

## J COMMITTEE

JANUARY 28, 2017

1. The meeting was reconvened by the Chairman, Pat Gleason.
2. Roll call was taken. In attendance were: Pat Gleason, Jeff Williams, Chris Fairchild, Billy Allen, Jim Sweeney, Jim Nilsen, Dan Kanfoush, Fred Hauenstein, Andrew Tate, Jerry Davids, and Daniel Wilde.
3. Jerry Davids reported that the Southeast Divisionals would be held at Jesup, GA., the end of April.
4. Proposals
  - a. A proposal to state that when 3 Days of racing are run over 2 days, no more than 3 races may be run in the weekend. Motion by Daniel Wilde, seconded by Billy Allen. Motion failed.
  - b. A proposal to change the Overlap rule – No motion
5. Other items for Discussion
  - a. AX OMC Prototype Plate – Pat Gleason reported that he had received 1 set of data from 1 race where someone ran the prototype plate. Motion by Jeff Williams, seconded by Jerry Davids to continue the Prototyping of this restrictor plate for another year.
  - b. J Championship Propellers – Jeff Williams reported that there were not enough props at Nationals for our J drivers. We will be getting 10 more propellers. Plan is to contact each region and get 2-4 propellers and sends them to our tester who will run through the batch to hopefully pick up a couple of propellers for the box. Jerry Davids will make us boxes to secure them.
  - c. AX Speeds – Last year a parent expressed concerns that the AX were going too fast. The committee was charged with observing the AX classes over the year and come back to the committee with observations. Pat Gleason requested that each member comment on this:
    - i. Daniel Wilde – Too quick at end of straight-away. If we want them to be a true step between J and A, they are too close to A in the top speeds.
    - ii. Fred Hauenstein – should be a step class rather than a close approximation of A
    - iii. Jim Nilsen – agree that speeds of AX are comparable to A.
    - iv. Dan Kanfoush- no observations at Inboard races
    - v. Andrew Tate – doesn't know the best way to do this
    - vi. Chris Fairchild – leave as it is. Drivers need to learn how to drive the faster speeds, but the motor will slow through the turns
    - vii. Jim Sweeney – agree with Andrew. Can't slow motor down or will open a Pandora's Box. Don't see this as an issue
    - viii. Billy Allen – seems ok to me. If we are going to address this and look at lap times, don't use Yelm laps. Look at course where have to slow down for turns
    - ix. Jerry – don't see any issues in his area. Has never seen an AX go past an A.

Pat suggested that Daniel get some lap speeds from various races. Discussion was held with the audience. No action was taken.

- d. J Scholarship Program Report. Pat thanked the APBA Historical Society for their generosity in helping the J committee award 5 scholarships. Pat read a letter from Jill Glossner and Shari Runne giving an update on the program. He encouraged all to continue to donate to keep this program growing. Billy Allen reported that in Region 1 they donated \$1 from each entry fee.
- e. Other matters
  - i. Jerry Davids asked if there was any way to open up to get other suppliers for APBA J motors and parts. Mark Wheeler asked that the committee allow Mark Wheeler and Steve Hearn to look into the contract that was signed for this and see what can be done.
  - ii. Ed Hearn requested that the J Committee make a pronouncement as to their future intentions as to motors. Pat agreed to address this in a future Propeller magazine article. He stated it is the intention of the committee to keep the Mercury as the motor of choice for the next 5 years.
- f. Pat announced that his term as J Committee Chair was coming to an end with the conclusion of President Wheeler's presidency. He thanked all the current and past members of the committee for all their hard work over the years.
- g. Motion to adjourn – Jerry Davids, second Andrew Tate
- h. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Williams