

## Fall Region 3 Meeting 10/28/2020

### Zoom Meeting Teleconference

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Reed at 7:44 pm. Recording of the meeting by Secretary Barbara Brink was allowed and approved by all attendees. Region officers were introduced and present except Martha Atkins, who was unable to sign on. Pro Commissioner A. Jennings IV and Mod Commissioner Scott Clark were absent.

Chairman Reed noted that the electronic voting this year through HQ seems to have gone smoother but if anyone had any issues with the process, to reach out to HQ and let them know and they should be able to help or correct the situation.

The minutes from the last Region meeting with category reports for 2019, Agenda, a letter written to HQ, new Region officers, the region 2020 budget allocation from APBA, a proposed by-law amendment, and the Region By-Laws dated 11/19 were all furnished electronically to the members with the meeting notice.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dave Shaw and approved by the members.

The Treasurer's report was relayed via Ann Shaw, Vice Chairman with a balance of \$2908.48 The 2020 region budget allocation from Linda Likert was given as \$926.00 (146 racing members @ \$6=\$876, 1 sanction @ \$7.00, 43 non-racing members @ \$1=\$43). An expense report will be submitted by Chairman Reed for an annual Zoom account membership for the region of \$143.

### OLD BUSINESS

The region by-law changes after the "re-organization" at the end of 2018 were submitted along with the minutes to APBA last year but were not accepted because they didn't recognize the minutes at the time of the board meeting. There was a question that needed to be answered, but as of now we do not know what it was. Chairman Reed will investigate it with HQ. We will re-submit the by-laws and minutes for approval. This situation was not something specific to Reg 3. All regions were governed by APBA By-Laws. It has not prevented any racing. Dave Shaw noted that if the amendments were not accepted then the prior by-laws from Oct. 2014, should still be in affect, unless we were specifically notified that they were no good. At issue is that the structure of our representation was changed. It was done to align all the regions, but it does create a political issue within the region. There were 4 Inboard Directors and after restructuring there is only 1 although the other 3 were in the middle of their term.

A proposal was submitted by Dave Shaw to have each active category have 4 directors to conduct the business of their category within the region. Directors would be voted in by the category membership 2 at a time for a 2 year term, so that there would always be an overlap of terms. On the outboard side the clubs are currently conducting their own business and coordinating between clubs for other issues. Any conflicts between the outboard clubs would be escalated to the BoD. There are currently 3 Inboard clubs and 3 outboard clubs within the newly restructured Region 3. These positions have always been known as Directors, however a change of title to alleviate any confusion with APBA Directors is not a problem.

Chairman Reed asked to table the proposal until clarification can be made on the structure necessary so, that we are aligned with the spirit of the 2018 minutes and the intent. We can make an amendment

but whether we can add positions is the question and whether they will be directors or a committee and how they can be elected so that this will be approved by APBA BoD.

APBA By-Law 17.2.10 states "A region shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations for its own government and for the government of its officers and committees that it sees fit to amend the regions own by-laws provided however, that such local rules and regulations in amendments are not inconsistent with the articles and by-laws of the association."

A meeting will be set up with Scott, Barb, Dave S. and possibly Jill to go over the minutes and notes from the Nov. 2018 meeting and the By-Law changes. Table until December 31, 2020 to have it finalized. A motion was made by D. Shaw, seconded and so moved.

Another proposal was made stating "All Directors of APBA MUST be a member in good standing by March 31. Any director who has not joined APBA by March 31 shall be removed from their position and a replacement will be appointed by Region 3 BoD." Reasoning: Any officer at any level who is voting in this association needs to be a member of the association. Chairman Reed noted, We can write a letter with this information and if we don't get any satisfaction at a national level at the above timeline, or a negative response is received, we have the option to do something on a region level. Scott will take this to APBA after investigation of the minutes and by-law amendments.

Martha brought up that in the November 2019 minutes it was noted that Chairman Reed would contact the Fisher's Landing Club regarding the \$5/driver fee for their Crystal Lake race, which had not been paid as of that date. Scott did speak with them about it. He will go back to them again to find out what the holdup is, and give them an, "invoice" after he checks APBA website for the number of entries at that race.

A motion was made by Dave Shaw, that if they do not pay the boat fee, which is required by the region by-laws that were in effect at the time, that no further sanctions will be approved by the Region Chairman, until such time and the money is paid. Second W. Brown, motion carried.

New APBA By-Law: If any type of advertising is done for any APBA sanctioned event the APBA logo MUST be shown in a prominent place on all.

Another new by-law: Video meetings & teleconference meetings are allowed.

No category reports were given. No races were sanctioned or held in the region in 2020.

J Category: Dave B. has the region props. Some are "little banged up". He will contact Butch Dewald for repair. Coordination will need to be worked out for transfer between clubs.

It was brought to our attention that the Offshore category does not contribute to the \$5 boat fee and/or go through Region for anything. There are 2 events in the region, and we should try to bring them "into the fold". Chairman Reed will investigate.

There is no National meeting in person this year.

A question was raised regarding the capsule/dunk testing requirement for 2021- 2 year certification. Due to Covid19 testing is not possible. Issue is that new drivers cannot compete in any capsule boat.

J. Wlodarski noted that this topic was discussed during a recent commissioners meeting and he believes a waiver will be extended for anyone expiring 2021. This should be reported by HQ.

Schedule for 2021 –

Inboard: Winding River is looking for May 22-23, Sept. 11-12 sanction

Sept 18-19 Lake Hopatcong

DVORA – April 24-25 Millville

Sept. 4-6 Lock Haven - Labor Day Weekend 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Oct. 16-17 Millville.

Fisher's Landing

Sept. 18-19 Crystal Lake

??? Fulton, NY

Three River's

Franklin May 29-30, testing 28<sup>th</sup>, Driver School 31<sup>st</sup> - Memorial Day weekend

Kittaning Aug 21-22 (14-15 possible switch)

Franklin Sept 24-25

Zoom subscription is paid for the year and is available to all region clubs & committees for their use. A request should be made to Scott so there are no scheduling conflicts.

A motion was made by D. Shaw seconded by W. Brown to donate \$150.00 to the J scholarship Fund. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara J. Brink

Region 3 Secretary.

Participants (18)

Find a participant

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