

Minutes
Annual Meeting of the Vintage & Historic Committee
American Power Boat Association
February 9, 2019
Doubletree Sea World Hotel, Orlando, FL

Chairman John Krebs called the meeting to order via Skype at 7:00 AM. Vintage & Historic officials present were Vice Chairman Rich Luhrs, Chief Inspector Rich Evans, Chief Referee Jack Meyer, Region 4 Dan Joseph, Region 6 Billy Noonan, Region 6 Dick Delsener, and Region 10 J.W. Myers. As a quorum was not present, any issues brought up will be discussed and brought to the next conference call on February 20 for voting. Additional attendees to the meeting numbered approximately 20.

The reps committee has been meeting weekly via conference call for the last 4 weeks. The By-Laws have been updated and reorganized and will be published when approved by the APBA Board.

V&H lost 24 members from 2017, with 60% of that being from Region 5 and attributed to damage due to a hurricane and the resulting cancellation of both CRA events at Tavares for the 2018 season. The Florida Vintage Raceboat Association was created and brought the events back to Tavares in Fall, 2018 and March, 2019. Through 1/31/19, membership is up 15%.

Outboard participation in V&H has grown and the Southern Maryland Boat Club now has two stand-alone events in Maryland. With the addition of Rich Luhrs, Raynor Blair and J.W. Myers to the Committee we look forward to this growth gaining more steam.

2019 looks to be the strongest year for stand-alone Vintage Events with 10 expected. It seems that boat count is also up for the 2018 events.

Debbie Joseph has compiled tentative dates for 2019 events submitted to date. Krebs asked for anyone knowing of prospective dates for events in 2019 to submit them as soon as possible so they may be added to the calendar before it is published.

More activity will be seen in the Propeller and SPIN publications. John Woodward has stepped up to be the "publisher" for V&H and all articles are to be sent to him. The email blast will be used more this year.

There will be no insurance rate changes for 2019 for V&H events.

Under open floor discussion, APBA Treasurer Steve Compton discussed that the associate APBA membership program has been very successful. He would like everyone to continue to support V&H and APBA by encouraging crew members to become associate APBA members.

Extensive discussion of the possible use of monitors by drivers in V&H took place. The use of some form of radio communication with drivers in boats with reinforced cockpits is mandatory in APBA racing classes; it appears that this will need to be in place for drivers of vintage boats with reinforced cockpits as they become part of V&H. Dave Richardson presented a monitor system that will be tested by the FVRA at their event in Tavares in March; these monitors will provide one-way audio communication from the referee to each driver in a heat. The club has already purchased several of these monitors and V&H has offered to donate \$1000 to the club from the V&H Promotional Fund for the purpose of purchasing several more. Roger Hinsdale, on behalf of FVRA, made a request yesterday to the Historical Society for funding. Dave Richardson expressed appreciation for the financial support of V&H in these efforts. These monitors will be made available to other V&H events.

Robin Shane announced that the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum is interested in borrowing unique vintage raceboating items for a display. They also have a boat-building program that might be interested in doing repairs on boats. Robin will write an article for the V&H newsletter about this project.

Rich Luhrs and Dave Richardson are putting together a list of the location of runnable and non-runnable vintage boats. Phil Kunz has helped with lists of old boats and their history.

Billy Noonan brought up a concern with drivers whose boats are not registered with APBA because they only sign up for single-event APBA memberships at events instead of purchasing full memberships. It was suggested that the APBA consider changing these memberships at V&H events to single day memberships instead of single event memberships. Also being evaluated is requiring a boat owner to carry a full APBA membership instead of being allowed to purchase a single day or single event membership.

Debbie Joseph discussed that cut-resistant socks are a mandatory part of the driver's suit in some racing classes of APBA, including kneel-down outboards. This will need to be carried over to these classes when they participate in V&H events.

Discussion of the self-certification process for physicals in the CBF took place. These self-certified medical physicals carry over to an APBA event as there is reciprocity between the 2 groups; these will continue to be accepted as they have in the past.

Rich Evans continues to work on the development of rules for reinforced cockpit boats in V&H. The need to establish a definition of which boats would be included was expressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 AM on motion of Billy Noonan, seconded by Dick Delsener.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary
V&H Committee