

AMERICAN POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELECONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 16, 2017

1. The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by the President, Howie Nichols at 8:30 PM.
2. Roll call was taken. The following were in attendance: Howie Nichols, Chris Fairchild, Steve Compton, Mary Williams, Mark Wheeler, Charles Strang, Jean McKay-Schwartz, John Runne, Fred Hauenstein, Mark Tate, Jerry Davids, Kyle Bahl, Patrick Gleason, Matt Yarno, Penny Anderson, Alex Jennings III, Bob Wartinger, Steve Noury, Rachel Warnock, Jeff Conant, Jan Shaw, Jeff Brewster, Tom Sutherland, Kristi Ellison, James Chambers, Jim Secler, Richard Shaw, Jeff Titus, Eli Whitney, Kris Shepard, Aaron Wachholz, Rick Sandstrom, and Roger Carr. Excused were: Adam Allen, Sheri Greaves, Scott Reed, Ann Marie Shaw, and Julian Rucki.
3. Motion by Fred Hauenstein, seconded by Charlie Strang to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Old Business:
  - a. Jeff Titus questioned the outcome on the Lee Sutter letter. Charlie Strang reported that after investigation, the situation was resolved. The letter had asked that the facts be kept in the records at APBA headquarters in case of a future incidence. This has been done.
5. New Business:
  - a. Howie Nichols provided an update on the Office. Patrick Mell was terminated on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Currently the job description for his position is being revised with the hope of starting a new candidate search on December 1<sup>st</sup>. In the meantime, the job duties will be spread among the staff and the officers. There is also a possibility of hiring an interim director.
  - b. President Nichols presented the proposed Committee lists for 2018. He asked that Penny Anderson and Tracy Trolan be added to the National Meeting Committee. Motion by Chris Fairchild, seconded by Jean McKay-Schwartz to approve the list as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. President Nichols requested that the Board of Directors review the By-laws and recommend changes prior to the national meeting. The President has already received several suggestions for changes:
    - i. Bylaw 9.1.1 – Board of Director Elections. The suggestion was the Council preside over the nominating process. Howie requested input on how to proceed with such a new rule.
    - ii. Bylaw 12.4 – Term Limits. The suggestions included having commissioners chosen by the regions for multiple year terms; having the national term be adjusted for commissioners to 2 years and category chairs to 4 years; and reducing the number of appointees for each category.

- iii. Bylaw 17.2 - Revamping the Region boundaries. Our programmer has noticed that some regions are determined by state boundaries and others by longitude and latitude lines.
    - iv. Bylaw XI – Committee Lists. The list of committees needs to be updated to eliminate and add other committees as appropriate.
  - d. President Nichols requested that the Board of Directors review the General Safety and General Racing Rules and recommend changes prior to the national meeting.
    - i. Bob Wartinger requested that they look at “recommended air” versus “required air”.
  - e. President Nichols reported that there will be no changes for the Insurance for 2018. We will still be insured through Rick Felson at Hawk Race Insurance. There will be no fee changes. The insurance company is very pleased with our Risk Management efforts and looks forward to 2018.
  - f. Tana Moore has converted the Referee Checklist to a fillable form for on-line use and submission. Referees were encouraged to submit their forms after each race.
  - g. President Nichols gave an update on the status of Offshore. There are currently several clubs doing business with APBA. OPA has separate insurance. We sanction their events and track points. Currently OPA is in violation of the contract they signed March 24, 2017. After discussion, Chris Fairchild motioned to send a letter to OPA stating where they have violated the contract and informing them that if they want to renegotiate for 2018 that option will be available up to the national meeting. Seconded by Mark Tate. President Nichols said that he would have the letter reviewed by both Mark Wheeler and Steve Hearn. It was further clarified the letter would state that the contract will be terminated and OPA must negotiate within 60 days for a new contract. If they do not do this, they will have no Hall of Champions inductees for the 2018 season. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 9 to 1.
- 6. Other Matters:
  - a. President Nichols announced that in accordance with Bylaw 4.4.4 - Honorary Life Membership status had been awarded to past president Mark Wheeler.
  - b. It was reported that APBA currently has 14 different website names registered. The cost of each registration is \$15 - \$20 per year. He will send out the list of names to the Board and asked for their preferences on them. Rachel Warnock explained that having all these domain names helps APBA with their brand control. It allows old names to forward to our new site. If we did not keep the registration, other companies or groups could purchase the names and misdirect viewers. Motion by John Runne to maintain all names for 2018 so can be reviewed by the Board. Seconded by Mark Wheeler. Motion passed unanimously.
  - c. John Runne gave a brief report on the national meeting. He is still in need of a couple of volunteers for the teardown seminar. So far we will have 9 different areas with people to answer questions in each area. He has not received an answer on actually having motors in the hotel yet, but will continue to check on this and notify the Board and Officers. All other seminars are set.

- d. Mark Tate asked for an update on any Hall of Champions at-large bids. President Nichols reported that any bids must first go through the Hall of Champions committee before being sent to the Board for action.
7. There being no further business, motion by John Runne, seconded by Jean McKay-Schwartz to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Williams

APBA Secretary