

**American Power Boat Association  
Stock Outboard Category Meeting  
106<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Seattle WA. January 28-30, 2010**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Opening Ceremonies**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation
- c. Moment of silence for members who have passed away in the last year

**III. Oath of New Commission Members**

*Do you and each of you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully discharge the office of Stock Outboard Racing Commissioner and that you will uphold and defend the By Laws of the American PowerBoat Association and the Racing Rules of the Stock Outboard Category so as you would answer unto God? If so, say 'I do'.*

**IV. Roll Call**

Brian Trolian- present  
Alex Poliakoff - present  
Tom Johnson - present  
Steve Warnock - present  
Butch Kiddy - absent  
Jeff Brewster - present  
Tammy Dawe - present  
Kyle Bahl - absent  
Steve Wilde - present  
Dave Anderson - present  
Scott Clark - present  
Matt Dagostino - present  
Ed Runne - present  
Roger Przbyla - present  
Mike Ross - present  
Jeff Conant - present  
Scott Reed - absent

**V. 2009 Chairman's Report**

**VI. Appointment of Committees**

OMC Tech Committee: Brent Backus

Mercury Tech Committee: Steve Wheeler

Tohatsu Tech Committee: Alex Poliakoff

Hot Rod Tech Committee: Cooper Jess

Sidewinder Tech Committee: Ed Runne

Yamato Tech Committee: Scott Clark

Boat Tech Committee: John Runne

Inspection Manual Committee: Brian Trolan

Championship/Awards Committee: Tammy Dawe

Promotional Committee: Paul Neilander (temporary) Troy Gladkoski

SO Website Committee: Jerry Bewster

Parity Committees: To be appointed

Manufacturer/Supplier List Committee: Mike Ross

SO Secretary: Mike Ross

SO Chief Inspector: Tom Johnston

SO Chief Referee: Rick Sandstrum

So Chief Scorer: Jill Glossner

Motion to approve Committees: **Motion Carries**

**VII. Approval Of Annual Meeting Agenda**

Motion to approve Annual Meeting Agenda: **Motion Carries**

### **VIII. Manufacturers' Reports**

- a. Yamato- Ric Montoya **62** - 302 motors available  
Rick Montoya gave a report on Yamato availability
- b. Hot Rod/Sidewinder- Ron Selewach  
Ed Runne gave a report on the Sidewinder availability and progress
- c. Bass/Tohatsu- Neil Bass/Alex Poliakoff  
Alex Poliakoff gave a Tahatsu report and availability
- d. Mercury- Dave Scott, Wheeler's Marine  
Mark Wheeler gave a report on Mercury A availability

All reports were given and the SORC were made aware of all the manufactures availability .

### **IX. Old Business**

- a. **Approval of Minutes from 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.**

Motion made to approve the 105<sup>th</sup> annual minutes: **Motion Carries**

- b. **Action with regard to 2009 SORC decision to rename classes.**

The 2009 SORC voted to rename the BSR and BSH classes 15SSR and 15SSH, to rename the 20SSH class BSH, and to rename the 25SSR class BSR. However, this action was never submitted to the membership for a vote in violation of Section 12.7 of the APBA By Laws.

**No action or motions were made pertaining to this. The current class names will revert back to the 2009 rules.**

A motion was made to rename the BSR and BSH classes 15SSR and 15SSH, to rename the 20SSH class BSH, and to rename the 25SSR class BSR. **Motion Fails**

**This was revisited at the end of the meeting day for a vote by the SORC**

- c. **Approval of Decisions of Race Committees and Referees for 2009.**

Motion to approve 2009 Race Committees and Referees decisions: **Motion Carries**

**d. 2010 Championship Reports**

- i. Winter Nationals-Ocoee, Fla.  
March 12<sup>th</sup>,13<sup>th</sup>,14<sup>th</sup>

Howie Nichols gave the SORC an overview of the upcoming event

Motion made to give a loan to be paid back for the insurance and sanction fee's: **Motion Carries**

- ii. SO Short Course Nationals-Oroville, CA  
August 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Bill Boyles gave the SORC an overview of the upcoming event

Motion made to give a loan to be paid back for the insurance and sanction fee's: **Motion Carries**

- iii. SO Marathon Nationals-Indian River MI  
July 31 & August 1

Mike Ross gave the SORC an overview of the upcoming event

**d. 2011 Championship Reports**

- i. Winternationals, Puddingstone CA or Bakersfield, CA  
Tammy Dawe gave presentation
- ii. Short Course Nationals, Wakefield, MI  
Aug 1-6 2011  
Rachel Warnock gave a presentation
- iii. SO Marathon Nationals-Indian River MI  
Mike Ross gave a presentation

Motion to approve the 45ss nationals to Puddingstone California in March 2001. **Motion Carries**

Motion to approve the 45ss nationals at Puddingstone CA in March rather than a summer month as stated in the rule book **Motion Carries**

e. **Approval of 2009 Awards.**

Ed Hearn turned the chair over to Mike Ross for the motion to accept the 2009 Hall of Champion inductees

- i. Hall of Champion Inductees
  - 1. Joe Pater
  - 2. Don Allen III
  - 3. Edward Hearn
  - 4.

Motion to approve the 2009 Hall of Champion Inductees: **Motion Carries**

- ii. Gerald Waldman Award-  
Abby Pond 12231pts in 32 races

Motion to approve the Gerald Waldman Award to Abby Pond: **Motion Carries**

- iii. Henry Menzies Award-  
Mike Perman 21912 pts in 67 races

Motion to approve the Henry Memzies Award to Mike Perman: **Motion Carries**

- iv Rookie Of The Year-  
Mike Menter from Chula Vista California

Motion to approve the rookie of year to Mike Mentor: **Motion Carries**

- f. Purchase of Tohatsu Engines.

**-Update** APBA has purchased 2 motors from Bass Machine for purchase by any member interested in obtaining one. Call APBA and place your order for delivery. Upon the purchase of one of these 2 motors the SORC will be paid back.

**X. New Business**

a. **Bids for Short Course National Championships**

Short Coarse Nationals

i. **2012** –

Motion to award the 2012 combined Mod Stock Nationals to Whitney Pte.

**Motion Fails**

Rich Palmer gave a presentation for the Whitney Pte Nationals Bid

Motion to award the Stock Nationals to Grass Lake MI: **Motion Carries**

Dean Sutherland and the folks from Grass Lake gave a presentation on the Grass Lake bid for 2012

ii. **2013** –

Motion to award the Stock Nationals to Alabama Power Boat Association:

**Motion Carries**

Jeff carter gave a presentation from Alabama Outboard for the 2013 bid for the Stock nationals

b. **Bids for Divisional Championships**

i. Short Course

Northeast - Lock Haven PA June 12 & 13

Southeast –Wilson NC July 17& 18

Central - Grass Lake MI July 10 & 11

Western –Orville CA June 19 & 20

Motion to approve divisional championships and locations: **Motion Carries**

ii. Marathon

Central- Grass Lake MI July 10 & 11

Motion to approve divisional championships and locations: **Motion Carries**

c. **Bids for North American Championships**

CSH,CSR,ASH to Copperopolis California

DSH to Standish Maine

Motion to approve North American championships and locations: **Motion Carries**

**d. Bids for future Winter Nationals**

- i. 2012 – Ocoee FL Mid March  
Presentation was given via fax by Tom Nuchio

Motion to award the 2012 Winter Nationals to Ocoee FL **Motion Carries**

**e. Bids for other Future events**

**f. Stock Outboard Promotions**

- i. approval of Promotions Budget

**2010 SO Promotional Budget**

\$500 Banners- Discussion Regarding Design

Trailer Stickers (New Style more like banner or keep the same OVAL one in a couple sizes?)

\$6,500 - 2010 Nationals Video and DVD's (Chairman Neilander will continue this project if requested. Maybe work with MOD for contribution if they want MOD show too)

\$2500 Hydroracer Ad and Press Releases

\$1000 – Web Maintenance

(Art work is already completed by George Young. Need money for printing and distribution)

\$3,500 Website

\$14000.00 Total

Motion to approve the 2010 Promotional Budget **Motion Carries**

**g. Stock Outboard Rule Changes**

- 1. Deputy Commisisoners. Rule 20.2.B- Deputy Commissioners have not been appointed in years. This rule should be removed.

Motion to remove rule 20.2.B from the hard cover rule book: **Motion Carries**

2. Motor Cowling Rules- Discussion regarding ASH disqualification and appeal and National Commissioner Ruling.

Proposal: Add the following Rule: "Rule (# to be assigned) - Cowling attachment. Engine cowlings will be securely attached to prevent loss during competition. Cowlings which come loose or fall off during a heat will result in disqualification. This shall not apply to boats which have flipped, or which have been struck by another boat during that heat."

Motion made that under no circumstances shall an engine supplied with a motor cowling be run without its cowling. A violation of this rule will result in a disqualification from the heat: **Motion Carries**

#### **h. Safety Rule Changes**

1. Certification of Life Jackets and Cut Resistant Suits.

Proposal: Page 1. Safety Rule 3. Paragraph 7. Remove it in its entirety. Reason: our 2009 rule more than adequately covered the issue. We need to have the same safety rule for Stock, MOD and PRO and this strays from that. Plus, the expense is an undue burden on the membership. The current rule gives the Referee the power to inspect safety equipment.

Motion made to remove safety rule 3 Paragraph 7 in its entirety: **Motion Carries**

Motion to take this new motion passed to the BOD for the approval for the 2010 season: **Motion Carries**

2. Minimum Age Requirements.

Proposal: Safety Rule 9. Paragraph 1. Change 'blue lined' language back to 2009 rulebook regarding age requirements for classes in Stock Outboard. Reason: The previous class structure and age requirements are adequate

Motion made to change the DSH age limit to 16yrs old: **Motion Fails**

#### **i. High Point Awards or Hall of Champion Awards Changes**



Motion made to change the amount of races for High Point Championships from the current 15 races down to 12 races: **Motion Fails**

**j. Inspection or Inspection Manual Changes**

1. *Minimum Inspection Standards at Divisionals - Any class with 8 or more starters will at a minimum a) weigh and check height on the top 5 boats in each heat and b) inspect the engine of the top 2 finishers.*

While some regions do rigorous inspections at Divisionals others do not. This will make things more fair and uniform, while still leaving flexibility for the inspector (what type of engine inspection they want to do).

Motion made to adopt a definition of 3 classes of inspection and when they are required. **Motion Carries**

**k. Class or Engine Technical Changes**

**1. A Classes**

**A) Proposal: Reinstate the Mercury 15 back into the A class beyond October 31, 2010.**

Motion made to reinstate the Mercury 15 back into the A class beyond October 31 2010: **Motion Carries**

Scott Clark requested his vote of no to be recorded.

**B) Conformity of Technical Rules with J Category Technical Rules.**

**These 3 changes were adopted by the J Committee**

1. Water discharge Hose can be any length as long as the restrictor in the end of the hose is left in.
2. You will be allowed to countersink and use a flat head screw in the read block for ease of restrictor removal.

3. Any fuel line may be used from the gas fitting and in to the carb.

Motion made to except the 3 **J Committee** changes so we stay conformed in the A Class. **Motion Carries**

Motion was made to allow any ring to be used in the Mercury 15 as long as the piston is not altered **Motion Carries**

**Note!** We will use the language in the rule book for the J category for inspection.

C) **Approval of Sidwinder 15S into the A Classes.**

Motion made to approve the Sidwinder 15S for use in the ASH & ASR classes.

Amended Motion was then issued to amend this version and change the verbiage and add a parity committee along with the acceptance of the Sidwinder15S

**Note!** Ed Runne did not vote on any of the Sidwinder Motions

**NEW MOTION**

Motion made to approve the Sidwinder 15S for use in the ASH & ASR classes. Also a parity committee will be appointed and in place for parity between the Sidwinder and the OMC A **Motion Carries**

Motion made to raise the weight on the Sidwinder A weight to 360 for the Hydro and 365 for the Runabout. **Motion Fails**

Motion to approve the Sidwinder engine for the 2010 racing season with a date of June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**This motion was amended to change the date of the Sidwinder legality date**

Motion to approve the Sidwinder engine for the 2010 racing season with a date August 15<sup>th</sup> 2010: **Motion Carries 8 yes, 5 no, 1 abstained**

The chairman will take this request to the BOD for approval for the 2010 season

Motion to approve the Sidwinder engine for the 2010 racing season with a date of June 16<sup>th</sup> . **Motion Fails**

## 2. B Classes

A) Hot Rod versus Sidewinder Parity- Increase the minimum cylinder head combustion volume on the Hot Rod engines to 14.0 cc.

B) B Class Parity Committee

**No motions made on any B class issues**

## 3. C Classes

A) Yamato 102 Coil proposal- Approval of Y-80, 101, 202 or 302 Coils for the Y-102

**No motions made on the Coil replacement issues.** Rick Montoya gave a presentation on a couple options we could take with the 302 and 80. Tom Johnson also is investigating options to rewind the current coils.

B) CSH. 102 Versus 302 Parity.

Motion made to create a parity committee for the CSH class: **Motion Fails**

## 4. D Class

A) D Classes: Tohatsu versus Mercury parity.

Motion made to direct the chairman to make the appointments to the D class parity committee **Motion Fails**

Motion made that the engine height rule be 0 for both the Mercury and the Tahatsu **Motion Fails**

Motion to accept the new Tahatsu inspection tech sheet and permissible modifications approved **.Motion Carries**

**Note! The SORC & Chief Inspector will be reviewing the new spec sheet after all changes discussed are completed. There will also be specs on the Bass gear case reviewed once completed by Bass machines**

Motion to approve the aftermarket 30 over Wiesco oversize piston:  
**Motion Fails**

Motion made to remove the read stops on the Tahastu with the use of the Boysen reeds: **Motion Fails**

#### **Clean up items**

**Make sure the super thunderbolt D is a legal engine in the D class under engines in the rule book. Under Stock Outboard Classes in the rule book**

## **5. 25ss Classes**

A) **Proposal: Change 25SSH height restriction from 0" to 0.5".**

**Intent: To lower the propeller shaft height**

**Rule: SAFETY Rule 4 • Engine Mounting Heights**

Action: Change the height dimension from zero to one-half inch below the bottom.

Purpose: After several years of discussion, the majority of the current 25SSH drivers would like to lower the measurement. It is hoped that with a lower height the class will be safer, more in control and more appealing to new drivers interested in getting started in the class. At Lock Haven this past year on Sunday, five of the seven entries ran at the 1/2" measurement in both heats to test the height in racing conditions. The results were some with no loss in speed and some reporting a loss of 1 mph. All agreed that our ride felt much safer compared to the race on Saturday. Many reported much better propeller bite throughout the entire race course. A petition signed by sixteen 25SSH drivers is available if desired.

Motion made to lower the height restriction from 0 to 0.5 below the the bottom of the boat in the 25SSH class for all engines. **Motion Carries**

Jeff Brewster requested that this motion be taken to the board for approval for the 2010 season

Warnock was the only no vote

Motion made to archive all the current records for the 25SSH class **Motion Fails**

B) Approval of the Sidewinder 20S Engine into the 25SSR Class.

Motion made to approve the Sidewinder 20S for the 25ssr class **Motion Carries**

Motion made to take the 20S Sidewinder approval for the 25ssr class to the BOD for immediate approval by the BOD for the 2010 racing season **Motion Carries**

Motion made to approve the Sidewinder 20S for the 25ssh class. And also take it to the BOD for immediate approval for the 2010 racing season. **Motion Carries**

Note! Ed Runne abstained from voting on all the Sidewinder motions

Motion made to Reinstate the Yamato 102 & 302 back into the 25 runabout class past the November 2010 date **Motion Carries**

C) Hot Rod Technical Rules. Per recommendation from HR Tech Chairman, Cooper Jess: Remove Rule 3 in the Inspection Manual for the 20 CID Hot Rod and Replace with the following:

*3. The removal of material from aluminum flywheels by drilling or any other method, for any reason, is specifically prohibited. Weight such as solder, copper, or lead may be added to the flywheel for balancing. Some flywheels are balanced at the factory. The BRP*

*flywheel #584222 is legal in the configuration used by Racing Outboards LLC for their engines.*

Reason: In the last published SO tech manual, several mistakes were made in the 25SSR rules using the 20 cu in Hot Rod. It appears that the wording from the then-BSR/H rules were used instead of the originally-submitted specs. HR Tech Chariman, Cooper Jess, suggests a new rule #3 and the elimination of rule #16 as it is included in the proposed rule above.

**Motion to approve The BRP flywheel # 584222 for the 20 cubic inch hot rod. Motion Carries**

- D) Hot Rod Technical Rules. Removal of the second sentence in #5 regarding heads with integral cast head catcher bosses. This rule does not apply to the 20 cu. in. Hot Rod engine, it is only for the 15 cu in engines so should be eliminated. See the actual spec sheet page and there is a provision for each head in the minimum compression volume.

**Motion to remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence in #5 regarding heads Motion Carries**

- E) Hot Rod Technical Rules. Rule # 7 is also for the 15 cu in engines and should be eliminated from the 20 CID Hot Rod Rules.

**Motion to remove Rule #7 Motion Carries**

Note from Chairman Jess: The only other thing I noticed is in the carb specs, I think the Tillotson carb should be HL 16B not 168. **This is a House keeping item and will be changed**

- F) Appointment of Parity Committee; Parity Rule Changes.

## **6. 20SSH Class**

- A) Place Yamato 102 engine back into this class.

Motion made to reinstate the 102 restricted back into the 20SSH hydro class for the 2010 season. **Motion Carries**

B) Proposal: Page 4 Safety Rule 4. Paragraph 1. Place the height restriction for all engines so that the centerline height measurement shall be lowered to 3/4" below the bottom of the bottom of the boat matching the current CSH depth. Reason: To save motors from burning up and for parity.

Motion made to lower the the height restriction for the 20SS Hydro class to 3/4 below the bottom rather than the current 1/2 inch. **Motion Fails**

C) Approval of the Sidewinder 20S Engine into the 20SSH Class.

Motion made to approve the Sidewinder 20S into the 20SSH class. And will have parity committee appointed along with the approval of the motor. **Motion Carries**

9 yes, 4 no

Motion to make the effective date of August 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 the date the Sidewinder would become legal for the 20SSH class **Motion Fails** **Vote was a tie**

A motion was made to approve the Sidewinder 20S into the 20SSH class. It was then amended to have a parity committee to go along with this motion. It was voted on and the **Motion to amend Carried**

D) Appointment of Parity Committee for the Sidwinder 20S.

**This was approved with the motion to make the Sidewinder 20S approved in 20SSH**

## 7. **45ss Class**

No Motions pertaining to 45ss were made

## 8. **Other Technical/Class Rule Changes**

Motion made to adopt a defined level inspection. **Motion Carries**

Motion made to define the 3 levels of inspections:

Level 1 - inspection at all races (recommended),

Level 2 - at Divisional's, Winter Nationals, Marathon Nationals, at minimum.

Level 3 - at Summer Nationals or Records be mandatory

**Motion Carries**

Motion to accept the new Tahatsu inspection tech sheet . **Motion carries**

## **I. Runabout and Hydro Rule Changes**

### **Clean up items**

**25ssr weight is 350 not 290**

**Yamato 80 removed from 25ssr**

Page 53 of the rule book

1. Rounded Boat Fronts. Proposal: Remove portions of the Safety Rule 3 that were not approved by the SORC.

Rule: 2010 Safety Rule #3 Section 22 (B) 2 (entire sentence in blue) and Section 23 (only wording in blue)

Action: Remove the portions of the rule listed.

Purpose: These two topics were not discussed or voted on at the 2009 National Meeting. The rules are poorly written and will possibly remove some runabouts from competing in our 2010 season. Removal of the nose to thicken to the 1/2" measurement may make some runabouts illegal due to being too short for the class intended.

\* Rescind the rule prohibiting the aluminum rub rails on pickle forks or cockpit noses. (page 28,3.22 B, 2)

Motion to remove the last sentence of safety rule 3.23. **Motion Carries**

Motion to remove safety rule 3.22 B-2 **Motion Carries**

Motion to adopt the Mod and Pro rounded pickle fork rule **Motion Fails**



**Many different rounded pickle fork options were discussed and the final decision was to keep the current Stock Outboard rule with just a few changes to the rules posted in the rule book. Most changes were done for clarification purposes.**

2. Permit the use of lifting rails such as those used on DeSilva runabouts in DSR.

Lifting rails are allowed in the Mod Category (page 4, I ) this may attract some cross-overs from Modified to Stock Outboard.

Motion to approve Rub or Lifting rails in the DSR class. The rub or lifting rail will be attached to the outside of the boat and not exceed 1.5 inches in depth and width

**Motion Carries**

**m. Fuel Rules**

**n. Approve the 2010 Stock Outboard Promotional Budget**

**2010 Promo budget**

\$6,500.00 SO Nationals Video and TV Air Time

\$500.00 Banners and Trailer Stickers

\$3,500.00 Web Development

\$1,000.00 Web Maintenance

\$2,500.00 Promotional, (Hydro racer) Press Releases and other promotional

**\$14,000.00**

Motion to Approve the 2010 promotional budget. **Motion Carries**

Motion to send the item pertaining to paying the commissioners for their cost of attending the Annual Meeting to ballot for a member vote. **Motion Carries**

Motion to approve the fees charged for attending the Annual Meeting and Banquet be paid through the Stock Outboard promotional fund for SORC members who are in attendance of at the annual meeting. **Motion Fails**

**Note! The 2 items voted on pertaining to paying costs for attending the annual meeting basically cancelled each other out. So no ballot to members was needed. Each region will decide individually on who and what fees get paid to commissioners attending the annual meeting.**

## **XI. Other Matters**

## **XII. Adjourn**

Motion to Ajourn was made at 10:30 a.m. Saturday: **Motion Carries**