

# APBA ORC Meeting Minutes 3/17/2021

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon EST by Chairman

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Rollcall

Present:

Rich Luhrs, Gene Stephens, Michelle Petro, Azam Rangoonwalla, Ed "Smitty" Smith, Ryan Beckley, Kevin Smith, Steve Curtis, Larry Bleil, Leland Sanford -Voting Members

Frank Vecce, Martin Raby, Steve Kildahl-non voting members

Absent:

Jason Saris, Augie Penza-Voting Members

Geoff Tomlinson-non voting member

Quorum Confirmed by Chief Administrator- Gene Stephens

## New Business

1. A Presentation was give by Frank Vecce to determine if the ORC would mandate his various technology equipment to all classes. Questions were asked around price and a preliminary head count by the Super Stock Class indicated the majority did not want this equipmnt. Further conversation will take place between the single vee classes representative, Kevin Smith, and Frank Vecce to determine possible applications. Consensus was that this is a class by class issue and will not receive general approval. Frank Vecce was then excused from the meeting.
2. Foot Throttles were discussed in the bracket classes and Smitty offered revised rules to allow them as long as all boats had both a driver and throttleman. This was approved by the ORC.
3. Changes to Boat specifications in Bracket Classes 2, 3 and 4 were presented by Smitty and approved by the ORC

## Open Issue:

1. The Mod V and Stock V Classes have voted to designate Key West as their UIM World Championship site. As a result Englewood Beach will become the final 2021 points race for these classes in determining the National High Point Championship. This was agreed and

approved by all. It was also requested and agreed that no press release regarding this was to be given and Smitty would handle notifying the race promoter at Englewood Beach. The above was approved by the ORC.

- 2.** Thunder Cat has applied to join APBA Offshore and P1. It was decided that this required additional conversation between P1 and Thunder Cat as well as greater understanding of the actual Thunder Cat Boat count. This issue is therefore tabled for a future meeting.
- 3.** Chopper Props has applied for inclusion in the Super Cat, Super Stock, and the Vee Classes. This was approved by the ORC.

## **Other Business:**

- 1.** Discussion was had regarding the new 450 Cat hulls. Smitty stated that three are in construction, and he has offered specific hull specs to assure uniform and competitive development going forward. It is decided that the boats will begin as Class 100 Bracket until and unless they achieve enough numbers to merit true racing class status.
- 2.** Discussion started around cross marketing opportunities with Holly at HQ, P1, OPA and RWO... Webcasts, TV, Multi media , all should be integrated and coordinated.

## **Motion to adjourn**