

Minutes
Vintage & Historic Committee
CONFERENCE CALL
February 19, 2020

Chairman John Krebs called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM. Vintage & Historic officials present were Vice Chair East Coast Rich Luhrs, Chief Referee West Coast Doug Brow, Chief Referee Jack Meyer, Chief Inspector Rich Evans, Region 1 Donnie McLean, Region 4 Dan Joseph, Region 4 Jeff Buckley, Region 5 Jed Wolcott, Region 6 Billy Noonan, Region 6 Barry Pray, Region 6 Mark Cravens, Region 7 Phil Mitchell, Region 8 Jay Marshall, and Region 10 John Woodwaand rd, Region 10 Shaun Kelson, Canada Harry Holst. A quorum was present. Not attending were Safety Rep and Region 3 Bob Moore, Region 4 Rayner Blair, Region 6 Dick Delsener, Region 8 JP Squires, and Region 10 David Williams.

Chairman Krebs reviewed the minutes of the national meeting with conference call. A motion was made by Barry Pray, seconded by Jeff Buckley, to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Significant discussion followed concerning insurance and the concern that our insurance company currently has with V&H.

Krebs will be in touch with Don Melillo from inboard concerning borrowing GPS units to collect speed information from boats participating in V&H events in 2020. Region 10 will continue to collect information on speeds at V&H events.

The issue of accepting boats with inboard safety cells will be discussed at a conference call next week so that participants have time to thoroughly review the information gathered by Rich Evans.

The issue of removing the distinction between the "divisions" in vintage will be discussed at the conference call next week.

The issue of unlimited V&H hulls with safety cells will be discussed at the conference call next week.

The issue of boats with overpowered engines (compared with how they originally ran) was discussed. Shaun Kelson suggested that it would be beneficial to draw up a list of how many boats would be considered "overpowered". Significant discussion followed on this issue, with the main point being that if a driver is driving over his head, the referee must take charge and address the problem. Black/red flagging an entire heat that has a driver who is not driving responsibly was discussed.

Discussion took place on how rookies are dealt with at events. The consensus of the group was that sending rookies out following an experienced driver, running laps by themselves, and finally participating in a heat but running behind and outside of the rest of the heat is effective, with referees watching rookies very carefully at all stages. The possibility of marking the helmets of rookie drivers with an "X" was discussed.

The increase in APBA single event membership fees was discussed. Single event memberships will cost \$50 beginning in 2020. Clubs will have the option, if desired, to charge a fee for anyone purchasing a single event membership to cover the time and effort of completing the paperwork.

Jay Marshall encouraged region reps to organize a mailing list of the V&H members in their region and to share minutes from meetings, dates of events for the year, etc. Krebs can provide the information about members in a region for reps by request.

Krebs clarified that only drivers are mandated to show physical forms at registration at events; the rider in a two-seat boat is not required to show a physical form.

If multiple two seaters are running at an event, they are to be sent from the dock in a staggered fashion and must attempt to stay as far apart as possible from each other during the heat.

Barry Pray moved that all riders in a two-seat boat must sign a declaration of good health before they take a ride. The motion was seconded by Shaun Kelson. Lengthy discussion followed. The vote was tabled until next week's conference call for further discussion.

Rich Evans presented two proposals for future consideration. The first was to mandate availability of oxygen in reinforced cockpit boats; the second was to change the definition of how old a boat must be to participate in V&H. Both of these will be dependent on the decision of whether reinforced cockpit boats will be permitted in V&H.

A motion for adjournment was made by Shaun Kelson, seconded by Barry Pray. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary
V&H Committee