

**American Power Boat Association
Stock Outboard Category Meeting
104th Annual Meeting**

Detroit, Michigan
January 31-February 2, 2008
D. Scott Reed, SO Chairman

MINUTES

1. Chairman Reed called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., E.S.T., January 31, 2008.
2. Opening Matters:

Chairman Reed led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ed Hearn presented the invocation.
Chairman Reed called for a moment of silence.
Chairman Reed appointed Ed Hearn SO Secretary.
Chairman Reed administered the Oath of Office to the Commission Members.
3. Roll call:
Jeff Thompson: absent
Scott Clark: present
Ed Runne: present
John Runne: present
Dave Schubert: present
Mike Ross: present
Tom Johnston: present
Jeff Brewster: present
Roger Przybyla: present
Bill Pavlick: present
Dave Anderson: present
Tony Perman: present
Steve Wilde: present
Tammy Dawe: present
Troy Gladkowski: present
Robert Trolan, Sr.: present
4. Committee Appointments:
Promotional Committee: Paul Neilander
OMC Technical- Brent Backus

Hot Rod Technical- Cooper Jess
Side Winder Technical- Ed Runne
Yamato Class Technical- Tom Johnson
Mercury Class Technical- Dave Scott
Boat Technical-
Stock Outboard Chief Inspector- Roger Carr
Stock Outboard Chief Referee- Charles Gonyea
Manufacturers/Suppliers List- Mike Ross
SO Awards Committee- Matt Gallagher
Rule Book/Inspection Manual-Bob Malallieu

5. It was moved and seconded to approve the Chairman's appointments: MOTION PASSED.
6. It was moved and seconded to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda: MOTION PASSED.
7. Manufacturer's Reports:
Tom Johnston presented the Yamato Report: 77 302s are in stock with RPM Marine.
Other Manufacturer's Reports were deferred to a later time.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. It was moved and seconded to approve all of the decisions of the Race Committees and Referees for 2007: MOTION PASSED.
9. 2008/2009 Championship Reports. Reports were received regarding the following:
Winternationals, Ocoee, Fla: March 14-16;
Closed Course Nationals, Whitney Point, NY, August 4-10;
SO Marathon Nationals, August 16-17;
2009 Winternationals, Pineville, LA- Date not yet chosen;
2009 Short Course Nationals, Grass Lake Michigan; MHRA would like July 11-19, 2009, as the dates.
10. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2007 Hall of Champions Inductees, Gerald Waldman, Henry Menzies and Rookie of the Year Awards: MOTION PASSED.
11. Mike Ross reported on the Boat, Engine and Accessory Supplier Lists; they are available on the APBA web page and Hydroracer.net. Any changes should be given to Mike Ross at dubber75m@comcast.net.

12. It was moved and seconded to approve the SO Steering Committee as comprising of the following: John Runne, Chairman. Members: Robert Trolan, Sr., Dave Schubert, Gary Romberg, Mike Johnson and Dana Holt. MOTION PASSED.
13. John Runne presented a long term plan for SO which had been approved by the Steering Committee.
14. It was moved and seconded to approve the 20 CID Sidewinder as a probationary engine in the 20SSH class in 2008. MOTION TABLED.
15. It was moved and seconded to require a centralized Nationals for 5 to 10 years. The motion was amended by consent to establish a Committee to report to the SORC regarding a centralized Nationals. MOTION PASSED. Chairman Reed took the appointment of committee members under advisement.
16. Bids were received for the following 2008 Divisionals:
Northeast:
Southeast: Wilson, NC April 19-20
Central: Alexandria, KY May 31-June 1
West: Bakersfield, CA March 1-2
It was moved and seconded to accept the bids presented: MOTION PASSED.
17. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2010 Marathon Nationals at Indian River, MI: MOTION PASSED.
18. It was moved and seconded to approve the 2011-2015 Marathon Nationals at Indian River, MI: MOTION PASSED.
19. Russ Bircher presented a Bass/Tohatsu Manufacturer's report. The EPA has renewed the import exemption for racing purposes.
20. It was moved and seconded to award the 2009 Central Divisionals to MRC at DePue, IL: MOTION PASSED.
21. Paul Neilander, SO Promotional Chairman, presented the SORC with a report. It was moved and seconded to approve the Promotional Committee Budget of \$18,250.00. MOTION PASSED.
22. A recess was taken for lunch at 12:00 p.m..

NEW BUSINESS:

23. The meeting was re-convened at approximately 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the MORC to receive a bid from Region 11 for the 2010 National Championships in Oroville, CA and from Region 7 in Wakefield, MI. The meeting was then recessed.

24. The meeting of the SORC was then re-convened at 1:45 p.m..
25. It was moved and seconded to accept the bid from Region 11 for the 2010 Nationals. MOTION PASSED.
26. It was moved and seconded to have the 2008 Central Divisionals for Marathons at Grass Lake, Michigan. MOTION PASSED.
27. It was moved and seconded to grant an exemption for the 2009 Winternationals to be held in Spring if needed. MOTION PASSED.
28. Ron Selewach of Racing Outboards made a presentation to the SORC. The 15 CID Engines will be available for sale at the Ocoee Winternationals. Price has not yet been set but will be approximately \$4500.00. Parts for the 20 CID engine have been ordered.
29. It was moved and seconded to change the requirement of having the scales open at Divisional and National Championships one hour before the first heat of racing instead of two hours. MOTION PASSED. Rule 23, #4 is affected.
30. After discussion, no action was taken regarding adding a new Racing Rule to provide that "If a competitive advantage is gained on the race course by having a disabled boat on the course the referee must stop the heat."
31. Patrick Gleason of Security Race Products addressed the SORC regarding safety gear and equipment.
32. It was moved and seconded to set a B Stock Hydro height restriction at 0.50". MOTION PASSED. It was moved and seconded to seek BOD approval of this rule for the 2008 Racing Season. MOTION PASSED.
33. It was moved and seconded to recommend that Race Management adopt a requirement that all course flags to be 34" x 34" in minimum size. By consent, the motion was amended to require minimum dimensions of 24" x 36". MOTION FAILED.
34. It was moved to require the use of a Yellow Flag on the course for a disabled boat. MOTION FAILED due to the lack of a second.
35. It was moved and seconded to recommend to Race Management that enforcement of the rule for stopping races be done through the use of a red not black flag. MOTION PASSED.

36. It was moved and seconded to recommend that Race Management remove the restrictions on the use of video tape in decisions by the Race Committee and Referee. MOTION FAILED.
37. Yellow card system was discussed. No action was taken.
38. It was moved and seconded to raise the minimum age to 16 years in 20SSH and 25SSR classes. MOTION FAILED.
39. It was moved and seconded to raise the minimum age to 16 years in 25SSR. MOTION PASSED.
40. The Chairman appointed a committee to make a recommendation to the SORC regarding adopting a minimum number of points being required for induction into the Hall of Champions.
41. Meeting was recessed for the day at 4:30 p.m..
42. Chairman Reed reconvened the meeting on Friday, February 1st at 9:30 a.m..
43. It was moved and seconded to award the 2010 Winternationals in Bakersfield, CA. MOTION FAILED.
44. It was moved and seconded to award the 2010 Winternationals in Ocoee, FL. MOTION PASSED.
45. It was moved and seconded to award the 2011 Winternationals in Bakersfield, CA. MOTION PASSED.
46. It was moved and seconded to make the Sidewinder A Engine probationary for 2008 and 2009. MOTION PASSED.
47. It was moved and seconded to remove the dimensions on the air traps in A Hydro. MOTION FAILED.
48. It was moved and seconded to add a rule in ASH that airtraps be straight for 18 inches from the aft end of the boat within a tolerance of 1/16". MOTION TABLED.
49. It was moved and seconded to amend Rule 20.4.B.3 to read "The port chine may have a maximum notch of 5/8...." MOTION PASSED.
50. It was moved and seconded to change the weight in CSR to 460 lbs. MOTION FAILED.

51. It was moved and seconded to remove the H & I dimensions on the Yamato 102 & 302 engines. MOTION PASSED.
52. It was moved and seconded to adopt the following: "It is permissible to block the water discharge hole on the bottom of the block for the 20 CID Hot Rod." MOTION FAILED.
53. It was moved and seconded to change the weight of the 20 CID Hot Rod in the 25SSR to 380lbs. MOTION FAILED.
54. No motion was made with respect to increasing the weight of 20SSH to 440 lbs.
55. It was moved and seconded to take the matter of the 20 CID Sidewinder Engine being probationary in the 20SSH Class from the table. MOTION PASSED. The Motion to approve the engine as a probationary motor in the 20SSH class for 2008 PASSED.
56. It was moved and seconded to make the 20 CID Sidewinder Engine in the 25SSR a probationary engine for 2008 at 395lbs. MOTION PASSED.
57. It was moved and seconded to remove the 2008 restriction for the 20 CID Sidewinder Engine in 20SSH and 25SSR Classes. This would make the engine a probationary one indefinitely. MOTION PASSED.
58. Recess was taken at 12:22 p.m.
59. The meeting was called back to order at 1:15 p.m..
60. Bob Koshka made a presentation to the SORC regarding a neck device he is working on developing with Leatte for open cockpit outboard racing. He hopes to have prototype for this season and the item would be available for sale for 2009. Cost for the plastic version would be approximately \$400.00 and for the lighter weight carbon fiber approximately \$800.00.
61. It was moved and seconded to make the 20SSH weight with the Sidewinder 380lbs. MOTION FAILED.
62. It was moved and seconded to make the A hull dimension 46" and the B dimension 10' for 25SSR for entries using Sidewinder Engines beginning in 2009. MOTION PASSED.
63. It was moved and seconded to approve 16:17 gears in the D Stock Class for the Bass/Tohatsu Engine. MOTION FAILED.
64. No action was taken to allow the use of the 44XS gear box on the Bass/Tohatsu Engine.

65. It was moved and seconded to freeze the D Tohatsu rules for 3 years. MOTION FAILED. Chairman Reed advised the SORC that no parity committee will be appointed for 2008, however.
66. It was moved and seconded to approve the D Class Superthunderbolt Proposed Changes submitted by Alan Akerstrom. MOTION PASSED.

The Superthunderbolt changes are as follows:

Super Thunderbolt Proposed Changes: Page #'s are from the 2007 Stock Outboard rules.

Page 69 rule#1 *Blocks*. Change to: Blocks must be 44 cu.in. service blocks that have "Super Thunderbolt" cast in them.

Page 69 rule #4 *Flywheels*. Change to: Any flywheel allowable for the 55H motor shall be allowed on the Super Thunderbolt.

Page 70 rule #18 *Cowlings*. Add the use of the 44xs cowls with a Super Thunderbolt to the existing OEM cowls listed as allowable.

Page 70 rule #19 *Pistons*. Change to: Aftermarket pistons manufactured by Sierra, Vertex, and Wiseco +.020" part # 1049PS / +.040" 1049P2 as well as Mercury pistons shall be allowed on the Super Thunderbolt.

Page 70 rule # 22 *Exhaust splitters*. Change to: Exhaust splitters are allowed on a Super Thunderbolt if originally equipped with one.

Page 70 Lower Unit Option #1 rule #1 Allow the 44xs driveshaft housing on a Super Thunderbolt with either the 55H gearcase or the 44xs gearcase with 14:14 gears. Also allowed are the 55H, 402x or 35ss driveshaft housing with either the 55H or 44xs gearcase assembly with 14:14 gear ratio. This includes the IAI driveshaft housing.

Page 70 Lower unit Option #1 rule #4 *Exhaust tuners*. Change to: Exhaust tuners are allowed on a Super Thunderbolt if originally equipped with one.

Page 70 Lower unit Option #2 rule#7 *Exhaust tuners*. Change to: Exhaust tuners are allowed on a Super Thunderbolt if originally equipped with one.

67. It was moved and seconded to approve the 55H gear case on the Mercury 44XS in the D Stock Classes. MOTION PASSED.
68. After discussion, no action was taken regarding the Fuel Rule.

69. Chairman Reed reviewed the membership statistics for 2007.
70. It was moved and seconded to adopt the rule adopted by the PRO Category for rounded pickle forks for new construction. The Chairman appointed a committee to write a rule for the SORC to consider. Bill Pavlick was appointed Chairman. The matter was TABLED.
71. The Chairman recommended that information regarding construction of reinforced cockpit sides be placed on the APBA website. No action was taken by the SORC at this time as it was generally believed by the members that insufficient data had been received regarding the effectiveness of this construction on hull design.
72. Mike Ross reported that the 2009 Nationals date for Grass Lake, Michigan will be July 27th – August 2, 2009. The Marathon Nationals will be August 8-9, 2009.
73. It was moved and seconded to add the B Stock Runabout side-fin prohibition to the 25SSR class for entries using the 20 CID Sidewinder. MOTION FAILED.
74. It was moved and seconded to not approve any aftermarket parts after November 1, 2008, unless it is recommended by the manufacturer as a replacement part. MOTION FAILED.
75. It was moved and seconded to remove the Y-102 from the 20SSH class as of November 1, 2008. After discussion, the motion and second were WITHDRAWN.
76. It was moved and seconded to add the following to Rule 20.4.C.3: “The bottom of the air trap shall be straight from the trailing edge of the air trap 18” forward measured longitudinally with a tolerance of 1/16”.” Motion was TABLED. The Chairman appointed a committee to review the matter and report back to the SORC the following day.
77. The meeting was recessed for the day at 5:30 p.m.
78. The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 8:35 a.m. on February 2nd.
79. Bill Pavlick reported that the Committee appointed by Chairman Reed to look at the air trap rule for ASH recommended the following be adopted: “Air traps are to be straight +/- 3/32” from the aft end of the boat forward a minimum of 18” as measured on the bottom of the air trap.” It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal but with a tolerance of 1/16”. The Chairman again referred the matter to a committee of Ed Runne and Tony Perman.

80. It was moved and seconded to increase the Waldman Award points towards the Hall of Champions from 1-1/2 to 3 points. MOTION FAILED.
81. The Committee of Runne and Perman and Ed Hearn returned and recommended that the following be adopted: "There is established an air trap depth dimension. Air traps shall not be deeper than the line established between a point located 5/8 of an inch below the bottom of the boat measured at the aft end of the planing surface and a point 1-5/8 inches below the bottom of the boat located 18 inches forward of the aft end of the planing surface." It was moved and seconded to adopt the same. After discussion, the motion and second were withdrawn. The Chairman will appoint members to the Boat Technical Committee to review this matter and report back to the SORC to address the matter of hydro air traps in ASH at the next annual meeting.
82. After lengthy discussion, it was moved and seconded to take from the Table the matter of the adoption of the PRO pickle fork rule. MOTION PASSED. The matter was then placed back on the floor. MOTION FAILED.
83. After further discussion, it was moved and seconded to adopt the PRO pickle fork rule with the minimum thickness being 1/2". MOTION FAILED.
84. It was moved and seconded to refer the matter to a committee for adoption of a rule by the SORC to become effective for the 2009 racing season. MOTION PASSED. The Chairman will attempt to have a recommendation by the time of the Summer Nationals.
85. It was moved and seconded to budget a loan to the conducting club of the Summer Nationals for sanction and insurance. MOTION PASSED.
86. It was moved and seconded to adopt a uniform height restriction in the 25SSR class at 3/4" for all engines to be sent by ballot to all members of the class. MOTION FAILED.
87. It was moved and seconded to add a Hall of Champions point for the winner of any North American Championship. MOTION FAILED.
88. It was moved and seconded to implement the Superthunderbolt changes immediately. MOTION PASSED.

89. It was moved and seconded to implement the use of the 55H gear case on a 44XS in the D classes immediately. MOTION PASSED.

90. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. MOTION PASSED.
Meeting was ADJOURNED at 10:30 a.m. E.S.T., Saturday, February 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Edward W. Hearn
Edward W. Hearn
Stock Outboard Secretary

Dated: February 5, 2008.