

APBA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 23, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mark Wheeler at 1:30 PM.
2. Roll Call. The following board members, officers, region officers, and council members were in attendance: Charlie Strang, Howie Nichols, Jean McKay-Schwartz, Bill Thompson, Jan Shaw, Fred Hauenstein, Mark Wheeler, Kyle Bahl, Dave Augustine, Dan Kanfoush, Buddy Tennell, James Chambers, Steve Compton, Mary Williams, Steve Hearn, Rich Fuschlin, Jeff Conant, Gloria Crim, Pat Gleason, Matt Yarno, Bob Wartinger, Ted Kolby, Kristi Ellison, Tom Sutherland, Jeff Brewster, John Krebs, Ann Shaw, Richard Shaw, Jeff Titus, Tom Johnston, Don Lick, and Rick Sandstrom
3. Motion by Bill Thompson, seconded by Jan Shaw to accept the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. New Class Committee. Howie Nichols presented a new class requested by the Inboard Endurance category. The class, which the Inboard Indurance category would like to keep the name of 6 Litre, is compliant with UIM rules and is currently raced in Australia. The 2016 UIM worlds for this class will be held in San Diego.

Motion by Howie Nichols to approve the new class, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Rules and Race Management Committee.
 - a. Fred Hauenstein presented a change to Rule 26.7.B. New rule to read: "A timer system, consisting of at least two (2) electronic digital stop watches, electrically activated directly by the system described in paragraph A above. In the event the two watches do not agree, the official time will be established from the watch with the least elapsed time." Motion to approved by Fred Hauenstein, seconded by Jean McKay-Schwartz. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Fred Hauenstein presented a change to Rule 27.1.A. New rule to read: " In Competition – ALL Classes: 5 miles and/or those distances specified in the rules for the particular class. Timing to be to 1/100th of a second and the calculation of speed to be the first two places after the decimal. (Note: This distances specified by UIM are 5,10, and 15 miles)." Motion by Howie Nichols, seconded by Jean McKay-Schwartz to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Jan Shaw presented a rule change to the Race Courses and Records pamphlet, page 9, Rule 9. The new rule to read: "The above rule is only the minimum distances that boats may pass for the above listed speeds. The geometry and geography of the shoreline also influence the position of the course, and sometimes the minimum distance never comes into play because the charted lane falls further then specified in the above rule. No body of water may be less than the minimum distance across for the boat speed

being timed plus a width of a lane that will safely accommodate a timed boat in which to run. The topography of the land where the scanners are positioned often dictates a greater distance be made to the boat lanes. It is acknowledged that there is a practical limit to any scanner operator's ability to obtain a reliable scan reading on a moving boat in short scanning distances. If a body of water allows for more room to move the boats away from the scanners, it should be done and shown on the chart. So, a longer distance is better. The following is an excerpt from a spreadsheets showing how little time is afforded to the scanner operator for speeds and distance shown above and how further distances enhances the scanning process. The review and approval, recording and speed record claims process is the same as for any other "Chart of Record" for APBA. "

Jan also presented a proposed a new rule 10 to read: " At the discretion of the time trail organizer(s), up to 3 separate lanes may be used. According to the speeds anticipated by the expected entries, a minimum of one course with alignment buoys at a distance for the fastest boat must be designed. If additional courses are desired for slower or faster boats those separate lanes may also be designed.

- No boat will be timed passing closer than 150' to the scanners.
- Boats passing at less than 100 mph are to be run at a minimum of 150' from the scanners.
- Boats passing at greater than 100 mph, but less than 175 mph are to be run at a minimum of 300' from the scanners.
- Boats exceeding 175 mph are to be at least 450' from the scanners."

Motion by Jean McKay-Schwartz, seconded by Fred Hauenstein to approve both rule 9 and rule 10. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Fred Hauenstein presented two additional rule changes:

1. A proposed change to Rule 26.8, to read: "The test shall consist of two consecutive runs, one of which shall be made in one direction and one in the opposite direction. The boats shall be timed on each of these runs as provided above. All time shall be measured to 1/100th seconds, or better, and all times shall be recorded to 1/100th second. The two times, one for each direction as recorded above (26.7.B), shall be averaged and the speed computed using the appropriate Speed Computation Formula in the APBA Reference Book (In the Special Events and Agreements on the APBA web site) and recorded to 1/100th MPH."
2. A proposed change to the Reference Section of the Rules under UIM, General. New rule to read: "For time trials, UIM recognizes a one nautical mile, a one statute mile, a 1/4th statute mile, and a one kilometer course. However, UIM recognizes only one speed record, for the fastest mile per hour, regardless of the course used."

Motion by Jean McKay-Schwartz, seconded by Bill Thompson to approve both rules. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Howie Nichols presented a change by-law Section 1.4 Official Logo. New by-law to read: "All boats participating in APBA sanction events shall display in a highly visible location on essentially vertical surfaces, port and starboard, an APBA approved logo. APBA.ORG may be displayed in place of, or in addition to, the official APBA logo." Motion by Jean McKay-Schwartz, seconded by Howie Nichols to approve the by-law change. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn.

Howie Nichols then made a new motion to change the by-law 1.4 as printed above and add a minimum size requirement to read: " "APBA" must be minimum dimension of 1.75" high and 7.25" long." and to also put it at the start of the General Racing Rules. Seconded by Fred Hauenstein, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Approvals

Motion by Jean McKay-Schwartz, seconded by Buddy Tennell to approve the 2016 APBA budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

President Wheeler advised that a ballot for Board members would be coming out with the 2016 Category Budgets in the next couple of weeks.

7. Committee Rule Changes

- a. A proposed change from the Safety committee to Rule 12-A. The new rule to read: "Audio communications (radio, etc) from shore to driver is mandatory for all boats with a reinforced cockpit (capsule boats). A spotter or spotters in audio contact with the driver(s) shall be stationed in immediate proximity to the referee or his/her designee to facilitate direct communication with the driver(s) as directed by the referee or his/her designee." Motion by Howie Nichols, seconded by Dave Augustine to approve. Motion passed 10 in favor, 1 against.
- b. Kyle Bahl presented a proposed change to Bylaw Article 12 to remove sanction criteria from section 12.4 and also the first sentence under the chart in section 12.4 "If there is a difference in number of Racing Commission members to be elected in any category between the sanctions criterion and the racing members criterion, the criterion resulting in a lower number of commission members for such category shall be used." Motion by Kyle Bahl, seconded by Howie Nichols to approve this change. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Category Rule Changes. President Wheeler stated that all safety rule changes need to be submitted to Eli Whitney, Safety Committee chairman for review. Racing and technical rules can be added to the appropriate rule books with an effective date.

9. Future National Meeting Update

- a. 2017 Meeting – Los Angeles, CA
- b. 2018 Meeting – site has not been chosen. Please give any suggestions to the National Meeting Committee.

10. Other Matters

- a. Pro Chairman, Kristi Ellison representing both the Pro and Modified categories made a request to return to the 2015 rule books. When the rule books were split apart, it resulted in havoc with referees and officials. Not all approved rules from 2015 were included in the separated rule books. Jeff Brewster, Stock Chairman, stated that the new rules could be put in the separated books easily and the SORC initiated this separation because the separated rule book would be easier for them to use. The SORC intends to put their tech rules in the tech manual and add a table of contents so it could be easily searched. The SORC is not interested in returning to a combined rule book. A discussion was held on this. It was suggested that the Pro Chief Referee and the Modified Chief Referee work to combine the rule books for those two categories.
11. There being no further business, Bill Thompson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jan Shaw. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Williams
APBA Secretary