

Minutes
Vintage & Historic Committee
CONFERENCE CALL
April 29, 2020

Chairman John Krebs called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 3 Bob Moore, Region 4 Dan Joseph, Region 4 Jeff Buckley, Region 5 Jed Wolcott, Region 6 Dick Delsener, Region 6 Billy Noonan, Region 6 Barry Pray, Region 6 Mark Cravens, Region 7 Phil Mitchell, Region 8 JP Squires, Region 8 Jay Marshall, Region 10 John Woodward, Region 10 Shaun Kelson. A quorum was present. Not present were Region 4 Rayner Blair, Region 10 David Williams, and Canada Harry Holst.

The survey that was circulated regarding the definition of a vintage boat was discussed. 87% of those who responded indicated that they believed that a vintage boat should be defined as being a minimum of 25 years old. Jack Meyer made a motion to use 25 years from when the boat was built as the definition of a vintage boat. The motion was seconded by Rich Evans. Following discussion, a vote was taken, and the results were unanimously in favor of the motion. The bylaws will be updated to reflect this change after approval by the APBA Board. It was noted that replica boats that have been built more recently in the spirit of vintage are still approved to participate in V&H.

A tabled motion regarding the approval of boats with lids or canopies (e.g., with drivers strapped in) in V&H was discussed. The necessity of having a safety/rescue team that is certified for these boats was discussed. A motion was made by Rich Evans and Jack Meyer, with Doug Brow seconding, to approve inboard safety cell boats built prior to 1995 for participation in V&H. The motion passed unanimously with John Krebs abstaining. These boats will be included in the new definition of 25 years for vintage boats.

The 2020 schedule was discussed. Many events have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some event organizers will be making decisions on whether to hold their event as the situation becomes clearer. Sponsorship dollars, attendance at events by boaters, attendance by spectators, government regulations regarding social distancing and having events, and concerns with committee members' businesses and employment are all issues facing organizers. The decision on whether to hold an event or cancel lies solely with the event organizer and/or the Region; APBA will not make a group decision about canceling the entire season. Participants are strongly encouraged to contact the event organizer before traveling or making plans to attend an event.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Shaun Kelson, seconded by Jack Meyer, at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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