

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 27, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by the President.
2. Roll Call was taken. In attendance were Howie Nichols, Chris Fairchild, Charlie Strang, Steve Compton, Jean KcKay-Schwartz, John Runne, Mark Tate, Fred Hauenstein, Jerry Davids, Adam Allen, Mark Wheeler, Rick Sandstrom, Jeff Brewster, Matt Yarno, Alex Jennings, Bob Wartinger, Rachel Warnock, Jeff Conant, Sheri Greaves, Rich Fuschlin, Jack Meyer, Jan Shaw, Kristi Ellison, Tom Sutherland, James Chambers, Robin Shane, Jeff Williams, John Krebs, Jeff Titus, Eli Whitney, Kris Shepard, Julian Rucki, Roger Carr, Ann Fitzgerald, Ken Smith, Lisa Jennings, and Sherron Winer. Excused were Kyle Bahl, Sheryl Rucker, and Tracy Trolan.
3. President Nichols then made a statement to the membership. He explained that following a meeting with Abe Eshkenazi, a consultant for associations in various states and specializing in associations that are in a state of decline, the APBA Board of Directors will make all decisions in the future based on what is best for the organization as a whole, not necessarily for an individual or for a category. He stated that there will be no surprises for the members. All proposals will need to be submitted in advance to the Board for review. If the Board deems a proposed change has merit, a task force will be formed to gather information, talk to people, create discussion and garner input. and disseminate it to both the Board and the members. The task force will return to the Board and present the information. If more information is needed, they will continue to conduct research and return to the Board again. The Board will review the information. Once the Board is satisfied that they have enough information, a meeting will be convened to render a decision. This process will consist of several meetings. President Nichols also stated that they will develop expectations for members of the Board. Remaining stagnant is not an option. The Board needs to change their view of the organization, understand their roles and responsibilities, become visionaries for the organization, and develop a strategy for the organization.
4. Old Business
  - a. Drivers School – Adam Allen reported on a new program that will expand the \$200 credit for Driver's School to a dollar for dollar match. Clubs will still receive the \$200 sanction discount for holding a driver's school. They will now also receive a \$35 credit for each single event membership sold at the driver's school. This will be a credit back to the club for a future sanction fee.
  - b. Region and Division Boundaries – Rick Sandstorm asked that with the information learned that we utilize the task force and bring information in and make any decision at a later time. Mark Wheeler asked that we do include the urgency of the software needed in the office. President Nichols announced that he will appoint a task force for this.
  - c. Edgar Rose spoke from the audience and state that he does not think that R Steven Hearn has a lifetime membership. He requested The Board of Directors vote to honor Steve Hearn with a lifetime membership in APBA. Motion by Adam Allen to approve this, seconded by John Runne. Passed Unanimously.
  - d. Allotted Commissioners – Rick Sandstrom stated that this item was tabled at the last meeting and recommended the motion be rescinded. Motion rescinded by Chris Fairchild, second withdrawn by John Runne.
  - e. Change to National Meeting – Chris Fairchild spoke on the changes to the national meeting. He reported that this was a first attempt and we do have some improvements to make. It is important in the future that we try to shorten the meeting portion and extend the seminar portion. Need to reframe the times to allocate better times for the seminars.

Thanks to John Runne for securing funds from the Historical Society to showcase the meeting and seminars for our members at home.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. New Class Committee – Jean McKay Schwartz reported Pro category has requested to add a new F500 class. This is a UIM class. The New Class Committee has approved this and is recommending approval of the Board of Directors. Motion by Chris Fairchild to approve the new class, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. President Nichols explained that the Board of Directors had also approved the new Stock Outboard restructure under the old by-laws. Motion from Adam to approve the restructure under the new by-laws, seconded by John Runne. Passed Unanimously.
- c. Race Management Committee – Jerry Davids reported in the absence of Kyle Bahl that he will be submitting rule changes for approval at a future meeting.
- d. Promotional Committee – Sherron Winer reported they have developed a mission statement and goals. They are currently developing a best race site award for each category and an over-all APBA award.
- e. Steering Committee – John Runne reported they had been tasked with re-creating mission statement, vision statement, goals, and developing strategy for growing APBA. The committee is at the beginning stages in this task. They plan to continue to grow and improve seminars at the annual meeting to make it better for all our members.

6. Approvals

- a. Motion to table due to being over allotted time for the meeting by Adam Allen, seconded by Chris Fairchild. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Annual Meeting- President Nichols reported that they are looking at approximately 1/23-26/2019 with either Reno or Charlotte, NC. Details should be available within the next week or two.

8. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8.

9. Other Matters

- a. Chris Fairchild reminded everyone that Springfield Lake is for every category.
- b. Don Allen thanked all the Board of Directors members for all they had done at this annual meeting and the future he sees before us.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Williams

APBA Secretary