

## **APBA Vintage and Historic Regional Representatives Conference Call --- March 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by APBA President and Acting Vintage and Historic Chairman Mark Weber at 7:05 P.M. Regional reps in attendance were Frank Banducci, Bill DeGlopper, Sylvain DeMers, Marv Hart, Joe Johnson, Dan Joseph, Jay Marshall, Phil Mitchell, Bob Moore, Ron Snyder and Doug Whitley. Absent was Joe Schulte.

President Weber welcomed all the region reps to the meeting. He reported that he had respectfully accepted the resignation of V&H Chairman Tom Bertolini. Mark will be the acting Chairman of V&H until he selects a new Chairman; this selection is the responsibility of the APBA President and will be announced when he feels the time is right and is in the best interest of V&H and the APBA. The intent is for the new Chairman to serve in that position until at least October 2011, when Mark's term as APBA President concludes. Several people have indicated interest in the Chairman's position, and Mark indicated that he is taking this decision very seriously.

Mark announced that he has appointed Debbie Joseph as Secretary of the V&H Regional Reps committee and has asked her to submit minutes following each meeting.

Mark discussed that past Chairman Tom Bertolini has left V&H in good order. The regional reps are listening and getting feedback from members in their regions. The 2010 race calendar is complete as is the 2010 Rule Book. The only remaining project to be put together is the 2010 V&H poster.

Mark reported that he will not make any changes to the Regional Reps who are currently appointed. The New Chairman will make any new appointments or changes to the Regional Reps committee as he/she sees fit. Mark anticipates that the announcement of a new Chairman will take place within weeks, and once his decision is made a conference call will be scheduled with the Regional Reps committee to advise members of his decision. Mark asked that any Regional Rep who has a person of interest for consideration that they call him as soon as possible at 586-206-8894. Mark also indicated that if any Regional Rep has a concern with any individual who might be nominated they should also contact him as soon as possible. Phone calls will be returned within 24 hours if he is not available when the call is placed.

On the topic of the Official APBA Vintage and Historic website, Mark related that he feels the site is very important to V&H and its history and photographs are what vintage is all about. Webmaster Phil Spruit has put a great deal of time and effort into making a great product. Mark says his only area of minor concern is the message board and those who show "keyboard courage" in posting unsportsmanlike comments. Discussion followed which concluded with the charge by Mark for the Regional Reps to help Mr. Spruit police the message board and contact Mr. Spruit directly when they observe unsportsmanlike comments.

Mark described the mentoring system in which he would like the Regional Reps to participate. He would like the reps to mentor and help other V&H participants at each event in areas related to better and safer performance. The Regional Reps should work with the referees at each race site. Discussion followed concerning the great advantages to this system, and Mark indicated that announcement of the mentors available at each site should take place at the driver's meeting so everyone knows they are available. Marv Hart described the mentoring system in place at the Clayton event in conjunction with their driver's school, and that this works very well.

Mark discussed the red/yellow card system which will be used this year in V&H. A yellow card is to be seen as sending a message that a safety or rules infraction has occurred so that the infraction will not happen again. A red card must be reserved for the most serious offenses. When the person who has committed the offense is told about the infraction, care must be taken that this is done in a controlled and private way so as not to cause the person embarrassment. Yellow cards are not to be used for

unsportsmanlike conduct on the website, even when it would seem to be indicated. A concern was raised about how the information on inspections and yellow/red cards handed out at an event would get to organizers and referees of the following events. Mark suggested that a private group on Yahoo should be set up for private communications within the Regional Reps committee. Several APBA divisions successfully use Yahoo groups in this way and Mark indicated it would be effective for V&H. Bill DeGlopper was asked to contact Dan Kanfoush, who runs the Inboard Yahoo group, for direction on getting this set up for V&H.

Mark announced that Tom Bertolini will act as a liaison between the new V&H Chairman and the APBA. His proximity to the APBA Headquarters makes it convenient for him to perform this duty, and he remains dedicated to V&H.

Bob Moore announced that he has only received about ten inspector tests to date and asked Regional Reps to follow up with interested people in their regions to increase that number. Mark asked Bob to send out an email to the Regional Reps detailing who has submitted inspector tests in their regions.

Mark responded to a question about the Gold Cup by saying that plans are proceeding for the new June date and sponsors are being solicited. No decision has been made concerning V&H participation during the Gold Cup and discussions are ongoing.

Mark responded to a question about the relationship between the APBA and Canadian Boating Federation. Members of either group may join the other group at a reduced fee. Sylvain DeMers will check with Russ McCracken as to the exact price and report back to the committee and Mark.

The meeting was adjourned by motion and second at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph  
Secretary