

MINUTES

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

July 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM by V&H Chairman Jeff Buckley. Board members in attendance were Jim Olson, Vice-Chairman; Dick Delsener, East Coast Representative; 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.

The minutes from the June 9 meeting were approved unanimously on motion of Jack Meyer, seconded by Dick Delsener.

Jim Olson described the memorial service for Matt Mattson that took place last week. Jim was in attendance and said there was a great turnout of about 300 people present. Jim remarked that Matt was a good family man who was loved by his community. He will be missed.

Chairman Buckley gave a brief review of the events on the West and East coast that have already occurred. Shaun Kelson described that attendance was down on the Black Lake event and that six vintage boats attended. Three more boats were late scratches. Shaun said that there have been three events on the West Coast so far and all have been fun with no vintage incidents; the event at Oak Harbor is coming up soon. Debbie Joseph described that the New Martinsville event had some organizational issues but overall went well. Chairman Buckley commended Jack Meyer and Billy Noonan as well as Dan and Debbie Joseph for their work on the event.

Under old business, Chairman Buckley initiated discussion on the proposed bylaws changes. Rich Evans began by reviewing the changes that had been made to the current work in progress. Discussion and clarification took place on several points. Minor changes were made following discussion. To allow for members of the committee to view all the changes before a vote is taken, Rich Evans will incorporate all the changes and email the finished, comprehensive document to members and an email vote for acceptance will be taken by Chairman Buckley as soon as possible. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members of the committee will be required for approval. Following that vote, the bylaws will be sent to APBA for final approval.

Chairman Buckley reported that he took the radios that belong to the Florida Vintage club to New Martinsville for drivers to test them. Most drivers reported that they worked well despite a few minor technical issues.

Shaun Kelson reported that the second half of the year will be very busy on the West Coast with a number of events coming up.

Debbie Joseph reported that preliminary boat count for Wheeling looks very good with approximately 60 boats expected.

Jim Berry and Rich Luhrs reported that planning for the Leonardtown event is proceeding well, and they are expecting approximately 30 outboards to participate.

Chairman Buckley reported a meeting with the region reps will take place next Tuesday. Dan Joseph, Region Reps chair, Dick Delsener, and Shaun Kelson will be participating on that Zoom call.

Chairman Buckley reported that the shirt order for committee members will be finalized in the next week.

Jim Olson thanked Rich Evans and Jack Meyer for the excellent work they are doing. Dick Delsener reported that he is looking forward to Wheeling.

Shaun Kelson, Rich Luhrs, and Dan Joseph had no further comments.

Steve Compton reported that Dr. Ken Muscatel recently had serious heart surgery. He has placed all of his boats up for sale.

Jack Meyer commented to everyone to keep it safe.

John Woodward reported that the Propeller issue that came out in the last week is 10 pages longer than previous issues. He commended editor Holly Jones for the great work she is doing, saying that her editing style is fantastic. V&H is extremely well-represented in this issue of Propeller. John is currently gathering video from events across the country for a promotional video that Holly Jones is working on; he asked that if anyone has video from events they attend to forward it to him. Discussion about the use of programs, posters, and hero cards as promotional devices followed. Dan Joseph commented on the article in Propeller about a New Martinsville video that David Kappel is spearheading.

Debbie Joseph thanked Rich Evans for his diligent work on the bylaws, and John Woodward on his work in promoting V&H.

Matt Yarno reported that that the APBA Board has been pretty quiet. He also reported that the recent races from Springfield, OH were televised on the FloSports network.

Jim Berry reported that he is working on a few things that will be announced later.

The next meeting will be held on August 11, 2021.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:15 PM on motion of Jim Olson, seconded by Steve Compton.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary
Vintage & Historic Committee