

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

APRIL 21, 2015

1. Call to order by the President, Mark Wheeler at 8:15 PM.
2. Roll call: Present were Mark Wheeler, Dutch Squires, Charlie Strang, Dave Augustine, Howie Nichols, Jean McKay-Swartz, Ernie Dawe, Fred Hauenstein, Robin Shane, Bill Thompson, Jan Shaw, Rick Sandstrom, Ryan Berlin, Penny Anderson, Rich Fuschlin, Alex Jennings, III, Ted Kolby, John Krebs, Ann Shaw, Steve Barrett, Jeff Titus, Tom Johnston, Carleton Callahan, and Mary Williams.
3. Motion by Dave Augustine, seconded by Howie Nichols to accept the agenda as amended. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Bill Thompson, seconded by Charlie Strang to approve the Minutes from the 2-15-15 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
5. President Wheeler requested a change to the Offshore Rules. The change would be that under red flag conditions, drivers would return to the milling area and not the pits. Motion by Bill Thompson to approve, seconded by Robin Shane. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Ryan Berlin gave a digital update.
 - a. Since November, digital Propeller magazine reads have been increasing monthly, with 11,404 total reads.
 - b. The website is also showing increases. Page views are up as well as total users are up. 61% of the total users are new users.
 - c. The social site is also seeing more activity. There is an expectation of more views with the addition of results from the race sites during the racing season.
 - d. The scoring program is on-track for a launch in late June. On-line registration and uploading of results to the website are being worked on now. With the availability of previously budgeted hours, project completion is expected to cost about \$4,350.
7. John Krebs presented the Vintage rule change recommendations. Concerns were expressed about the addition of "capsule OPC" boats with regards to increased pressures on rescue people at Vintage events. Clubs will be made aware of requirements to run capsule boats and can put a statement on the sanction that "no capsule boats will be run" if they wish. The majority of vintage events are run in conjunction with Inboard races so their rescue units are already in place. A question was asked as to why Inboard capsule boats were not included in this. Mr. Krebs responded that there has been no request to run Inboard capsule boats with the Vintage group. A rule proposal would be needed for this. Questions were also asked on the creation of the promotional fund and a points system. Drivers will be charged \$10 per entry with the money going into the fund. Concerns were expressed as to what the funds will be used for. Mr. Krebs stated that he had no plans to use the funds for travel. President Wheeler stated that the Board of Directors would still have to approve the Vintage annual budget so would have some control over the funds usage. Jan Shaw suggested that Vintage adopt a form similar to the one Inboard uses at registration to collect their promotional fees. The money is then sent in with all paperwork to APBA. A question was asked if drivers and owners are aware that this will be an additional charge and not coming out of club funds Mr. Krebs reported that this has been communicated to the Vintage region representatives. President Wheeler suggested that an article in Propeller would be a possibility for additional communication. Motion by Robin Shane to approve the Vintage Rulebook as submitted, seconded by Dave Augustine. Motion passed 8 in favor, 3 opposed.

8. Dutch Squires gave an update on the Building Committee activities. He reported that the committee has spent about \$5,000 of their \$21,000 budget on various maintenance items. They are currently working on getting the bathroom in the rental section of the building working. Once the bathroom is in working condition, then APBA could possibly move to that side of the building or it could be rented out. Work will need to be done on atrium windows and a flooding problem on that side of the building from outside water drainage. In addition, the maintenance man will be coming up with a list of additional repairs/improvements that are recommended.
9. Dave Augustine gave an update on the Flatbottom committee's work. He reported that so far the voting by the flatbottom owners as to what they would like has not showed a conclusive trend. Over 120 surveys were sent out and about half have been returned. There is still a week left before the final deadline to return surveys. Extensive discussion was held on what to do with the flatbottom boats. It was decided to wait until the final results from the survey are available.
10. Other matters:
 - a. Dave Augustine requested clarification on why most categories have gone to 3 legal starters but Inboard has not. Howie Nichols reported that the same is true in the Stock category. After brief discussion, it was decided that this is a category decision.
 - b. Dutch Squires requested clarification on why the Inboard Endurance category is still showing a negative balance on the financials when they are actively collecting funds. President Wheeler suggested that this be addressed during the next staff meeting with the office employees.
 - c. Rick Sandstrom questioned whether Vintage had agreed to put structure in writing as to what the \$10 fee would be used for. No guarantees on this had been given. The effective date for the Vintage Rule changes would be 30 days from approval (May 21). According to the rules, the \$10 fee applies to each registered participant, whether active or static.
 - d. Jean McKay-Swartz requested an update on the case for the Gold Cup. Ryan Berlin reported that the shipping case had come in a couple of weeks ago and the new base and ring are getting painted currently. They are working to get quotes and bids for the replica. It was suggested that APBA look into 3-D printer/scanners for this.
11. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn by Ernie Dawe, seconded by Bill Thompson.
12. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Williams

APBA Secretary