

APBA

MODIFIED COMMISSION

January 22, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sutherland.
2. Roll call was taken. Commission members present: Hunter Grimes III, Alex Jennings III, Jerry Davids, Jeff Williams, Eric VanOver, Brian Palmquist, Bob Koschka, John Sharp, Jason Dircksen, Daren Goehring, John Maroney.
3. Oath of Office was administered to Commissioners.
4. Minutes from 2014 Meeting. Tom reported that the commission approved a \$1400 loan to Seattle Outboard for the 2014 Nationals which was not reflected in the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Eric VanOver, Seconded by Jeff Williams. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The 2015 budget was presented. Jeff Williams reported he had put the Honda together as a regular motor and will try to sell it for approximately \$1000. Tom Sutherland reported that there is \$19,800 remaining in the promotional fund. Gary Miller reported on the new motor program. A new 302 Motor was purchased and will be converted to a Mod motor and then made available for sale to a new racer somewhere in the country. Brian Palmquist reported that they also have a good hydro available and a possibly a runabout. Ernie Dawe thanked the MORC for their donation to the Hall of Champions. Motion to approve the budget as presented by Jeff Williams, Seconded by Jason Dircksen. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Chairman's Appointments were reviewed.
7. Existing classes and participation was reviewed. Motion by Eric VanOver to put 400MH on probation, Seconded by Alex Jennings. Passed 10 - 1
8. Prototypes tabled until later.
9. Awards were reviewed.
10. Old Business
 - a. Exhaust Kit Program – Cliff Johnson reviewed the program. Sales were not strong this year, but performance was good. There were 24 kits on the water this past year.
 - b. Brian Palmquist passed out a press release on the exhaust kit project and also an appeal for drivers to recycle their motors in the Mod category. These will be going up on the APBA website.
11. Motion by Jeff Williams to donate \$400 plus the cost of the Modified Hall of Champions jackets for next year seconded by Eric VanOver. Motion passed unanimously. For next year we will have 3 inductees.
12. Insurance Report – John Sharp reviewed the meeting and reviewed the new forms. We had a good year in 2014. Getting certificates of insurance from Subcontractors will be pushed this year.
13. Recessed for lunch.

14. Safety Report – Bob Koschka reported they discussed head, vertebrae, and foot injuries. Spinal injuries with capsules. Discussion on the 50% helmet rule was deferred to Saturday. Discussion was held on concussions.
15. A proposal was received from CVRA to host the Modified Winter Nationals in Tabor City, NC, April 17th, 18th, and 19th. Motion by Jeff Williams, seconded by Jerry Davids to accept the bid. Motion passed unanimously.
16. Kristi Ellison presented a bid for the 2015 and 2016 North American Championships for 350ccH, 500ccH, 750ccH, and 500ccR. She also presented a bid for 2017 combined Mod and Pro Nationals in Kingston, TN. She said the sponsor will pay for the 4 North American Championships and there will be show money to be split up based on mileage. On-line registration will be available. There will be a driver's meeting on 7/1, testing every morning. The racers will have complete control over the water. Modifieds will run 2 heat races.
17. Inspector's Meeting – Jeff Williams discussed they are trying to set up an email link that the inspectors can use to relay major issues from one race site to another.
18. Tom Sutherland reported that 2 years ago Modified passed a rule going from 14 to 12 races for high points. This was dependent on when APBA was ready with the new software. Per Cindy at HQ, this could happen in mid-summer. Motion by Jerry Davids to change to 12 races for the beginning of the 2015 season, seconded by Alex Jennings. Passed 10-1.
19. Yamato Manufacturer's report from Ric Montoya was presented by Daren Goehring.
20. A bid was received from Kristi Ellison for the 2017 Nationals at Kingston, TN combined Pro & Mod hosted by CVRA. Motion by Jeff Williams to approve, seconded by Alex Jennings. Passed unanimously.
21. Than Field offered to pay for the 250ccMH NAC in 2015 to be added at Kingston, TN
22. Divisionals:
 - a. Northeast – Millville, NJ 6/13-14
 - b. Southeast – Jesup, GA 6/20-21
 - c. Central - Alexandria, KY - last weekend in Sept.
 - d. Western – Kitsap Lake, Bremerton, WA 5/16-17
23. North American Championships for 2015:
 - a. 200R
 - b. 200H Huntington, IN (Kris Proctor sponsor)
 - c. 250R Hillsdale, fall (Than Fields sponsor)
 - d. 250H Kingston, TN (Than Fields sponsor)
 - e. 350R Alexandria, KY (Brian Boyd sponsor)
 - f. 350H Kingston, TN
 - g. 500R Kingston, TN
 - h. 500H Kingston, TN
 - i. 750R Kingston, TN (Brian Palmquist sponsor)
 - j. 750H Kingston, TN
 - k. 850R Kingston, TN (Jerry Davids sponsor)
 - l. 850H Eatonville, WA (8/22-23)
 - m. 400H Huntington, IN (John Sharp sponsor)

Motion to approve all North American Championship bids by Jerry Davids, seconded by Bob Koschka. Passed unanimously

24. Motion by Jeff Williams to award 4 classes of North American Championships to Kingston, TN for 2016 classes to be named later, seconded by Jerry Davids, Passed unanimously.
25. Update on the 2016 nationals was provided by Abby Pond. Will be doing an on-line registration, are looking at sites for some of the events to be held in conjunction with the race – driver's meeting, taste of the regions for qualifier's banquet, finals banquet.
26. Proposal presented by Jeff Williams on behalf of Steve Dunn for Yamato 80-M (350cc Class) to approve a remanufactured 18mm head to be a 14 mm head. No motion was made.
27. Proposal by Jeff Williams for a new replacement restrictor plate for the 25XS motors running in 350ccMR, manufactured by Alan Brown. Motion by Alex Jennings to adopt, seconded by Jerry Davids. Passed unanimously.
28. Proposal presented by Hunter Grimes on a new motor being developed by Howie Pickerell. Motor is a PRD Fireball – a go-kart motor on a champion hot rod tower -125 cc, spins at 15K rpm's, \$1200 complete – need an adaptor plate. Motion by Alex Jennings to prototype it in 250ccH, 250ccR and 400ccH with any tower and any Hot Rod gear ratio with the exhaust like it comes must weigh whatever class it runs in, seconded- Jeff Williams. Passed unanimously.
29. Lisa Jennings reported that the Pros accepted all the North American Championships but will only pay for the original 4 classes. Brian Palmquist declined to pay for the 570ccR so it will go back open for bid. The pros will give each class 3 heats of racing. It was suggested that Mods do 2 heats for the North American Championships and 1 heat for a second day of racing.
30. Proposal by Mike Thierfelder for a new ignition for 20H Mercury Motor in 250cc Modified classes. No motion was made.
31. JW Myers presented a proposal to turn the 400H class into a 2 cylinder version of the 850 cc class. Motion by Daren to approve JW's proposal with the exception that if any of the approved motors are modified to the new 400 class specs they would not be allowed in the 350 cc class. Seconded by Hunter Grimes. Amended to delete 25 XS motor from the proposal. Amended to permit drivers to run the 2015 tech manual specs with an open exhaust. Amended to make the weight 420 lbs for the new configuration motor. Passed 9-2
32. Meeting recessed until Friday.
33. Meeting Reconvened. Pat Gleason gave a presentation on new racing boots available with a sole on the bottom and lined with tuff-n-lite. Will also include a pair of socks with each pair of boots.
34. John Sharp requested the revisit of Item #31. Motion by John Sharp to drop the Yamato 80 from that proposal, seconded by Brian Palmquist. Motion passed unanimously.
35. Hunter Grimes spoke on the new motor being developed by Howie Pickerell. Motion by Jeff Williams to revisit #28 and eliminate the gear case restriction, seconded by Jerry Davids. Passed unanimously.
36. Jeff Williams reported he had an offer on the Honda. Hunter Grimes made an offer for a club that needed a rescue motor \$800.00. Motion by Jeff Williams to approve the sale, seconded by Jerry Davids. Passed unanimously.

37. Proposal to allow a modified 15 cu in Sidewinder into 250ccMR. Motion by Jeff Williams to approve, seconded by-Alex Jennings. Jeff retracted his motion on this proposal.
38. Motion by Jeff Williams to put 15 cu in Sidewinder motor in 250ccH, seconded by Alex Jennings. Passed unanimously.
39. Motion by Jerry Davids to accept the 15 cu in Sidewinder motor in 250ccR, seconded by Eric VanOver. Passed 10-1
40. Motion by Jeff Williams, seconded by Alex Jennings to accept the 20 cu in Sidewinder in the 350ccMR class. 3 – 6, 1-Abstention. Motion failed. Motion by Jeff Williams to put it on for prototype for this year, seconded by Bob Koschka, Passed unanimously.
41. Proposal to allow the 20 cu in Sidewinder in 400ccH class. Motion by Jeff Williams to prototype in the 400 Mod class, seconded – John Sharp. Passed 9-0 with 1 abstention.
42. Proposal from Rod Terzinski to remove the Winter Nationals as a bonus race and for HOC points. No motion.
43. Proposal from Daren Goehring to legalize the Tohatsu in 750cc classes. Motion to approve by Daren, seconded by John Maroney. Motion failed 2-8.
44. Recessed for lunch.
45. North American Championship for 750ccR – Pell Lake, 5/18-19. Motion by Brian Pamquist, seconded by John Sharp. Passed unanimously.
46. Motion- Daren to continue prototype of Tohatsu M50D2 in the 750cc Mod Classes in stock configuration with no height restriction and allow 4 blade propeller. Seconded by John Maroney. Motion failed 2 – 7, 1 abstention.
47. Motion by Jerry Davids for 200 classes, to remove the top cowl and bottom pan and to allow any spray shield. Reasoning – ease of inspection and to make motors more modified. Seconded by Eric VanOver. Motion failed 5 – 6
48. Discussion was held on class weights. Suggested that weights be obtained from all drivers and boats without lead to see where weights actually are in each class. Jerry Davids will get weights at Tabor City of boats, drivers, and amount of lead in boats. John Sharp will do Huntington. Tom Sutherland will do Wakefield.
49. Proposal from George Luce to reduce the weight in 750ccMR from 495 lbs. to 475 lbs. Motion by Alex Jennings, seconded by Jerry Davids to reduce weight to 475 lbs. Passed unanimously.
50. Motion to adjourn by Jerry Davids, Seconded by Daren Goehring. Meeting was adjourned.