

Minutes
Annual Meeting of the Vintage & Historic Committee
American Power Boat Association

January 27, 2022

Doubletree Hilton at Sea World, Orlando, FL

Chairman Jeff “Nemo” Buckley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. The meeting was held in person at the Doubletree Hotel and via the virtual platform Zoom. Vintage & Historic officials present in person were East Coast Representative Dick Delsener, West Coast Representative Shaun Kelson, Inboard Representative Mike Noonan, Regions’ Representative Dan Joseph, Officiating Representative Jack Meyer, APBA Board Liaison Matt Yarno, and Special Projects Representatives Bob Moore, Rich Evans, and Rick Sandstrom. Present via Zoom were Vice-Chair Steve Compton, Special Projects Representative Jim Berry, Region 6 Representative Mark Cravens, and Region 7 Representative Fred Eichmiller. Approximately 15 guests were present in person and 25 via Zoom.

Chairman Buckley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Compton introduced the members of the Committee.

Chairman Buckley described that V&H has made great strides in 2021 and is experiencing a resurgence. Communication is greatly improved, and safety has received a greater emphasis. Membership was up 32% over 2020, with V&H having 240 members. Goals for 2022 will remain communication, safety, growth and longevity. The V&H promotional fund, derived from \$10 from every V&H membership and \$10 from each boat that participates in an event, currently stands at approximately \$9,200.

Chairman Buckley reminded members that there will be an APBA dues increase on March 1, with a full APBA membership going from \$150 to \$230. Members were encouraged to renew their memberships now to take advantage of the lower fee. Memberships for non-racers will remain at \$65.

Chairman Buckley remarked that Communication and Marketing Representative John Woodward had a very successful year, getting many articles published in Propeller. He thanked editor Holly Jones for her responsiveness in helping develop guidelines for submission of articles and for being supportive of V&H.

Chairman Buckley reported that Rich Evans, Mike Noonan, and Rich Luhrs are working on an inspection checklist for capsule boats. A new inspector test will follow. An apprenticeship program for new inspectors is also being developed.

Under Committee Reports, Vice-Chairman Steve Compton reported that the committee established a year ago has meshed well together and is moving in the right direction. He is developing a comprehensive list of vintage boats and has requested that owners or others with information forward it to him for inclusion. He is looking for who the boat was built by and when, who it was restored by and when, who has owned the boat, and any other details about where the boat raced or awards it won.

East Coast Representative Dick Delsener reported that more boats are coming out to events and the East Coast is running well.

West Coast Representative Shaun Kelson reported that 2022 will be a busy year with 12 events on the calendar. A new event at Entiat, WA will be a vintage standalone event, the first one on the West Coast.

Inboard Representative Mike Noonan, a relatively new member on the committee, remarked that he is excited to be a part of the growth of V&H. He encouraged V&H members to reach out to him with questions.

Regions Representative Dan Joseph reported that he had been contacted by the Director of the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta, now officially known as America’s Regatta. They are interested in having vintage boats as a part of their event in July. He feels that this would probably be as display boats for 2022 but this is subject to change. He also presented the list of tentative events that have been submitted for 2022.

<i>EAST COAST EVENTS</i>		<i>WEST COAST EVENTS</i>	
PLACE	DATES	PLACE	DATES
Tavares, FL	March 18-20	Yelm, WA	April 23-24
Caesar’s Creek, OH	April 30-May 1	Chelan, WA	April 30-May 1
Piney Point, MD	June 3-5	Spanaway, WA	May 28-29

New Martinsville, WV	July 9-10		Soap Lake, WA	June 18-19
Leonardtown, MD	July 29-31		Richland, WA	June 24-26
Hillsboro, OH (Rocky Fork)	July 30-31		Olympia, WA	July 9-10
Wheeling, WV	September 3-4		Entiat, WA	July 23-24
Madison, IN	September 17-18		Oak Harbor, WA	August 20-21
Caesar's Creek, OH	October 1-2		Pateros, WA	August 27-28
Tavares, FL	November 18-20		Brewster, WA	September 10-11
			Manson, WA	September 24-25
			Chelan, WA	September 30- October 2

Officiating Representative Jack Meyer reported that dedication to safety would once again be the major focus for referees in V&H in 2022.

Secretary Debbie Joseph reported that the new system of promptly approving board minutes was working well, and that minutes were usually published on the APBA website within a week following the monthly Zoom meetings after receiving approval from the voting members of the committee. She also congratulated the following V&H members who received awards at the recent Region 10 meeting: Matt Yarno, Seattle Inboard Racing Association (SIRA) – Inspirational Award; Yarno Family, Region 10 Vintage – Hard Luck Award – Tiger, and Region 10 Vintage – Doug Whitley Award; Shaun Kelson, Seattle Inboard Racing Association – Sportsmanship, and Region 10 Vintage – Mid Cabover; and Mike Currie, Region 10 Vintage – Mid Conventional.

Dave Richardson reported for Region 5 Representative Jed Wolcott that plans for the March Tavares event were proceeding well.

Mark Cravens, Region 6 Representative, and Fred Eichmiller, Region 7 Representative Fred Eichmiller, both commented that they were looking forward to an active year of East Coast events.

Special Projects Representative Bob Moore reported that special V&H buttons had been prepared for distribution at the annual meeting and were available.

Special Projects Representative Jim Berry reported that planning for the two events in 2022 sponsored by the Southern Maryland Boat Club was proceeding well.

Chairman Buckley reported that V&H remains under a microscope by our insurance company, and we must continue to focus on safety in 2022. The insurance fee for V&H will show a 1.3% increase over 2021.

Chairman Buckley remarked that 3 Chairman's Spirit of Vintage Awards had been presented in 2021. The first was to Rick Cole in Leonardtown, MD, and the second was to father/daughter team Ed and Haley Brown in Wolfeboro, NH. He also reported that the inaugural Rudders Awards would be presented at the Outboard, Offshore, and Vintage and Historic Award Ceremony on Friday night. The 2021 winners were the late Don Kelson, Bob "Pappy" Moore, and Tom D'Eath.

Chairman Buckley thanked the Southern Maryland Boat Club for sponsoring the V&H Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM on motion of Jack Meyer, seconded by Shaun Kelson.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
V&H Secretary