this year. Kyle Bahl asked Jeff Brewster to review the SORC discussions on this topic. Jeff Brewster tells the Board of Directors that the SORC does not want to combine seasons and would like to cancel championships and high points. (Additional information can be found in the attached document D). Matt Yarno agreed with John Runne and stated that he would like to see a rebate for next year if APBA can afford it. Matt Yarno would like for Oak Harbor and Minneapolis to have a chance to hold their races, he believes that should high points be taken away, people would still race for fun. Tom Johnston commented on the marathon nationals, stating that they will not have enough races to qualify for the Hall of Champions, but that they will still want to crown a national champion. Mark Wheeler asked if they could still call it a “nationals” and crown a champion, but not receive the bonus points. President Fairchild stated that was possible, they could advertise however they liked, but would be scored as a standard race. Rich Fuchslin wonders if points could just be tallied at a region level. Adam Allen says he would like to race for points, not for fun. Adam Allen also states that many categories would not meet the Hall of Champions requirements anyway. Jeff Brewster responds saying that if the Hall of Champions is taken away, that solves the problem as a lot of Stock Outboard classes will not meet the criteria. John Wlodarski chimes in saying that some will be able to make it happen. Robin Shane would like the categories to be able to do what they need to do and if we are able to give a discount for next year, then that would be great. Rich Luhrs talks of Offshore and how they still plan to race for the 2020 Offshore Championship and High Points. President Fairchild confirms that the overall consensus is business as usual: running for points, no Hall of Champions, and 2021 would start as normal. Abby Pond wants to recount what Jean Mackay-Schwartz said about racing for fun. President Fairchild does not support that idea. Jan Shaw agrees with President Fairchild on a business as usual approach, but would like to look into a way for those who did not race to get their money back. Mark Wheeler questions why people would get their money back if we operate with business as usual. Kristi Ellison interjects saying that no one seems to be complaining right now, as they’re able to save money by not racing. Adam Allen wants to talk about the “elephant in the room” being the fate of those who did not race this year. President Fairchild reaffirms that there will be no Hall of Champions for 2020, and we will operate business as usual. Jeff Brewster mentions that the SORC voted 12 for and 2 against to remove the High Points for 2020. Jeff Brewster and Dutch Squires confirm that the Board of Directors is willing to approve new rules and decisions made by the categories. Kyle Bahl jumps in wanting to vote on the Hall of Champions and then move on to membership discounts. President Fairchild mentions that if we do give discounts, they will be for everyone.

- c. Motion to approve the removal of Hall of Champions for 2020 made by Jean Mackay-Schwartz; Seconded by Aaron Stephens; The motion to remove the Hall of Champions for 2020 passed unanimously.
- d. President Fairchild then asked all committees and categories to compile a list of all rule changes they would like to propose for the rest of the 2020 season for the Board of Directors to discuss and vote upon via email. Jean Mackay-Schwartz jumps back to the SORC for a moment and asked Jeff Brewster to amend their decision on the removal of all records to exclude straightaway records. Jeff Brewster agrees with the change. Matt Yarno, Mark Wheeler, Dutch Squires, Jeff Brewster, and Jean Mackay-Schwartz briefly discuss the need and then move on.
- e. President Fairchild requested a motion to allow two weeks for the categories to get rule changes sent to the Board of Directors for review. The motion was made by Mark Wheeler; Seconded by Jean Mackay-Schwartz. Dutch Squires requested an extension to July 10th to accommodate an IRC call scheduled for July 7th. President Fairchild agreed and extended the deadline. President Fairchild states that within one week of that deadline the Board of Directors will have answers. The motion to allow until July 10 for category rule change submissions passed unanimously.

10. Other matters

- a. Kyle Bahl made a motion to vote on the SORC special rules; Seconded by Abby Pond. Kyle Bahl amended his motion to add “except straightaways” to the ruling on record attempts; the motion to approve the SORC decisions passed with one opposed vote.
- b. Mark Wheeler wanted to discuss the budget, more specifically the expected sanction income. Becky Nichols stated that the projected sanction income was based on the races still existing on the APBA calendar. Mark Wheeler pointed out that this calculation assumes 55 races will happen in 2020 and that is unlikely.
- c. President Fairchild mentions that the National Meeting is still in question. Becky Nichols is looking into virtual meeting options as well as an on-site meeting option.
- d. Bob Wartinger reminds everyone that now is the time to work on making things bigger and better in the organization in terms of safety.

11. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn made by Jan Shaw; Seconded by Chris Fairchild; the motion to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:52pm CT.

Respectfully Submitted,

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