

AMERICAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

January 27, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Howie Nichols.
2. The oath of office was given to all new Board of Directors, Region Chairs, Council, and Commission members.
3. All members were asked to rise and participate in the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was give by Edward Hearn.
4. A moment of silence was observed for all members lost over the past year.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Treasurer Steve Compton discussed the new technology programs being created for APBA. He introduced Ryan Johnson of Easy Click who gave an update on the project and provided samples of what the new website will look like. Ryan also answered questions from the floor. He reported that the project, although currently behind schedule, should be completed in early summer.
6. President Nichols gave the ballot report from the last election at which time 5 new Board of Directors members and 6 new Council members were elected.
7. Report of the Vice-President. Chris Fairchild reported that past president Mark Wheeler, current President Howie Nichols and himself have succeeded in getting OPC back under the APBA umbrella. He is currently working with Kristi Ellison of the Pro category.
8. Report of the Secretary. Mary Williams reported she had taken minutes at all BOD meetings, served as secretary to Council and most of the committees.
9. Report of the Treasurer. Steve Compton reported that membership overall was down 97 members in 2017 and gave a report on the financial status of the organization and outlined the 2018 budget.
10. Report of the President. Howie Nichols reported that the staff, Officers, and Board of Directors have done a lot of work during the few short months he has been in office. We terminated the previous Executive Director and are beginning a search for a new Executive Director; we have re-organized all the committees; we have planned the national meeting; we have done a complete revision of the by-laws; we have completed a complete review of the entire office's hardware and computer systems; had monthly think tanks with the members of the Board of Directors; communicated weekly with the Office staff; and resigned the insurance policies with no increase from the 2017 rates.
11. Report of Category Chairs:
 - a. Unlimited – President Nichols reported that APBA is beginning talks to bring them back under the APBA umbrella.
 - b. Stock Outboard – Jeff Brewster reported 2017 was a great season for SO; had a safe season with good nationals. They have spent time re-organizing their class structure with all classes having a motor of choice currently available for purchase.
 - c. Modified Outboard – Tom Sutherland reported that membership stayed consistent with previous years. The category had a very successful national championship in conjunction with the Pro category. They have added two classes

with a go-kart motor which we hope will allow us to grow as other classes decline due to motor part availability. Hope to have about 30 engines available for sale by mid-spring.

- d. Pro Outboard – Kristi Ellison reported on a good year for the Pro category. They had 13 national champions crowned with 11 high point winners crowned. Membership was up 13 members. The Pro category had 30 pro races throughout the country and a fantastic national event at Constantine, MI. Pro drivers set several records and crowned new divisional pro champions. The Pro Commission retired the M-16 number in honor of the late Ed Thirlby. They changed their point structure and changed the minimum requirement for a high point championship. They have presented a new class (F500) to the New Class Committee and are hoping for approval. The Pro Category is also planning to put in a bid for the 2020 O350 World Championships in Springfield, OH. Additionally, they have recovered several trophies lost to the category.
 - e. J Classes – Mark Wheeler reported they had a great season due to readily available equipment and stable rules. This year the North American Championships will be held at Rock Falls, IL and the summer nationals will be held at Moses Lake, WA, in conjunction with both the Mod and Stock categories.
 - f. OPC – James Chambers reported they had had 4 multi-event groups that ran successful seasons. Was the first year for the NGK F1 series and had a successful season. Hurricane Harvey cancelled the nationals at Shreveport, but our loss was minor as compared to what others lost. OPC gained members from the previous year, they held 19 OPC only events and 20 events where OPC was added to other events.
 - g. Inboard – due to the absence of Dutch Squires, there was no report.
 - h. Offshore – Mark Wheeler reported that the Offshore committee is working on aligning rules with Superboat International to allow growth in APBA Offshore.
 - i. Thundercat – Robin Shane reported that last year Thundercats maintained a presence in Region 6 and 7. Their goals for 2018 are to continue to have a presence in 6 & 7 and are excited about the P750 class on the east coast. Due to a planned driving school, they are looking forward for growth.
12. Committee Reports
- a. Archives and Records - Jan Shaw reported that in 2017 she was able to put a rule book on the New York state archive system, which is a time consuming job. In 2018 will be asking membership to start sending in old items to preserve our history.
 - b. Hall of Champions – Tracy Trolan presented a proposed rule change to the Board of Directors for consideration which states:“To be considered for an at-large position you must have won 3 high point or national championships across multiple categories”. She also reported that there will be 20 inductees present for the induction ceremony.
 - c. Safety - Eli Whitney reviewed a lot of new safety items and trends at their meeting. He asked for additional time to devote to safety next year during the national meeting.
 - d. Rescue – Ken Smith wants to move aggressively to improve communication with rescue teams across the country to improve recruitment and retention of rescue personnel. Their group wants to review improvements of the concussion

identification and protocol and improve data collection on incidents with the use of a new supplemental incident form which they are proposing.

- e. Vintage and Historic – John Krebs reported a 12% increase in membership from 2016 but do have a decrease in events throughout the country.
 - f. International Affairs – Fred Hauenstein reported that his efforts are mostly involved in UIM . APBA is the only body in the US which can be aligned with UIM and can sanction world championships and records. Committee members attend meetings in various parts of the world and are active in holding various positions in UIM.
 - g. Scoring – Lisa Jennings reported that the Scoring Committee is working on test which will be out in a couple of weeks and working with Ryan Johnson on new scoring program. They report about 50% of the scorers are now using the computer scoring programs.
 - h. Referee – In the absence of Chief Referee Con Melillo, President Nichols reported that the Referee test will be available in next week to 10 days.
13. National Headquarters Report – President Nichols reported that the office is currently staffed with one part-time worker and two full time workers. We are continuing to look at hardware and software issues with the goal of streamlining things.
14. Motion by Edward Hearn, seconded by Edgar Rose to ratify the actions of the Officers, Board of Directors, Council, Category Chairs, and the Commissions over the past year. The motion passed.
15. President Nichols introduced special guests Thomas Kurth, the UIM Secretary General, and Dr, Raffaella Chuilli, UIM President, who addressed the meeting and discussed the UIM and its future.
16. New Business/Other Matters
- a. Question from the floor on what category the 97 members lost came from. Treasurer Compton answered that 93 came from the Inboard category and the rest were scattered throughout other categories.
 - b. Request by Edgar Rose for driver school data from 2017. How many schools, in what category, number of attendees, etc. President Nichols will get this information together.
 - c. President Nichols reported that the Board of Directors awarded Mark Wheeler an honorary life membership in APBA and gave him his lifetime card. Mark was also awarded a plaque in appreciation of his dedication during his presidency from the office staff.
 - d. Edward Hearn, made a motion asking the assembly adopt a resolution of appreciation for the service of Steve Hearn for 36 years as General Counsel to APBA. Seconded by Mark Wheeler. The Resolution reads:

RESOLUTION 2018 NUMBER 1

AMERICAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, it is generally accepted that any organization of persons is required to operate its business under the laws and rules under which it has been organized, and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly sophisticated society, these laws and rules become more complicated and burdensome on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, in order for an organization to navigate these difficult rules and laws, it is important to have the assistance of good advice and counsel, and inasmuch as this Organization is one of members and, further one which is not-for-profit, and

WHEREAS, since 1981, this Association has been guided by the good advice and counsel of Mr. R. Steven Hearn, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hearn has recently announced his retirement from the practice of law at the young age of 80 years, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of any good organization to express its appreciation for such dedication and long-standing service of a member....

NOW THEREFORE, *Be* it resolved, by the members of the American Power Boat Association, at the general assembly of its membership, during its 114th Annual Meeting in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, that such Association does hereby express its most sincere appreciation, gratitude and thanks to Mr. R. Steven Hearn for his faithful and dedicated service to the membership thereof and further be it resolved that the same be spread upon the records of such Association.

SO RESOLVED this 27th day of January, 2018.

Signed:

Howie Nichols, APBA President

Approved unanimously.

17. Motion to adjourn by John Runne, seconded by Adam Allen. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Williams

APBA Secretary