

Minutes
Vintage & Historic Regional Reps Conference Call
October 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM by Chairman John Krebs. Those in attendance were Chief Referee East Coast Jack Meyer, Chief Inspector Rich Evans, Region 1 Donnie McLean, Region 4 Jeff Buckley, Region 5 Jed Wolcott, Region 6 Billy Noonan, Region 6 Richard Delsener, Region 6 Barry Pray, Region 6 Mark Cravens, Region 7 Phil Mitchell, Region 10 Shaun Kelson. Not attending were Vice Chair East Coast Rich Luhrs, Vice Chair West Coast Doug Brow, Safety Rep and Region 2 Bob Moore, Region 4 Dan Joseph, Region 4 Rayner Blair, Region 8 JP Squires, Region 10 David Williams, Region 10 John Woodward, and Canada Harry Holst.

Krebs recapped that the V&H 2020 season consisted of events at Tavares, Southern Maryland, and Madison. All other V&H events were canceled due to Covid-19 concerns.

Discussion of the incident that happened at Madison took place. Concerns were voiced by several people that the red color of the driver's helmet made him very difficult to see when he was in the water. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of limiting helmet color in V&H to orange or yellow. Krebs asked anyone who was at Madison and saw the difficulty in seeing the driver in the water to put their thoughts in writing to him via email so he can share those thoughts with Bob Wartinger.

Krebs related issues that were discussed on the September 20 APBA Board of Directors virtual meeting:

--the APBA logo must be displayed prominently at events, either by a flag or a visible banner, etc.

--the APBA budget is in very bad shape. Divisions and individuals are being asked to donate to help keep APBA viable.

--the 2021 national meeting scheduled to be held in Orlando will be a virtual meeting due to Covid-19 concerns. Planning is underway to have the 2022 meeting in Orlando, the 2023 meeting in Seattle, and the 2024 meeting in Orlando.

--anyone who took the Assistant Risk Manager, Referee, Inspector or Scorer tests in 2019 will not have to take the test again next year. Cell testing from 2019 will also be good in 2021.

--the APBA Board discussed and voted on putting the APBA building up for sale. This motion was passed, and details are being worked out to put the building up for sale. If the building sells, the APBA staff would work remotely. It is unknown what will happen to the trophies and other historical items stored at APBA Headquarters, but it is hoped that these items with ties to various areas (Seattle, Clayton, Louisville, New Martinsville, Red Bank, etc.) would be able to go

back to the areas where they are relevant and meaningful rather than being stored in a warehouse.

The APBA budget problems were discussed, and a motion was made by Rich Evans, seconded by Mark Cravens, to donate \$500 from the Vintage Promotional Fund to the APBA. The motion passed unanimously.

V&H events currently in the tentative planning stages for 2021 include: Tavares, March 19-21; Caesar's Creek testing, April 24-25; New Martinsville, June 19-20; Red Bank, August 14-15; Wheeling, September 4-5; Wolfeboro, September 17-18; and Tavares for a yet to be determined November date. This is not a complete list and there will likely be other events if Covid-19 allows for them.

Shaun Kelson offered thanks to all those who reached out to the Kelson family on the passing of patriarch Don Kelson. John Woodward is writing a 2-page article for the next issue of Propeller on Don and his legacy in boat racing and boat building.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:57 PM on motion of Barry Pray, seconded by Jack Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
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