

AMERICAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION VINTAGE AND HISTORIC DIVISION
MINUTES – ANNUAL SESSION
JANUARY 28, 2012 – HOFFMAN ESTATES, ILLINOIS

The meeting was called to order by Vintage and Historic Division Chairman Butch Kropfeld at 9:05 AM. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Butch announced that minutes from the previous annual meeting from January, 2011 were available in print form for anyone who wished to read them.

Butch spoke briefly on the updated governing structure of the Vintage and Historic Division. A Governing Committee consisting of Bill DeGlopper, Marv Hart, Dan Joseph, Don Kelson, Roger LaPierre, Larry Lauterbach, and Doug Whitley with Butch as chairman has been appointed. The Regional Representatives Board will also still serve. This committee is currently comprised of Bill John (Region 1), Bill DeGlopper (Region 2), Marv Hart (Region 2), Bob Moore (Region 3), Dan Joseph (Region 4), Chuck Woodruff (Region 5), Billy Noonan (Region 6), Ron Snyder (Region 6), Joe Johnson (Region 7), Phil Mitchell (Region 8), Jay Marshall (Region 9), Steve Kramer (Region 10), David Williams (Region 10), Frank Banducci (Region 11), Richard Johanson (Region 11), Roger Hinsdale (Region 14), Sylvain Demers (Canada).

Dan Joseph reported that a tentative listing of events requesting vintage sanctions for 2012 has been assembled. Dan reported that there did not seem to be any conflicts between events on this year's proposed schedule, which will be submitted to the Sanction Committee for final approval. Events in Syracuse and Valleyfield are not APBA events and would not be eligible for APBA sanctions.

Discussion regarding physicals for drivers in the V&H Division followed. A motion was made by Larry Lauterbach for physicals every other year to be a requirement for ALL drivers who participate in Vintage and Historic sanctioned events. The motion was seconded by Phil Mitchell and passed unanimously. This prospective change to the bylaws will be evaluated by the Governing Committee and then forwarded to the APBA President/Board of Directors for final approval.

Discussion of the forms used for physicals followed. Accepted forms for physicals are the DOT, FAA, APBA forms or the newly created form for Vintage and Historic. These forms are to be submitted to the APBA with a member's application for Vintage and Historic membership.

A basic medical history form which was used for the first time in Wheeling last year was discussed. This is a one-page form which was filled out by drivers at registration, and sealed by the driver in an envelope. The driver then signed their name across the envelope seal to ensure that the envelope had not been opened. The only time the envelope would be opened would be if the driver needed to be treated by a medical professional on site, during transport or at a hospital. These forms could be picked up by the driver on Sunday following the event; all forms not picked up were shredded on Monday. It is encouraged that these forms be used at all V&H events so that medical information on a driver would be available in case they were unable to provide this information to healthcare professionals during an incident. This form was developed by Vintage and Historic member David Kappel, M.D., Medical Director for Trauma for the State of West Virginia.

Several members who have vintage outboard boats initiated a discussion on the inclusion of outboards at vintage events. Vintage sanctions, unless qualified to include or exclude certain classes, are generally thought to include outboard and inboard boats, but it is always important to contact the organizer of a particular event to be sure that this is the case. Discussion regarding confusion on this topic followed. Following this discussion, the following motion was made by Mark Weber and seconded by John Schubert: "For purposes of event planning, race sites shall list the type of vintage boats that are invited to attend the Regatta on their sanction request. Group A, outboards; Group B, outboard

performance craft and tunnel boats; Group C, inboards; Group D, gentleman racers; Group E, unlimiteds. Should an event wish to restrict entries, they should add "By invitation only" after the group invited." The motion carried with a 23-1 vote. This prospective change to the bylaws will be evaluated by the Governing Committee and then forwarded to the APBA President/Board of Directors for final approval.

Butch discussed that the Vintage and Historic rulebook is being evaluated. It is the goal to slim down and condense the rulebook to make it more user-friendly. One recommendation will be that mandatory use of a log book in V&H be eliminated. Many other rule changes will be driven by changes in the APBA insurance carrier in 2012. All rule and bylaw changes have to be approved by the V&H Governing Committee and ultimately by the APBA Board of Directors before they can be put into use.

It was brought up that cranes should have a signal person with the crane. Discussion on this issue ensued, and it is recommended that event organizers ensure that crane operators attend the drivers meetings to present the signals they wish to have used at that event. It is also recommended that event organizers present a card or other printed material which indicates these crane signals to participants.

Discussion was held on issues raised at the APBA Risk Manager meeting which was held on Thursday, January 25. A new carrier will be handling the APBA insurance in 2012, and changes to requirements of race sites will be put into place. The referee position at an event will now be called referee-risk manager, indicating that the referee is now considered to be the risk manager. Each event will be required to designate an assistant risk manager and this person must be listed on the sanction request; the minimum age to hold either risk manager position is 18 and they must be an APBA member. The referee-risk manager and assistant risk manager are to work together at each site, and both have the power to correct violations immediately. All risk managers and assistant risk managers will be required to pass a test which will be available soon on the APBA website. The APBA insurance liability coverage for an event will begin at 12:01 AM on the Friday before the event, and will end at 11:59 PM on the Monday after the event. The restricted area at an event, defined as the area where boats are being launched/retrieved, must be fenced off with substantial barriers (defined as a barrier which a 5 year old would not be able to easily get over/under such as snow-fencing, etc). Signage indicating that the area is restricted must be placed. All persons who will enter the restricted area must sign the APBA waiver and wear a wristband on their wrist for the duration of the event. The parent or guardian of a minor must sign a waiver at each event beginning in 2012; cards indicating that this waiver has been signed at a different event have been eliminated. The waiver must be signed by the adult accompanying the minor to the event. All persons operating a motorized land vehicle (golf cart, etc) must be 18, and all persons serving on a rescue boat must also be 18. A special single-event APBA membership for all those serving voluntarily in a safety/rescue position is being considered, possibly to be offered at no cost in exchange for the volunteer service of these individuals.

Butch commented that he would like to initiate a mentoring system for new vintage participants, using ex-racers at each race site to help these "newbies" understand things like flags, buoys etc. Discussion followed, with possible suggestions being to take newbies around in patrol boat to explain the course, have a newbie follow an experienced driver around the course on his first runs, and have the newbie report to referee for suggestions following his first few runs. It is recommended that a mentoring committee be established at each race site to help new participants.

The 2011 Vintage and Historic Awards were presented. Those receiving awards were: Vintage and Historic Chairman's Choice, Don Kelson; Judy D'Eath Spirit of Vintage Award, Rich Evans; Vintage Special Service Award, Doug Whitley; Vintage Team of the Year, East Coast, Jay Marshall and Tijuana Taxi; Vintage Team of the Year, West Coast, The Agitator; Vintage Rookie of the Year, East Coast, Lyle Dinsmore; Vintage Rookie of the Year, West Coast, Conrad Malmo. Event of the Year Awards were presented to Bill John, Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta; Bill DeGlopper, Buffalo Launch Club Vintage Race Boat Reunion; Butch Dreher and Rick Shannon, Cross Lake Vintage Race Boat Classic; Dan and Debbie Joseph, Wheeling Vintage Raceboat Regatta; John Walcker, Lake Chelan Mahogany and Merlot.

Dan Joseph reported on a proposal to include a new class of pre-war boats within Vintage and Historic. The drivers of these boats would wear period-correct gear. This gear would not meet the safety standards regarding life jackets, helmets, etc. currently in place. The APBA has indicated that no V&H rule can be less stringent than the inboard General Racing Rules and thus no further discussion took place.

Katy Jones reported on progress of the restoration of the Miami Marine Stadium. The Committee continues to move forward with private fundraising and naming an operator for the stadium. Current details on the progress of the restoration may be found at FriendsOfMarineStadium.org. All are encouraged to sign up on this website to receive newsletters. A book entitled, "If Seats Could Talk" is in production and interviews with those who competed at the Miami Marine Stadium are being collected for the book. The possibility of organizing a Vintage and Historic event prior to the completion of the restoration of the stadium is being evaluated.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary

2012 VINTAGE AND HISTORIC DIVISION PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 1/28/12

(ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY SANCTION COMMITTEE)

DATE	PLACE	CLASSES
April 13-15	Stuart, FL	Inboards/vintage
May 5-6	Moses Lake, WA	Inboard/vintage
May 12-13	Nicolas, CA	Vintage
May 19-20	Dayton, OH	Driving school/vintage
June 2	Lake George, NY	Vintage
June 2-3	Lake Port, CA	Vintage
June 9-10	Oroville, CA	Vintage
June 9-10	Issaquah, WA	Inboards/vintage
June 9-10	Kent Narrows, MD	Inboards/vintage
June 16-17	Chamberlain, SD	Inboards/vintage
July 7-8	Olympia, WA	Inboards/vintage
July 7-8	Chowchilla, CA	Vintage
July 13-15	Detroit, MI	Unlimiteds/Vintage: GP, 7L, JSS
July 21-22	Waterford, MI	Inboard Nationals/vintage
August 3-5	Cross Lake, NY	Vintage
August 11-12	Oroville, WA	Inboards/vintage
August 18-19	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Vintage
August 16-19	Clayton, NY	Vintage
August 25-26	Celina, OH	Inboards/vintage
August 25	Brentwood, CA	Vintage
August 25-26	Pateros, WA	Inboards/vintage
August 31-September 1	Wheeling, WV	Vintage
September 8	Buffalo, NY	Vintage
September 8-9	Clinton, IL	Inboards/vintage
September 8-9	Spanaway, WA	Inboards/vintage
September 15-16	Rocky Fork, OH	Inboards/vintage
September 21-23	Geneva, NY	Inboards/vintage
September 21-22	Pleasanton, CA	Vintage
September 22-23	Chelan, WA	Inboards/vintage
September 29-30	Issaquah, WA	Inboards/vintage
October 6-7	Chelan, WA	Vintage
October 6-7	Isleton, CA	Vintage
October 20-21	Nicolas, CA	Vintage