

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE CALL JUNE 30, 2010

A conference call of the APBA Vintage and Historic Division Regional Reps was held on June 30, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Doug Whitley. Reps participating were Bill DeGlopper, Sylvain Demers, Marv Hart, Dan Joseph, Don Kelson, Jay Marshall, Phil Mitchell, Bob Moore, Billy Noonan, Brian Small and Chuck Woodruff. Absent were Frank Banducci, Joe Johnson, Joe Schulte, Ron Snyder and David Williams.

The first agenda item was a clarification of ARTICLE V: SAFETY RULES in the APBA Rule Book for the Vintage and Historic Division. The final sentence in the paragraph in bold print reflects this clarification:

*2. Two-seater hydroplanes will be permitted to carry a passenger while in heats with other two-seater hydroplanes or in laps by themselves. Two-seater hydroplanes are no longer permitted to carry a passenger during Vintage and Historic heats with single seat hydroplanes. **However, this two-seat rule does not apply to Vintage Unlimiteds or to any Vintage hydroplane or class that had traditionally competed with a riding mechanic.***

This entire rule will be reviewed at the APBA National Meeting in Detroit in January.

Following discussion concerning a recent event which had a low boat count, Doug urged reps to be flexible when deciding to possibly combine classes of boats to make the event run smoother. These decisions will ultimately be made by the referee in conjunction with the vintage rep from that region, with consideration given to the number of boats attending the event and the individual drivers and boats involved.

The regional reps voted unanimously to put Gary Vore on supervised probation for the remainder of 2010. This follows his suspension which ends July 1, 2010 due to incidents in 2009.

The issue of requiring dual kill switches in boats carrying a driver and a rider was discussed. Following a vote, this issue will be tabled for discussion at the APBA National Meeting in Detroit in January.

Doug encouraged reps to begin to use the new message board which was set up by Phil Spruit for private discussions of policy and rules. Doug requested that reps do not discuss rule and/or policy matters or changes on the vintagehydroplanes.com public message board. Reps were reminded to post positive, constructive and upbeat messages if they post on the public board.

Doug reminded reps to be sure that vintage drivers' meetings at dual inboard/vintage events are held at a time when the proceedings can be fully heard by drivers. Vintage drivers' meetings may need to take place before the inboard meeting in order not to have to compete with engine noise following the meeting.

Following a unanimous vote, all vintage outboards must immediately be equipped with kill switches in order to run at vintage events. Kill switches are mandatory in all vintage race boats.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Whitley at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary