



**Annual Meeting**

**OPC Commission Meeting February 07-08, 2019**

On February 07, 2019 the OPC Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman James Chambers at 1:35 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Chair – James Chambers  
 Jeff Shepherd, Sherron Winer, Jeff Titus, Dan Bunting, Jim Kerr, Chris Fairchild (will join meeting later), Sam La Banco, Dee Berghauer (will join meeting later), Carleton Callahan (excused), Tracy Hawkins (absent), RJ West (excused), Mike White, Tom Stanley  
 8 present, 4 excused, 1 absent

Quorum Established with current, present commissioners

**I. Old Business**

A. 2018 Stats and Review: commissioners were asked to review the following membership, race days and boat count statistics.

|                            |                  |                       |                           |                          |                  |                       |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>OPC Racing Members</u>  |                  |                       | Total = 153               | New = 7                  |                  |                       |
| <b>Class</b>               | <b>Wet Boats</b> | <b># of race days</b> |                           | <b>Class</b>             | <b>Wet Boats</b> | <b># of race days</b> |
| SST 120                    | 28               | days 23               |                           | SST 60                   | 13               | days 9                |
| SST 200                    | 6                | days 6                |                           | SST 45                   | 30               | days 25               |
| Formula 150                | 13               | days 9                |                           | Sport C                  | 13               | days 28               |
| Formula 1                  | 33               | days 6                |                           | GT-1                     | 22               | days 9                |
| APBA sanctioned events ... |                  |                       | OPC total for 2018 ... 22 | OPC (only) events ... 20 |                  |                       |

B. OPC SST 45 Driving School Program Boats – As negotiated by the appointed committee (Dee Berghauer and Chris Fairchild from 2018 meeting), the two OPC

owned boats have been sold for \$7,000 and are currently out west. The money has been deposited in the OPC Promotions Fund.

- C. Hall of Champions – Request by the chair to induct Lee Daniel (SST 120) and RJ West (SST 45) into the APBA Hall of Champions.

Motion: Sherron Winer, Second: Dan Bunting

Motion passed unanimously

- D. Committee Reports

1. Chief Referee – Dee Berghauer, postponed

2. Chief Inspector – Ken Scoville

OPC Inspector's Test is currently on the APBA website. To be pro-active, Ken sent an email blast was sent with inspection and safety rules, including a reminder of "expiration date vs. built date."

3. Safety Committee – Sam La Banco and Tom Stanley

Sam: relatively uneventful year (1 problem in the Northwest)

Discussion of cut-resistant socks (from Rules and Race Management Committee) including the repercussions of enforcement/penalties, use of yellow cards

Informational discussion: proper cockpit foam as well as inflation systems

Tom: Within U.I.M., the 4" head clearance continues to be a concern. With time spent in Germany, Italy, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and the UK, measuring individual boats with drivers, it was discovered that only 4 were fully compliant, and 50 boats were somewhat compliant. U.I.M. has relaxed some rules but not the 4" head clearance rule. The 4" wooden measuring template was demonstrated and a better method, using a 4" styrofoam snowball, has been found to be effective, simple and low-cost.

4. Engine Technical Committee – Jim Nerstrom, postponed

- E. Howie Nichols, APBA President, was introduced to Commission and the audience.

Brief comments included thanking everyone for their service and wishing everyone a safe and successful racing season.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. General Management

Housekeeping date change to Rule #1, paragraph 4

Reason: Board of Directors new By-Law 6.1.1 allows the APBA Annual Meeting to be held up to two weeks later than earlier stated. ie; mid-February instead of no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. The date changes below keep the OPC rule consistent with the new proposed APBA By-Law 6.1.1

Motion: Rule 1.- change February 15<sup>th</sup> date to February 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup> date to March 15. Paragraph 4. As follows:

Racing members of record as of October 31, shall be eligible to vote on class technical rule changes for the class in which they participated. The OPC category shall be responsible for expenses incurred. The ballot will be sent no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. The OPC Chairman will be responsible for seeing that the ballot(s) are emailed to all eligible members. Ballots must be returned to the OPC Chairman, via email no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>. The OPC Chairman will determine the results and then notify APBA Headquarters of any rule changes.

Motion by Jeff Titus, Second: Sam LaBanco

Motion carries unanimously and goes into effect for 2019

B. Safety Rules and Proposals

Nothing submitted to the Chair

C. OPC Approved Series Requests

Major Series Request (as defined within OPC Rules) NGK for SST 45 and F1 and Powerboat Nationals for SST 45 and SST 120

1. Both clubs submitted rule packets to chair and commissioners
2. Sidebar discussion – bylaws allow contract groups to become OPC-approved series if approved by OPC commission
3. Discussion of the NGK F1 request – John Schubert and Tim Seebold explained that NGK uses all APBA/OPC safety rules, APBA, and OPC racing rules with exceptions as stated in their packet: some tech and one general rule covering protests. – NGK retains control of all racing and tech rules for F1. Hall of Champions is still a nagging question.
4. NGK removes their request for F1 series status
5. NGK reconfirms major series request for SST 45 (only)
6. Commissioner Winer points out that OPC rules allow two request per class
7. Motion to call the question: Sherron Winer, Second by Jeff Titus, Motion carries
8. Motion to accept NGK and Powerboat Nationals as OPC approved SST 45 Major Series by Chris Fairchild, Second Sam LaBanco
9. Vote: 7 yes, 1 abstention, motion carries
10. Motion to accept Powerboat Nationals as an OPC approved major series for SST 120 by Jeff Shepherd, Second by Jim Kerr
11. Discussion of proposed series rules
12. Motion Vote: 5 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention

13. Conflict of Interest (Dan Bunting) noted, vote changed to 4 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention and 1 cannot vote/conflict

No Minor series Requests

Introduction of Chas Dodge, new and current APBA Chief Referee, by Chairman Chambers.

Presentation (very brief) by Mercury Racing

- Jeff Roman from Mercury Racing introduced by Chris Fairchild
- Mercury planning to introduce two new engines by next year
- New Production motors: V6 4-stroke and a V8 4-stroke
- No pricing information

Agenda continues

D. Championship Requests – all bids in writing with copies to full commission

1. National Championship Bids
2. No bids received for one event producing a championship race for the entire category
3. Noted that there are no non-compete dates for any of the following bids
4. National Championship bids per class
  - a. Sport C, SST 60, SST 200, Mod U, GT1, F150 – no bids
  - b. NGK bids for F1 and Tri-Hull presented for Windsor, CO, August 30-September 1. With no opposing bids, Motion to accept by Fairchild, second by LaBanco. Motion carries.
  - c. Powerboat Nationals bid for SST 120 presented for Marietta, Ohio, July 13-14. With no opposing bids, motion to accept by Fairchild, second by Stanley. Motion carries
  - d. Two bids for SST 45 from Powerboat Nationals and NGK. Both organizations presented bids to full commission, answering questions when asked. Paper ballot required. Note: Chair will vote in case of a tie. Motion to vote and then accept the winner by Fairchild, second by Titus. Ballot results awards the bid to NGK for Windsor CO, on August 30-September 1.
  - e. Noted that there is a race scheduled for Branson, MO for same dates, same division. Motion to grant exemption to Branson, MO by Fairchild, second by Winer. Motion carries.

5. North American Championship bids per class – Conflict of interest noted for Winer on SST 120 and Bunting for SST 45 and SST 120 bids
  - a. Sport C, SST 200, Mod U, GT 1, F 150 – no bids
  - b. Bid by Powerboat Superleague for SST 60, SST 120 in Duffy, Ohio, for September 27-29. Superleague noted that bid is for both classes and they are not willing to divide the bid since the event will be marketed as an overall North American Championship.
  - c. Bid for SST 120 NAC presented by Powerboat Nationals for SST 120 in Wausau, WI for September 21-22.
  - d. Motion to discuss by Fairchild, second by LaBanco. Motion carries. Brief presentations by bidders, followed by Q &A. Noted a paper ballot required. Chair to vote if a tie.
  - e. Motion to vote and then accept the winning bid by Fairchild, second by White. Bid awarded to Powerboat Superleague. Noted that the winning bid also includes the SST 60 class.
  - f. Required deposit check immediately given to Chairman Chambers.
  - g. NGK – SST 45 in Bay City, MI on July 12-14 and Powerboat Nationals – SST 45 in Wausau, WI on September 21-22. Bids presented and discussed.
  - h. Motion to vote and then accept winning bid by Titus, second by LaBanco. Paper Ballot required with Chair to vote if a tie.
  - i. Bid awarded to NGK
  - j. Bid for F1 presented by NGK for Toledo, Ohio on June 28-29. With no opposing bids, motion to accept by Fairchild, second by LaBanco. Motion carries.
  - k. Bid for Tri-Hull presented by NGK for Bay City, MI on July 12-14. With no opposing bids, motion to accept by Fairchild, second by Shepherd. Motion carries.
6. Divisional Championships – all bids, by Division and by class, presented in writing to full commission. Conflict of interest noted for Bunting for SST 45 and SST 120 bids.
  - a. East (Regions 1,3,4,5)
  - b. Sport C, SST 60, SST 200, Mod U, GT 1, F 150 – no bids
  - c. SST 45 – bids presented by NGK for Pittsburgh, PA on August 2-4 and by Powerboat Nationals for Ravenswood, WV on August 3-4. Bids presented and discussed.
  - d. Motion to vote and then accept the winning bid by Winer, second by White. Paper ballot required with Chair to vote if a tie.
  - e. Bid awarded to Powerboat Nationals

- f. SST 120 by Powerboat Nationals for Guntersville, AL. – no opposing bids, motion to accept by Fairchild, second by Shepherd. Motion carries.
  - g. Central (Regions 6,7,8)
  - h. Sport C, SST 60, SST 200, Mod U, GT 1, F 150 – no bids
  - i. SST 45 by Powerboat Nationals for Branson, MO on August 31-Sept.1. with no opposing bids, motion by LaBanco to accept bid, second by Stanley. Motion carries.
  - j. SST 120 by Powerboat Nationals for Trenton, MI on July 20-21. With no opposing bids, motion to accept bid by Fairchild, second by Winer. Motion carries.
  - k. West (Regions 9, 10)
  - l. SST 45 by Powerboat Nationals for Parker, AZ on March 23-24. With no opposing bids, motion to accept by White, second by Shepherd. Motion carries.
7. Regional Championships – bids submitted to Commission for approval. Motion to approve submitted bids by Fairchild, second by Kerr. Motion carries. Noted that the OPC Commission does not have final approval, this must come from the various Region Chairmen.

NOTE: Listing of all awarded championships with location and dates can be found at the end of the minutes

#### E. General Racing Rules

1. Rule #3 OPC paragraph 4 – submitted by Jeff Titus
  - a. Reason: rule clarification
  - b. Motion for proposed rule change: Proposed rule change: Next to last sentence in Paragraph 4 to read as follows: The outboard motor and/or boat to be used for major replacement cannot be competing in the same set of heats with another driver on the same day. If a heat or race must (has to) be postponed to the next day, it must be scheduled before the next day's program starts.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Second by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Motion \_\_\_\_\_
2. Rule #14 – various changes – submitted by Sherron Winer
  - a. Reason: To eliminate last-minute requests, to allow for in-depth discussion, and create a submission format that is fair to all participants including drivers and venues.

- b. Motion by Jeff Titus and Second by Jeff Shepherd to discuss proposed changes.
- c. Motion carries
- d. Brief discussion resulting in these changes to the proposed rule: to change date stated in "paragraph 1 F." to "60 days prior to the proposed event," to insert the word "national" in paragraphs 2 and 2 C, to remove "and there is a minimum of sixty (60) days between new proposal and the start of the proposed event," and to remove "held within five days," in paragraph 6.
- e. Motion to end discussion by Dee Berghauer, Second by Chris Fairchild. Motion carries
- f. Motion to accept various changes to Rule #14 as agreed during discussion period. (Entire Rule #14 appears below the motion)
- g. RULE 14 – CHAMPIONSHIPS
  - 1. For an OPC Championship bid to be considered by the Commission, the following criteria must be submitted, in writing, to the OPC Chairman a minimum of one (1) week prior to the annual meeting.
    - A. Bid must be on the current OPC Championship Bid Form, found on the APBA web site.
    - B. Bid must include all required information. Bids containing "to be announced" (TBA) or left-open blanks will not be considered.
    - C. Complete information concerning individual race producer requirements for the event must be clearly presented. This includes exclusions for entry fees, or sliding scale entry fees, cost of club membership if it is a requirement of racing, complete description of purse, complete listing of payout, as well as the listing of tow money.
    - D. All bids for a championship event must supply a proposed format of events.
    - E. Individual race producers/clubs are responsible for making copies for OPC Commissioners as the bids are presented at the annual APBA OPC Commission meeting.
    - F. If there are open championships at the conclusion of the annual OPC Commission meeting, bids, on required, completed form, must be sent to the OPC Commission Chairperson before the close of business, sixty (60) days prior to the proposed event. The Chairman shall then send the proposed bid to all current OPC Commissioners for vote, which must be completed within five (5) days.

2. During each racing year, a championship regatta may be held for each national OPC class, and current annual APBA members of each class, provided that OPC Commission approved criteria are met. The criteria are:

- A. Yearly Championships available are: World, National, North American, Divisional and Regional, using the descriptions provided in the current APBA Bylaws.
  - B. At Regional and Divisional Championship races, drivers from other Regions and Divisions are allowed to participate and win the Championship.
  - C. There shall be one World, National and North American Championship for each OPC national class.
  - D. Any APBA/OPC class that is run as part of an OPC approved series/circuit, may compete for a UIM World Championship in that class, provided that there is an accepted bid in place and the correct deposit has been made. Determination of the series APBA/UIM World Champion will be made using the 9, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1-point scale.
3. If a National Championship is held for all OPC classes, there shall be no other races sanctioned for those dates. Clubs may petition the OPC Commission up to 90 days in advance of the sanctioned date for an exemption. There is no date exclusivity for World, North American, Divisional or Regional championships.
  4. The OPC Chairman shall review and approved all Championship sanctions.
  5. UIM World Championship bids must be submitted at least 18 months in advance. Exceptions may be considered by the Commission, however, no bids for a World Championship shall be considered if the bid is not received at least one year from proposed race date. The bid must include proof of UIM criteria, as well as any additional APBA administrative requirements being met. UIM rules covering World Championship bids can be found on the UIM website.
  6. In the event that a championship becomes available due to the cancellation of an awarded championship, the OPC Chairman shall advise all OPC Commissioners, who shall in turn, notify their Region Clubs. The bid process shall reopen and bids for a replacement championship shall be accepted by the Chairman with a subsequent Commission vote after the written notification is received.
  7. All Championship bids submitted to the OPC Commission for



consideration and subsequently accepted, must include a non-refundable deposit. Deposit must be paid at the time of acceptance. Deposit amounts required are: \$1,000 - National Championship, \$500 - World, \$250 - North American and Divisionals, and \$100 for Regionals. Cancellation of a championship shall cause the deposit to be forfeited and money shall be deposited in the OPC Awards fund.

8. Two Championship events, (Regionals, Divisionals, North American, National and/or World) cannot be sanctioned at the same event, or within five consecutive days. Only one set of bonus/championship points will be allowed, however, if the championship is on one day, regular points can be awarded for events run the other day, per the APBA rule book.
9. To receive Regional Championship points and titles there must be a minimum of four bona-fide starters. For all other Championships there must be a minimum of five bona-fide starters. If qualifying heats are run, they will establish the number of bona-fide starters. If there are fewer starters than required number, only regular points shall be awarded, and no championship title shall be awarded. If the championship at a scheduled race is not awarded due to lack of entries or legal finishers, said title shall not be rescheduled and no title shall be awarded for that year.
10. The final field for a Championship shall consist of the first-place boat with an equal number of laps completed, and the least amount of lapsed time from the qualifying heats. Other boats shall be taken from the qualification heats, according to their positions of finish. In case of a tie, the qualified position shall be awarded by breaking the tie with the most laps completed, if the tie still exists, with the least amount of cumulative elapsed time.
11. If extenuating circumstances prevent the final event from taking place, the championship/s shall be decided on the qualifying heat results.

- h. Motion to accept changes to Rule #14 as noted, changed and submitted by Chris Fairchild, Second Jim Kerr.
- i. Motion carries
- k. Goes into effect in 2019

**OPC Championships as bid and accepted by the OPC Commission  
on February 07, 2019**

| <b>DATE</b>   | <b>Championship</b> | <b>CLUB</b>   | <b>CLASSES</b>          | <b>LOCATION</b>  |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| March 23-24   | West Divisional     | P Nationals   | SST 45                  | Parker, AZ       |
| May 3-5       | Regional (8)        | NGK           | SST 45                  | Port Neches, TX  |
| June 1-2      | Regional (4)        | P Nationals   | SST 45                  | Knoxville, TN    |
| June 28-29    | North American      | NGK           | F1                      | Toledo, OH       |
| June 28-29    | East Divisional     | P Nationals   | SST 120                 | Guntersville, GA |
| June 29-30    | Regional (5)        | P Nationals   | SST 45                  | Guntersville, GA |
| July 12-14    | North American      | NGK           | SST 45,<br>Tri-Hull     | Bay City, MI     |
| July 13-14    | National            | P Nationals   | SST 120                 | Marietta, OH     |
| July 20-21    | Central Divisional  | P National    | SST 120                 | Trenton, MI      |
| July 20-21    | Regional (6)        | P National    | SST 45                  | Trenton, MI      |
| August 3-4    | Regional (4)        | P National    | SST 120(?)              | Ravenswood, WV   |
| August 3-4    | East Divisional     | P National    | SST 45                  | Ravenswood, WV   |
| August 9-11   | Regional (6)        | NGK           | SST 45                  | Springfield, OH  |
| Aug.30-Sept 1 | National            | NGK           | SST 45, F1,<br>Tri-Hull | Windsor, CO      |
| Aug 31-Sept 1 | Central Divisional  | P Nationals   | SST 45                  | Branson, MO      |
| Sept. 27-29   | North American      | P Superleague | SST 120,<br>SST 60      | Duffy, OH        |

**Notes:**

? in brackets denotes question on class. Listed on bid as SST 45, found in the SST 120 packet  
All regional championships have not been approved by Region Chairmen (as of February 15)

Minutes of first portion of meeting respectfully submitted by S. Winer

**\*\*\* Day 2 of the OPC Commission meeting minutes were taken by Dee Berghauer. They are in the same form as the OPC Agenda.**

**\*\*\* See below**

**3. Rule 15 Hall of Champions Criteria par. 5 submitted by Jeff Titus**

**Current last sentence .. The total number of wet boats multiple cannot exceed 25.**

**Change for last sentence to read: The total number of wet boats multiple cannot exceed 15.**

**Reason: To determine final point totals in a fair manner for every class.**

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Titus \_\_\_\_\_

Pass X Fail \_\_\_\_\_ To Ballot X Housekeeping \_\_\_\_\_

Into Effect for 2019 X Into Effect 11/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

**F. National Classes:**

**Stock Classes**

**A. Sport C**

**Super Stock Classes**

**A. SST 45**

**SST45 Specification Sheet Submitted by Jacob Alkema**

**OPC SST45 Specification Sheet SST 45 Notes  
Remove plus .010" tolerance from head pocket width.**

**Explanation: I would like to address one of the rules regarding the minimum and maximum measurements on width on a 45 head. As a driver a maximum should not be part of the rule, due to it has no advantages, only disadvantages. With that being said, it should also be added that no grinding or modifications to the head to direct fuel or air should be allowed and would result in a disqualification.**

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ No Motion \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

**B. SST 60**

**C. SST 120**

**D. SST 200**

**Altered Classes**

**A. Mod U**

**B. GT 1**

**Formula Classes**

**A. Formula 150**

**Rule 20 Classes Par 4, Formula Class Sub par A. Formula 150 Technical Standards**

**Submitted by: Jeff Titus**

**Current Rule:**

**Max. Total Cu. In. Displacement    Min. Boat Length    Min. Boat Weigh**

**165 (2.7L)**

**16'**

**1050 lbs.**

**Proposed New Rule:**

**Max. Total Cu. In. Displacement    Min. Boat Length    Min. Boat Weigh**

**Up to 2 L**

**16'**

**1100 lbs.**

Over 2 L & up to 165 (2.7L)

16'

1175 lbs.

**Explanation: Change the weights for Formula 150 to better create class parity.**

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Pass  Fail \_\_\_\_\_ To Ballot  Housekeeping \_\_\_\_\_

Into Effect for 2019  Into Effect 11/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

**National Limited Classes**

**A. Formula 1**

Discussion regarding admission into Hall of Champions (OPC has 2 positions available )

**B. Formula Tri-Hull**

Discussion regarding admission into Hall of Champions (OPC has 2 positions available) **FAILED**

**Motion: to allow admission into the Hall of Champions for Formula 1 and Formula**

**Tri Hull FAILED**

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Pass \_\_\_\_\_ Fail  To Ballot \_\_\_\_\_ Housekeeping \_\_\_\_\_

Into Effect for 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ Into Effect 11/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sportsman Classes:**

**A. Mini GT**

**B. GT PRO**

**C. VP75 Rule 20, Classes, Par 7, Sportsman Classes , Sub Par C. (sub-par 5 )**

**Submitted by .. Aaron Wachholz**

**Reason: The change is for the motors to be visibly stock production. Therefore, internal modifications are allowed, so long as externally the powerhead appears stock.**

**Change sub-par 5 to read as follows:**

**5) Engines must be visually stock production and mass marketed class E (49.99 cu.in. max. total piston displacement). An overbore of up to .040 is allowed. Internal modifications are allowed, so long as externally the powerhead appears stock.**

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_Chris Fairchild\_\_\_\_\_

Pass X Fail \_\_\_\_\_ To Ballot \_\_\_\_\_ Housekeeping \_\_\_\_\_

Into Effect for 2019 x Into Effect 11/2019 \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Super Sport**

**E. Hobby Stock Add the following to Sportsman Classes**

**Submitted by .. Aaron Wachholz**

**Reason: This is our local class that we have been running now for years, and has been on our sanctions, however, at some point, the rules were either erased from APBA, or were never put in place. These are the rules that all drivers have agreed to.**

**Rule 20, Classes Par 7, Sportsman Classes Sub-Par E.**

- 1. Boats must be molded “V” bottom (passenger type) and have open cockpits regardless of how the cockpit seating is arranged and be at least 13’ length and a minimum weight of 1050 lbs. post-race with driver and remaining fuel on board, as raced. Boats with a molded depth (X) less than 20” must have a roll bar or safety cage (see diagram). Boats must have a minimum of 6 cubic feet of floatation foam.**
  
- 2. Engines must be three-cylinder 49.99 maximum cubic inch displacement, built by OMC in original mass marketed configuration regardless of present cosmetic appearance (i.e. color or commercial id.). Modifications to these forty-year-old engines and substitution of aftermarket and non-period correct parts, including ignition components, are allowed however they must maintain an (under cowl) “visual stock” appearance. Air boxes and VRO related parts may be removed. Two 1” diameter holes (one either side) can be drilled in the lower unit above the cavitation plate to relieve exhaust pressure.**
  
- 3. Engines must be mounted such that when pitched parallel to the running surface, the propeller shaft center line is at least five inches below the running surface. Engines must be restrained to prevent kick-up. Engines equipped with power trim must be rigged such that the driver has no means to adjust trim while under way.**
  
- 4. Minimum age for driving participation is 15 years.**
  
- 5. Propellers must be through hub exhaust type.**

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_

Pass X Fail \_\_\_\_\_ To Ballot \_\_\_\_\_ Housekeeping \_\_\_\_\_

Into Effect for 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ Into Effect 11/2019 X\_\_\_\_\_

**Note ... rules to be submitted for publication in the 2020 OPC Rule Book**

**G. Technical Issues:           None**

**H. Motor Manufacturer Report:** Mercury Representative gave a report on V6 and V8 4 cycle race engines. CRT reported on a V6 replacement engine for the 2.5 and 2.7 cu. inch Mod U engine.

**I. Hall of Champions:**

No discussion

**J. Category Awards:**

No discussion

**K. Facebook discussion:**

No discussion

**Immediately prior to the close of the meeting Dan Bunting withdrew all of Powerboat National awarded championship bids. After a brief discussion the commission voted to give Dan Bunting 30 days to reconsider his request.**

**At the end of those thirty days, with no communication from Dan, as agreed to in the official minutes, his bids, which included an APBA National, a number of APBA Divisionals, APBA North American as well as APBA Regionals, became available for other APBA Clubs to bid.**

**\*\*Please see the schedule ( listed below ) for commission approved championship bids as of 4/7/2019.**



**OPC Championships as bid and accepted by the OPC Commission  
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| March 23-24     | West Divisional     | P Nationals         | SST 45                  | Parker, AZ       |
| May 3-5         | Regional (8)        | NGK                 | SST 45                  | Port Neches, TX  |
| June 1-2        | Regional (4)        | P Nationals         | SST 45                  | Knoxville, TN    |
| June 28-29      | North American      | NGK                 | F1                      | Toledo, OH       |
| June 28-29      | East Divisional     | P Nationals         | SST 120                 | Guntersville, AL |
| June 29-30      | Regional (5)        | P Nationals         | SST 45                  | Guntersville, AL |
| July 12-14      | North American      | NGK                 | SST 45,<br>Tri-Hull     | Bay City, MI     |
| July 13-14      | National            | P Nationals         | SST 120                 | Marietta, OH     |
| July 20-21      | Central Divisional  | P National          | SST 120                 | Trenton, MI      |
| July 20-21      | Regional (6)        | P National          | SST 45                  | Trenton, MI      |
| August 3-4      | Regional (4)        | P National          | SST 120(?)              | Ravenswood, WV   |
| August 2-3-4    | East Divisional     | NGK                 | SST 45                  | Pittsburgh, PA.  |
| August 9-11     | Regional (6)        | NGK                 | SST 45                  | Springfield, OH  |
| Aug.30-Sept 1   | National            | NGK                 | SST 45, F1,<br>Tri-Hull | Windsor, CO      |
| Aug 8-9         | Central Divisional  | NGK                 | SST 45                  | Springfield, OH. |
| Aug 30 – Sept 2 | Nationals           | Breakwater PB Assoc | SST 120 & SST 60        | Portsmouth, OH.  |
| Sept. 27-29     | North American      | P Superleague       | SST 120,<br>SST 60      | Duffy, OH        |

**\*\* At this time some of the Powerboat Nationals Events are NOT sanctioned with APBA. Since the release of bonus event bids by Powerboat Nationals (PN) NGK bid for and received the sanctioning of both the Eastern and Central Divisionals for SST 45 \*\*On April 7, 2019 Breakwater Powerboat Association received permission from the OPC Commission to host the OPC Nationals for SST 120 and SSTS 60 in Portsmouth, OH. Scheduled for August 30 thru September 2, 2019**

**The above schedule reflects these changes.**

**\*\*\* Committee Reports for Items #1 and #4 which were postponed at the OPC Commission meeting ... see previous Minutes notes.**

#### **Item # 1 Chief Referee Report**

##### **Referee Report: Dee Berghauer OPC Chief Referee**

**Dee reminded members to refresh and reread the rule book after a number of incidents this past year.**

**The race committee runs the race and makes decisions that the referee enforces or overrules. OPC commissioners attending races should support and assist the race committee where or when needed. Commissioners are in an advisory capacity only.**

**Races are successful when drivers, officials and all committee members are cooperative and work together.**

**WHEN IN DOUBT follow the RULE BOOK**

#### **Item # 4 Engine Technical Committee Report**

**Jim Nerstrom, Chairman**

**OPC Chairman, OPC Commissioners**

##### **Committee Report: Engine Technical Committee**

**First, I would like to thank James Chambers for all his support and I would like to thank the members of the Engine Technical Committee for all their help and cooperation throughout the 2018 racing season. Without this dedicated group of volunteers this job would be impossible.**

##### **Old Business:**

**At the 2018 Annual Meeting the OPC Commission voted to update and correct the OPC - SST 45 Reference Information and the SST 45 OPC Spec Sheets. The latest information is dated 01-26-18 and has been uploaded to the American Power Boat web site. If you were not at last year's annual meeting and have an interest in this class it is suggested you take the time to read these documents.**

**The 2018 Racing Season was pleasantly quiet as we did not have to deal with any technical DQ's or Appeals throughout the year. I credit our inspectors for much of this, their understanding of the technical rules and willingness to look at competitors' parts and answer questions prior to the race helps to keep everyone legal.**

**Normally we get a few calls asking us to help a competitor understand a rule or want to know if some part or procedure is allowed. This season was no different, the committee is always ready and available to help in any way possible.**

**New Business:**

**For the 2019 racing season the Engine Technical Committee will remain the same as last season.**

**Drive fast, turn left!**

**Regards,  
Jim Nerstrom  
Engine Technical Committee**

**\*\*\* Note: A glossary of terms will be reintroduced at the end of the OPC rules.**

**Rule 3 #4 will be reviewed and clarified where needed.**

**\*\*\* Note: See current rule book for Rule 3 clarification and Glossary of Terms**