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American Power Boat Association - Vintage & Historic Committee Board of Directors Zoom Meeting

October 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by V&H Chairman Jeff Buckley at 9:00 PM. Those in attendance were Jim Olson, Vice-Chairman; Shaun Kelson, West Coast Representative; Steve Compton, Inboard Representative; Rich Luhrs, Outboard Representative; Dan Joseph, Regions Representative; Jack Meyer, Officiating Representative; John Woodward, Communications/Marketing; Matt Yarno, APBA Board Liaison; Special Projects Representatives Rich Evans and Jim Berry; Region Representatives Donnie McLean (Region 1), Matt Morsheimer (Region 3), Rayner Blair (Region 4), Jed Wolcott (Region 5), Mark Cravens (Region 6), John Walti (Region 9), Mike Currie (Region 10), Harry Holst (Canada).

The minutes from the September 8 meeting were approved unanimously on motion of Jack Meyer, seconded by Rich Luhrs.

Under old business, Chairman Buckley reported that the APBA Board of Directors had approved the revised V&H Bylaws submitted to them last month. Rich Evans is currently working on any small edits that might need made before the new bylaws are rolled out publicly.

Chairman Buckley reported that four events in V&H had to be cancelled for various reasons in the last 6 weeks: Spanaway WA, Manson, WA, Mahogany and Merlot in Chelan, WA, and Wheeling WV. Events at Madison, IN, Caesar's Creek, OH, Wolfeboro, NH, and Piney Point, MD successfully took place. Chairman Buckley also reported that the Florida Vintage Raceboat Club had decided at their meeting earlier this evening to cancel their November event and would continue planning for their March 2022 event.

Chairman Buckley reported that a Roles and Responsibilities document for the various positions on the V&H committee and also the guidelines for the Rudders Advisory Group (RAGs) were both in the final stages of development.

Under new business, Chairman Buckley reported that the recently formed Sanctions Committee, consisting of Dan Joseph, Chair, Shaun Kelson, and Dick Delsener would be working to establish the V&H schedule for 2022. Organizers for V&H events who wish to submit a tentative date for the 2022 calendar are instructed to submit their dates by the end of the year to Dan Joseph.

Chairman Buckley reported that there will be some changes to the V&H committee in the next couple of months. Jim Olson has accepted the position of Region 10 chairman and this will be resigning his position as V&H Vice Chair following this meeting. Mike Currie will become Region 10 treasurer, and Shaun Kelson will be Region 10 activity chairman. Chairman Buckley remarked that other changes to the V&H committee will be forthcoming.

Chairman Buckley remarked that all of us want to support all V&H events, but no one can get to every event for a variety of reasons. We all must support each other to the best of our abilities and have understanding for each other. Criticizing someone because they can't attend an event is not appropriate.

Chairman Buckley reported that the APBA meeting for 2022 is still being planned as an in-person meeting in Orlando for January 26-29, 2022. APBA leadership is trying to figure out if a virtual (Zoom) component can be added to the meeting. The APBA building in Detroit is under contract, and a move to a temporary location in the Detroit area is being planned; this is anticipated to be the location for two years. It remains unclear where a permanent location for APBA will be.

Chairman Buckley reviewed the goals that were set up as he took over as V&H Chairman. The first goal was Communication; significant improvement has been made in the number of V&H articles submitted to and published in Propeller. There is also significant traffic on the V&H Facebook pages, and

VintageHydroplanes.com remains an important source of information. The V&H portion of the APBA website remains sparse and is a work in progress. The second goal was Safety; the work on and acceptance of the new V&H bylaws is an important part of this goal. The use of radios by drivers has been tested at several events and has been successful. Training protocols for officials and inspectors is ongoing, and guidelines for training inspectors for the newly accepted capsule/reinforced cockpit boats are being written. Standardization of rules between east and west coast, inboard and outboard, is a work in progress, as is standardization of things like flags, etc. The third goal was Growth and Longevity; it is recognized that the V&H group is an aging population, and there are emerging opportunities for boats to trade hands to younger interested parties.

Chairman Buckley reported that discussions continue on a possible special V&H edition of Propeller. Each committee member is requested to write a story for this and/or future issues. Ideas for articles could be but are not limited to event sites, boat stories, individual profile stories, organization and/or rules, restoration history, etc. Members were encouraged to submit a title for their proposed story to John Woodward or Jeff Buckley in the next two weeks. These articles should ideally be 500 words and should include photos.

Three members have been assigned the task of writing a section for the rule book section on Gold Cup and Pre-War boats.

Under Open Floor and Committee Reports, Jim Olson offered his thanks for the opportunity to serve on the V&H committee.

Shaun Kelson remarked that it was very encouraging to talk with those not directly involved with V&H and get their opinions on V&H events.

Steve Compton reported that he continues his work on a master list of V&H boats still in existence, both running and non-running. He asked members to help by submitting information on their boats or any others they know of in their region or elsewhere.

Rich Luhrs reported that he has been in contact with Matt Trulio of Speed on the Water magazine regarding publishing V&H articles.

Dan Joseph reported that Fran Muncey had recently been inducted into the Motor Sports Hall of Fame. The APBA Historical Society is working with David Williams on bringing the vintage Atlas Van Lines to the museum in Daytona. Discussions are also ongoing about getting several trophies from APBA to the museum.

Jackie Meyer reported that there were a few incidents in 2022 but that it had been a good year overall. He remarked that he continues to advocate safety at events.

John Woodward reported that it has been a challenging year because of the events that have had to be cancelled. He asked members to continue to submit articles to him for publication in Propeller. These articles should be in Word format (doc or docx) and any photos submitted should be sent separately.

Debbie Joseph reported that APBA is considering a bus trip from Orlando to visit the Daytona Motorsports Hall of Fame Museum during the annual meeting. She encouraged members to attend the annual meeting. She also commended Chairman Buckley for the work he has done in the past 10 months for the V&H organization.

Matt Yarno reported that the APBA Board of Directors met recently. President Chris Fairchild was elected to a second two-year term.

Jim Berry reported that a driving school to take place at the March Tavares event is being planned.

Rich Evans reported that he is working on the procedure and document for inspectors of V&H capsule/reinforced cockpit boats. It will be published in Propeller when it is completed.

Donnie McLean reported that it is been a busy, good year in Region 1. There is lots of interest in V&H and several new owners have recently purchased boats.

Matt Morsheimer reported that there is a push to get a V&H event back in Region 3.

Rayner Blair reported that there will be at least three new boats in the Southern Maryland Boat Club for 2022, bringing their total boat count to approximately 30.

Jed Wolcott reported that it has been a quiet year in Region 5. He remarked that V&H is almost non-existent on the APBA website and this should be addressed. He also requested a V&H membership list by region so that Region Reps would be able to reach out to the membership in their region.

Mark Cravens reported that old boats are coming back to events in Region 6.

John Walti reported that there was one event this year in Region 9, a Test and Tune event at Clear Lake, CA in May. He will be coordinating dates with Region 10 for 2022. He also remarked that the California Speedboat Association was formed in 1934 and has an active Facebook page.

Mike Currie thanked everyone for all the work on Propeller articles. He reported that V&H is very healthy in Region 10, and they are anticipating twelve events in 2022 with six or eight new V&H boats joining the group.

Harry Holst reported that Canadians are looking forward to getting past 2021 and the border shutdowns. He remarked that difficult times require strong leadership, and thanked Chairman Buckley for providing that in these pandemic years.

In his closing remarks, Chairman Buckley said that enormous strides have been made in V&H in 2021 but our work is far from done. He is always looking for how we can make V&H better. He reminded members that we must remain one big boat racing family, working together on how to make the organization stronger and more inclusive.

The next V&H meeting will take place via Zoom on November 10, 2021.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:40 PM on motion of Jed Wolcott, seconded by Jim Olson.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary
Vintage & Historic Committee