

January 25, 2018

Dutch called the meeting to order 1:15pm

100% Attendance

Change to the commission: Dutch Squires replaced Charley Wiggins with Chris Owens

Moment of Silence

Chairman's Address

- Goal this year is to do what members want and for the commission to get out of the way of being an obstacle for others to be successful
- More boats on water
- Increase participation
- Keep members that we already have
- One year from now, evaluate to determine if it worked or not, was there growth, if no progress, there needs to be change.
- Thank Don Melillo for assistance
- We are a member organization and it appears that the members would like changes

Old Business:

- Poster/Rack Card report- Ann Fitzgerald- Posters were smooth in getting participants, thanked those who donated. Decreased the poster quantity from 10,000 to 7,500. Revenue-\$4,000. Estimated shipping-\$800.00. The poster was printed double sided. She is working with printer about reprinting poster. Date is wrong for Oak Harbor and some of the region 12 events are missing. She will follow up with Dutch about more printing. It is important that whoever gets the posters, get them to necessary people to hand them out. Many thanks to all who participated.
- Banquet is ready for tomorrow. Many thanks to those who are assisting and to those who donated.
- Randy Lientz- spoke about the 2017 Evansville Event. There are 3 things that made it very difficult- 1. Docks- inadequate docks. This year the Indiana Sports Commission is donating to assist with the docks for the 2018 event. 2. Debris- Person in charge of dealing with Army Corps of Engineers is no longer working on that and will be handled by Randy in the future. 3. Unauthorized people in the pits were telling cranes and teams what to do. This has been dealt with and will not happen again. He would like APBA Inboard to help with: registration and communication with race teams and pits.
- Mark Tate mentioned that in all the years he raced in Evansville, debris was never an issue and that he does not feel that it should be a big concern moving forward.

New Business:

- Don explained notebooks for the meetings
- IRC Committee approvals- Russ Dodge made a motion to accept, Bob Wilson-2nd. All in favor- Unanimous
- Safety Committee- Eli Whitney and Bob Wartinger presentation. Discussion of capsules- What is a bend test- determines structural stiffness.
  - Cockpit Collision- Can not take energy out in just capsule so need to in sponsors as well. Having a steel cage inside is helpful.
  - Cockpit Interior Issues- Seats, belts, lid, head clearance. 6 point harness- 52% less chest pressure. Seats- need shoulder and side protection.

- Recommendations-
  - 6-7 point harness
  - Forward head restraint
  - Mandatory air
  - 10 cm minimum helmet to structure clearance
  - Risk analysis (incidents divided by exposure)
  - Canopy improvement
  - Separate capsule/cockpit discussion and issues from class combination discussion
  - Monitor class combination, collect data
  - Inboard Safety Committee form relationship and work with cockpit experts to develop cockpit standards.
- Jim Sechler questioned Bob about the opinions of Jamie Auld and Bert Henderson, who are against this. Bob responded that he does not know how the cockpit would make a difference and that it is important to find how strong the cockpit is.
- Scott Schatz asked if we do not know the strength ratio impact, to assume that it is inadequate. Bob replied that it is an unknown. Scott asked a question in regards to the size and weight of the boats and their impact.
- Championship bids-
  - 2018 Eastern Divisionals- Evansville
  - Increase purse by 10%. Would like to verbally commit to 2019.
    - Sean Bowsher made motion, Tim Collins-2nd. All in favor- Unanimous
  - 2018 Summer Nationals Crackerbox- Scott Schatz will put together bid.
  - 2019 Eastern Divisionals- verbally commits. Chris Owens motion to accept. Russ Dodge- 2nd. All in favor- Unanimous
  - 2019 Summer Nationals for Cracker- still available
  - 2020- All National events-
    - Nationals at Black Lake- Seattle Drag and Ski- would add SE and SA to bid. Will release the skiff and T's from the bid. Motion to accept- Julian Rucki. 2nd- Jim Aid. All in favor- Unanimous
    - No other bids at this time
  - 2021- All National events- no bids at this time
- Rule Change Proposals
  - Safety Group
    - Rule #6- Removal of Physicals- No motion
    - Rule # 6B- Bob Wilson motion, Wally Johnston-2nd. All in favor- Unanimous
    - Rule #9- 3 Divers- No motion
    - Rule #10- 3 Divers at Time Trial- Julian Rucki made motion, Don Melillo-2nd. Russ Dodge, Don Melillo agreed with rule. Scott Schatz and Tim Collins disagreed with the rule. Eli discussed the length of the run with warm-up and cool-down. John Shaw asked to compare to other categories to see if they required 4. Julian amended it to say advise 4. All in favor of amendment. For-7, Against-9, Abstained-Tom Pakradooni
    - Rule #11 B- Water Depth- Motion to discuss- Don Melillo- Russ Dodge 2nd. Eli Whitney discussed safety committee feeling. 3 yes and 5 no. Scott Schatz discussed his reservations.
    - Rule #13- Weber Award- Motion to discuss. Dutch asked to change wording to Other National IRC Committees, reworded to say past or

present. Bruce Broussard asked about lowering the value from 140 to 120. All in favor- Unanimous

- Rule #12- Tabled right now to allow for break out. Will re-discuss
  - Rule #11A- Russ Dodge motion, Bob Wilson-2nd. All in favor-Unanimous
  - Rule #15- Katelyn Shaw motion, Wally Johnston- 2nd. Sean Bowsher asked what happens if there is a rain date. Discussion ensued. 9-Yes, 7 No, Joe Sovie- Abstained
  - Rule #23- Buoys- Al Thompson gave presentation on the importance of having consistent buoys. Motion Jim Aid, Katelyn Shaw-2nd. Russ Dodge discussed. Dave Shaw stated that he likes the bigger entrance and exit pins for DMZ zones. Bob Schellhase discussed using landscape to assist him. Julian Rucki mentioned the importance of considering that other categories race at the same events. Yes-1, No- 16
  - Rule #22- Points system. No motion
  - Rule #24- Change 50 pts to 40 pts. Motion to table- Scott Schatz. Russ Dodge- 2nd.
  - Rule #25- US1/ Class Champion- Motion to discuss- Jim Aid, 2nd- Bob Wilson. All in favor- Unanimous
  - Rule #21- Tabled
  - Rule #14- No Motion
  - Rule #4- No Motion
  - Rule #1- 3 boats. Motion Bob Wilson, 2nd- Wally Johnston. Discussion- Russ Dodge- we have run with 3 boats for years and thinks we should go back to that due to boat count. Discussion ensued. Yes- 14 No-1,
  - Rule #18- Fuel Injection in P class. Motion to discuss- Julian Rucki, Bob Schellhase- 2nd. All in Favor- Unanimous
  - Rule #7- 350 for skiff. Motion to table- Don Melillo, Tom Pakradooni-2nd.
  - Rule #8- GNH, NM class- Eli Whitney discussed rule proposal. Motion to discuss- Don Melillo, Bob Wilson-2nd. Yes-4, No-13
  - Rule #29- National Inspection Procedure-Motion to discuss- Bob Wilson, 2nd- Jim Aid. Discussion ensued. All in Favor- Unanimous
  - Rule #3- Step up boats NM and A- Chris Owen discussed. Motion to discuss Jim Aid. 2nd- Wally Johnston. Motion to table- Jim Sechler.
  - Rule #2- combine A and S- Jim Aid discussed. Motion to discuss-Jim Aid. 2nd- Jim Aid. Yes-10, No-7
  - Rule #5- Combination of classes- Jim Aid discussed. Motion to discuss- Jim Sovie, 2nd- Katelyn Shaw. Withdrawn
  - Rule #3- NM and A combine- Yes- 3, No-14
  - Rule #16- Do not combine NM and A- No motion
  - Rule #17- No motion
  - Rule 26- Border Series- Motion Sean Bowsher, Don Melillo- 2nd. All in favor- Unanimous
  - Rule #27- Anyone can vote- Failed for lack of motion
  - Rule #28- Probation on rules- Motion Bob Schellhase, 2nd- Joe Sovie. Yes-0, No- Unanimous
  - Jim Sechler made a motion to redress the Alt lanes. 2nd-Sean Bowsher. Dutch will ask the BOD.
  - Rule #30- Combine SA and PS- Tabled until after flatbottom meeting.
    - Dave Shaw mentioned that IRC make a donation for HOC.
    - Discussion of break out sessions tomorrow
- Motion to adjourned- 6:10PM

Friday. January 26, 2018

100% Attendance

Dutch discussed breakout sessions.

- Discussion of results of breakout sessions, results, and follow-up
- Groups will continue to meet with further discussion about their topics

Vote to eliminate rule 24.3.3- 50 bonus points. No-5,

HOC proposal - Tabled

Dave Shaw-

Russ- Same as Tim's Proposal, but to remove minimum points and go with 3 achievements.

Tim polled every HOC inductee, 13-3 do not want it watered down. Bob Wilson agreed that it should be prestigious. HOC was tabled

Bob Schellhase- Rule #21- best 16th day of racing instead of most days of racing. Yes-1, No 16

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45AM