

APBA Board of Directors

February 16, 2017

1. The teleconference meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM by the President, Mark Wheeler.
2. Roll call was taken. The following were in attendance: Mark Wheeler, Fred Hauenstein, Charles Strang, Steve Compton, Mary Williams, Steve Hearn, Kyle Bahl, Dave Augustine, Dan Kanfoush, Howie Nichols, Jean McKay-Schwartz, John Runne, Chris Fairchild, Roger Carr, Jeff Conant, Pat Gleason, Penny Anderson, Steve Noury, Jim Sechler, Ted Kolby, James Chambers, AnnMarie Shaw, Richard Shaw, Jeff Titus, Eli Whitney, Denver Ray Mut, Julian Rucki, Carleton Callahan, and Patrick Mell. Rich Fuschlin and Dutch Squires were excused.

President Wheeler added two items to the agenda as distributed by email. Motion by Dave Augustine, seconded by Fred Hauenstein to approve the agenda as revised. Motion passed.

3. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2017, Board of Directors meeting by Dave Augustine, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. Motion passed.
4. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2017, Board of Directors meeting by Dave Augustine, seconded by Charlie Strang. Motion passed.
5. Category budgets were presented by Treasurer Steve Compton. He noted that all categories had the funds in their accounts to cover their budgets. Motion by Howie Nichols, seconded by Dave Augustine to approve the category budgets as presented. Motion passed.
6. President Wheeler announced the creation of a Promotions Committee to be chaired by John Runne to come up with promotional ideas. Motion by Dave Augustine, seconded by Howie Nichols to approve the creation of this committee. Motion passed.
7. President Wheeler announced that due to the success of the promotional seminar held at the annual meeting, he is establishing a committee to look at ways to do more events like that during our next annual meeting. The committee will be composed of the current Annual Meeting committee of Sheryl Rucker, Penny Anderson, and Tracy Trolan, along with Howie Nichols, and Mary Williams.
8. Richard Shaw, Region 4 Chair, presented a request to hold their fall region meeting on November 11. This is due to the outboard race scheduled for the first weekend in November and the region rescue team having a previous commitment for the 2nd weekend. Motion by Howie Nichols, seconded by Dave Augustine to approve this request for 2017 only. Motion passed.
9. J Committee Chair, Pat Gleason presented two items for Board consideration:
 - a. A new rule 1.2.F to be placed under the title Racing Rule to read: Official Logo: All boats participating in APBA sanctioned events shall display in a highly visible location on essentially vertical surfaces, port and starboard, an APBA approved logo. APBA.ORG may be displayed in place of, or in addition to, the official APBA logo. "APBA" must be minimum dimension of 1.75" high and 7.25" long." After brief discussion, it was determined that because the rule is already in the By-laws, this is a housekeeping item and no Board approval is required.

- b. A new Rule 18.1.D to read: "For J Hydroplanes only, hulls will maintain a minimum of 1" setback distance between the leading tip of the gearcase and the aft portion of the planning surface." Effective date of this new rule will be 30 days, March 16, 2017.
Motion by Dave Augustine, seconded by Fred Hauenstein to approve. Motion passed.
- 10. New Class Chair, Howie Nichols, resented a new Inboard class for Board consideration. The "Super Comp Flat Bottom Class" as approved by the New Class Committee. Rules for the class are attached (Attachment #1). Motion by Dan Kanfoush, seconded by Dave Augustine to approve this new class. Motion passed.
- 11. Rules and Race Management Chair, Dave Augustine presented a new General Safety Rules and General Racing Rules for consideration. It was agreed to handle the changes as one package. (Attachment #2). President Wheeler pointed out that proposed deletions are in red and additions in blue. Motion by Dave Augustine, seconded by Howie Nichols to approve the new rules. Motion passed.
- 12. Safety Committee Chair, Eli Whitney, presented two rule changes for consideration by the Board.
 - a. A new General Safety Rule: Onboard Air System Usage. New rule to read:

New GSR: Onboard air system usage

A.1. Inboard:

- a. Type 4 capsule (F-16 type structural) – mandatory; 30 cu. ft. air tank capacity mandatory.
- b. Type 1, 2 ,3, - recommended; 30 cu. ft. air tank capacity recommended.
- 2. Inboard Endurance: mandatory; 30 cu. ft. air tank capacity mandatory.
- 3. OPC: recommended; 30 cu. ft. air tank capacity recommended.
- 4. PRO: recommended; 30 cu. ft. air tank capacity recommended.
- 5. Vintage OPC capsule equipped: mandatory if full time air is required, otherwise recommended;
30 cu. ft. air tank capacity recommended.

B. The driver's mask must cover the driver's nose and mouth and be designed to be watertight. The mask must be attached in such a way as to prevent its being dislodged or removed inadvertently. An ambient air valve is allowed; an ambient air valve is required when air tank capacity is less than 30 cu. ft. The mask shall be worn by the driver anytime the boat is under racing or testing conditions.

C. Air tank: All tanks regardless of size shall be designed for the delivery of breathing air. The tank shall be stamped to verify inspection and certification of the tank to meet D.O.T. (US Department of Transportation) or T.C. (Transportation Canada) standards. The air tank shall be securely mounted to the boat; a commercially made driver worn holster is acceptable only for appropriately sized tanks.

D. All components of the air system shall be rated for use with compressed air and with the pressures utilized. All connections in the air system shall meet diving industry standards (SCUBA type), including

high pressure, crimped hose ends. Hose clamps, push-lock or similar low pressure connections are not allowed.

E. A quick release pressure sealing coupler shall be used to connect the air supply hose from the tank (first stage regulator) to the driver mask hose (second stage regulator); the driver mask hose length shall be 10 inches (min) to 36 inches (max) to the connection; the air supply hose from the tank to the driver mask hose connection shall be ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet long (Inboard) or of sufficient length to move driver clear of farthest side or front of hull (OPC/PRO) measured from the center of the steering wheel. The female coupler fitting shall be attached to the air supply hose from the tank; the male coupler fitting shall be attached to the driver mask hose. A tee block with two male coupler fittings, attached to the driver mask hose, is allowed. Parker part number SH1-62 / SH1-63 (or other manufacturer interchange) is the accepted design sealed coupler assembly; stainless steel material is highly recommended, brass is an acceptable alternative.

Motion by Charlie Strang, seconded by John Runne to approve the new rule. Motion passed.

- b. A new voluntary medical information tag for drivers. The idea behind the card would be to provide a card for drivers to complete with medical information and then encase in a waterproof sleeve on a lanyard to be worn while racing. Discussion was held on if this would violate HIPPA laws or not. Motion by Dave Augustine to include a waterproof holder and information card to be filled out by the member to include whatever medical information he/she wishes to supply. This will be sent with the membership card. Second by Howie Nichols. After discussion, Motion by Dave Augustine, seconded by Jean McKay-Schwartz to table this until cost figures are available. Motion to table passed. President Wheeler stated that once the figures are in, an email ballot will be sent to the Board.
13. Vintage Chair, John Krebs presented requested rule changes to the Vintage rules for Board consideration. (Attachment #3). After review, wording on a new addition to rule 16 was changed for clarification. Motion by Fred Hauenstein to accept all rule changes after the clarification, seconded by Dave Augustine. Motion passed.
- 13.1 President Wheeler presented the requested Thunder Cat Rule Changes in the absence of Jeff Howie. (Attachment # 4). Motion by Howie Nichols to approve, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. Motion passed.

14. Other Matters:

- a. Steve Compton informed the Board that APBA had moved forward with the contract with Easy Click, Ryan Johnson's company, to create a new database system for APBA, after negotiating the changes to the contract that will define APBA as the owner of the software. This will be a 6-7 month process. President Wheeler noted that this was the portion of the Crown project which APBA did not do. He thanked Steve for all his work on this.

- b. Steve Compton then commended Patrick Mell and Tana Moore for the excellent job done on the new “Year-End Book”. It was noted that additional copies of the book are available for sale on the APBA website.
15. There being no further business, motion by Fred Hauenstein to adjourn, seconded by Charlie Strang. Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Williams

APBA Secretary