

J COMMITTEE

JANUARY 26, 2017

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Pat Gleason.
2. Roll call was taken. In attendance were: Pat Gleason, Jeff Williams, Chris Fairchild, Billy Allen, Jim Sweeney, Jim Nilson, Dan Kanfoush, Fred Hauenstein, Andrew Tate, Jerry Davids, and Daniel Wilde.
3. The chairman introduced the new members.
4. 2017 Grass Lake Nationals update. Tom Johnston reported on behalf of Michigan Hydroplane that everything was coming together.
5. Divisionals:
 - a. Northeast – Whitney Point, NY June 3-4
 - b. Southeast –
 - c. Central – Pell Lake, WI May 20-21
 - d. West – Cullaby Lake, OR June 16-17

Motion by Chris Fairchild, seconded by Jeff Williams to approve all except Southeast. Jerry Davids will get a firm site and date before the end of the week. Motion passed.

6. 2017 NACs Bids were accepted from:
 - a. Rock Falls, IL ,Jul-8 & 9
 - b. Constantine, MI 6-22 & 25

Motion by Chris Fairchild to approve Rock Falls, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. The motion failed. Ed Hearn then presented a bid from Dayton, OH 8-25 &26.

Motion by Jeff Williams to approve Constantine, seconded by Jerry Davids. Motion passed.

7. Marathon Nationals – no update
8. 2018 Nationals –Moses Lake – Representatives reported they are working with sponsors and putting race committee together.
9. 2018 NAC- Motion by Chris Fairchild, seconded by Fred Hauenstein to award to Rock Falls, IL at a date to be determined. Motion passed.
10. 2019 Nationals – Wakefield, MI – Representatives reported they are in the infant stages, working on race committee
11. 2019 NACs - Motion by Jerry Davids to wait to accept bids, seconded by Jim Nilsen. Motion passed.
12. Engine Inventory & Manufacturer's Report – Mark Wheeler reported that APBA has 2 engines left (2 year supply) and have all parts available to build another for stock. Gearcases – 3 in stock. Ed Runne reported on gearcases – have 6 assembled and on shelf. They are out of castings at the moment, but will be ordering more as needed.
13. New Proposals
 - a. A proposal to require that all weights must be securely fastened into the hull. There was no motion.

- b. A proposal to require a mandatory motor/transom setback. Motion by Jerry Davids, seconded by Andrew Tate. New rule to read: "The mandatory minimum distance of 1" between the leading tip of the gear case and the aft portion of the planing surface" Motion passed.
- c. A proposal to reduce the size of the OMC J Restrictor Plate. Motion by Jim Sweeney, no second.
- d. A proposal to allow any points earned before changing motors due to irreparable damage to be retained by the driver. Motion by Daniel Wilde, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. Motion failed.
- e. A proposal to allow race committees to move up the second day of racing into the first day if announced at the drivers meeting. Motion by Jerry Davids, seconded by Andrew Tate. Motion failed
- f. A proposal to add the APBA logo requirement to the rule book– Motion by Jerry Davids, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. Motion passed

14. The meeting was then recessed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Williams