APBA Vintage and Historic Regional Representatives Conference Call --- March 31, 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, Dan Joseph, Jay Marshall, Bob Moore, Joe Schulte, Ron Snyder and Doug Whitley. Absent were Joe Johnson and Phil Mitchell.

A clarification was made by Mark to the minutes of the March 15 meeting. APBA members may register at a CBF event using their APBA membership and vice versa for CBF members at APBA events. The minutes were then accepted as amended.

Mark detailed that he had received reports of consumption of alcohol at vintage events while the pits were hot or where it was illegal in the municipality where the event was being held. People in violation of this guideline will be penalized severely by the referee in a prompt and dignified manner. There will be zero tolerance for infractions of this rule. Reps must see that this issue is clarified during the driver's meetings at events where they are in attendance. Mark recommended that notification of this zero tolerance policy be made in the driver's packets at event registration.

Mark remarked that V&H members should show support to the newly formed Canadian Boating Federation events by their attendance.

Bill DeGlopper reported that Dan Kanfoush will be setting up a Yahoo group for the use of the V&H regional reps to discuss policy matters. This will be a private group for V&H reps and will not be open to the general membership. There will be no cost associated with this group.

Before announcing the name of the new V&H Chairman, Mark detailed the process that he went through to arrive at his decision. Among other things, he considered the location of the applicant, how a possible applicant would be perceived by the general V&H membership, the ability to travel to different events around the country to further the APBA and V&H cause, and most importantly the desire and ability of the applicant to do the job. The name of the new V&H Chairman must be submitted to the APBA Board of Directors for approval, and this will be done via email tomorrow. Mark also remarked that the choice of V&H reps will be done by the new Chairman in short order and also must be ratified by the APBA Board of Directors. Mark then announced that Doug Whitley had accepted the offer of the Chairmanship of the Vintage and Historic Division.

Doug offered his thanks to those who had supported him in the last few weeks. He will carry on where past Chairman Tom Bertolini left off, and expressed desire to get back to basics and back to having fun in V&H. Doug asked each of the region reps to email him with their phone numbers and the best time for contact. He would like all reps to take more responsibility in their own regions and welcomed ideas to help streamline each region. Doug also stated that he is in complete agreement with the previously discussed issue of alcohol in the pits. He is looking forward to a good, safe year in V&H.

Mark announced that a press release regarding Doug's appointment would be released by APBA HQ after ratification by the Board of Directors. He also asked reps to submit names of publications where this press release could be submitted.

Mark thanked all reps for their patience, support, confidence and advice offered as he considered the appointment of the new Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Joseph