

**Inboard Racing Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**National Meeting – Reno, NV**  
**January 23-25, 2014**

**Call to Order:** Meeting of the Inboard Racing Commission was called to order at 10:32 am PST.

**Roll Call:** Attending: Mark Weber-Chairman, Sandy Cody-Inboard Administrator. IRC Members: Bert Henderson, Bobby Kennedy, Kim Liddycoat, Marty Hammersmith, Jim Sechler, Sean Bowsher, Bill Thompson, Aaron Stephens, Corey Peabody, Julian Rucki, Dave Rankin, Jeff Bernard, Kent Henderson, Ann Fitzgerald, Gordon Jennings, Kent Henderson, MaryAnne Wilson.

Not Present: Mark Wheeler, Thom Heins, Howie Schnabolk. IRC Deputy Commissioner: Rich Falcinelli.

**Moment of Silence**

**J Stock Hydro Report:** Report given by Robin Shane. Chris Oliver, Jr. remained responsible for the maintenance of the trailer and its contents. Program participated in three Region 4 Inboard Events. Currently have 5 hulls, 6 engines and 11 propellers. Program should be moved around to other Regions.

**Chairman's Address:** Chairman thanked the Commission for their time. Chairman needs to attend a few meetings; Jeff Bernard will act as Chairman during those meetings. Risk Management important to address, Commissioners are to address problems at race sites working with race committees in a positive manner. Inboard budget has been submitted to APBA. Committee lunch meetings are schedule over the next two days. Thanked Ann Fitzgerald and Kim Liddycoat for their work on the Inboard Banquet, Dave Shaw will announce and Sean Bowsher will do the video presentation. Inboard Driving School is doing well; over 60 students have attended with 12 racing today.

**Approval of Conference Call Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2014:** Motion to approve Meeting Minutes by Bill Thompson. Seconded by Aaron Stephens. Motion passed.

**Referee Report:** Dave Shaw gave report. Referee Meeting scheduled for later today. Referee tests should be completed is a week or so.

**Inspector Report:** Bill Thompson gave report. Things went fairly smooth last year. Inspector test should be completed shortly. New Inspector trophy will be named the Hank Wendt Memorial. IRC to donate \$101.00 for the trophy.

**Rookie of the Year:** Kyle Bement won the West Coast Rookie of the Year. The West Coast Rookie of the Year Award will be renamed in Kyle's memory. Ciara McClure won the East Coast Rookie of the Year, she was unable to attend, will present trophy to her at the Region 3 Meeting. IRC to purchase Ciara's 2014 APBA Racing Membership using funds from the Chairman's budget allocated by APBA.

**Technology Committee:** Sean Bowsher gave report. Trying to improve technology every year, working on each division of APBA to have a Facebook page.

**APBA Website:** Ryan cleaning up website. Send the Inboard Office anything you want posted on the website. APBA changing website Company.

**Safety Committee:** Jeff Bernard gave report. George Kennedy resigned from Safety Committee. Capsule builders need to start to complete paperwork and send core samples for testing. Flatbottom Class was missed in the new capsule requirement document, Newtons required will be 5,000. Proper head clearance in capsules is very important. Important that drivers test their life jacket and all safety equipment. Rescue boats to be on race course with engines running. Working on having hull log books. Safety Committee received 2 safety proposed rule changes and voted not to pass the rule changes.

**SE Report:** Dutch Squires gave report. Had a good year, with a little growth, has 15 to 20 boats. Dave Shaw asked to have rule changed that capsuled boats start on the outside.

**Spec Boat:** Jim Sechler gave report. Spec boat is near completion. Paul Price to complete boat, Austin Price will campaign boat this year.

**Inboard Equipment Inventory:** Inboard Office is updating list of all Inboard Equipment. If in possession of Inboard equipment contact the Inboard Office.

**Inboard Poster:** Ann Fitzgerald gave report. Things went well this year, printed 10,000 copies of poster. The poster was mailed to 28 addresses, need to have posters distributed. Rack Cards were not printed this year. \$1,950.00 profit on project.

**Hall of Champions:** Dave Shaw gave report. 3 inductees this year.

**Bruce Broussard Award:** Dave Shaw gave report. Last few years there has been a lack of nominations, maybe change requirements. Chairman suggested forming a Committee. Change Rule 38, page 27 – 140 points change to 120 points, combine IRC and Board of Governors. Motion to change made by Jeff Bernard and seconded by Julian Rucki. Passed 11-0.

**Technical Committee:** Jim Sechler gave report. JSS Class table all proposed rule changes, form a committee recommended by Technical Committee. Gave report to the IRC on technical rule changes before vote. Technical Committee to change from election to Chairman appointed. Motion to change rule book made by Sean Bowsher and seconded by Bert Henderson. Passed 14-0.

### **Championship Bids:**

#### **Bid 1 –**

Spanaway, WA, 2014 Western Divisionals, all classes. September 6-7, 2014 Moses Lake was cancelled.

**Motion made by Sean Bowsher and seconded by Jeff Bernard.-  
Passed Yes 8 No 5 Abstain 1**

#### **Bid 2 –**

Black Lake, Olympia, WA- 2015 Western Divisionals, all classes – July 11-12, 2015.

**Motion made by Bill Thompson and seconded by Dave Rankin.  
Passed Yes 14 No 0**

**Bid 3 –**

Long Beach, CA – 2015 Summer Nationals, Flatbottoms only. August 1-2, 2015.

**Motion made by Sean Bowsher and seconded by Marty Hammersmith**

**Passed Yes 14 No 0**

**Committee and Class Reports approval:** Motioned by Aaron Stephens, seconded by Bill Thompson. Motion passed 14-0. Bobby Kennedy and Sean Bowsher to work on Class Rep requirements, Eli Whitney to advice on procedures.

**Rule Changes: Proposed Rule Changes #1 thru #35 are posted on the APBA website under Resources. Below is the vote of #1 thru #35 rule changes. Also posted on the APBA website under Resources is the voting record of each Inboard Commissioners.**

Rule 2014-001 – Passed Yes 8 No 6 Abstain 1 - Motion by Jeff Bernard, Seconded by Aaron Stephens  
Rule 2014-002 – Failed Yes 0 No 14 - Motion by Jeff Bernard, Seconded by Corey Peabody  
Rule 2014-003 – Failed Yes 0 No 14 – Motion by Arron Stephens, Seconded by Sean Bowsher  
Rule 2014-004 Rule Change Tabled  
Rule 2014-005 – Passed Yes 14 No 0 - Motion by Bill Thompson, Seconded by Aaron Stephens  
Rule 2014-006 – Failed Yes 1 No 13 – Motion by Bill Thompson, Seconded by Corey Peabody  
Rule 2014-007 – Passed Yes 6 No 4 Abstain 5 - Motion by Aaron Stephens, Seconded by Julian Rucki  
Rule 2014-008 – Failed Yes 0 No 14 - Motion by Aaron Stephens, Seconded by Corey Peabody  
Rule 2014-010 – Passed Yes 14 No 0 - Motion by Bill Thompson, Seconded by Jeff Bernard  
Rule 2014-011 – Failed Yes 0 No 15 – Motion by Jeff Bernard, Seconded by Aaron Stephens  
Rule 2014-012 – Failed Yes 0 No 15 – Motion by Bill Thompson, Seconded by Aaron Stephens  
Rule 2014-013 Rule Change Tabled  
Rule 2014-014 Rule Change Tabled  
Rule 2014-015 – No vote – out of order  
Rule 2014-016 – Failed Yes 0 No 15 – Motion by Jeff Bernard, Seconded by Bobby Kennedy  
Rule 2014-017 – Failed Yes 0 No 15 – Motion by Bobby Kennedy, Seconded by Kim Liddycoat  
Rule 2014-018 – No motion made  
Rule 2014-019 – Failed Yes 0 No 15 – Motion by Marty Hammersmith, Seconded by Kim Liddycoat  
Rule 2014-020 – Passed Yes 11 No 3 Abstain 1 – Motion by Jeff Bernard, Seconded by Corey Peabody  
Amended: remove starboard or port. Replace with as to hinder another passing boat.  
Rule 2014-021 – No motion made  
Rule 2014-022 Rule Change Tabled  
Rule 2014-023 Rule Change Tabled  
Rule 2014-024 Rule Change Tabled  
Rule 2014-025 – Passed Yes 8 No 7 Abstain 1 – Motion by Sean Bowsher, Seconded by Corey Peabody  
Rule 2014-026 – Passed Yes 15 No 0 – Motion by Jim Sechler, Seconded by Aaron Stephens  
Rule 2014-027 – Passed Yes 15 No 0 – Motion by Jim Sechler, Seconded by Sean Bowsher  
Rule 2014-028 – Passed-Yes 16 No 0 – Motioned by Arron Stephens, Seconded by Jeff Bernard  
Rule 2014-029 – Passed Yes 15 No 0 – Motion by Jim Sechler, Seconded by Bill Thompson  
Rule 2014-030 – Failed Yes 0 No 15 – Motion by Aaron Stephens, Seconded by Sean Bowsher  
Rule 2014-031 – Passed Yes 12 No 3 – Motion by Bobby Kennedy, Seconded by Aaron Stephens

Amended: effective 11/2014 for the 2015 racing season  
Rule 2014-032 – No motion made  
Rule 2014-033 – Passed Yes 15 No 0 – Motion by Jeff Bernard, Seconded by Bobby Kennedy  
Rule 2014-034 – Passed Yes 15 No 0 – Motion by Jeff Bernard, Seconded by Corey Peabody  
Rule 2014-035 – Failed Yes 0 No 15 – Motion by Aaron Stephens, Seconded by Bobby Kennedy

***Inboard Driving School:*** APBA has turned all of the assets of the Driving School to the Inboard Division. Have purchased a 5 litre hydroplane, the boat will be going to the Northwest. Boat will be stored at Brian Hajny garage, have crew available and waiting to work on boat. East coast boat going to Columbus, OH for repairs. Would like to possibly use driving schools boats at race sites. Fly someone in from the Northwest to see how the Dayton Driving School works. We are seeing return of investment in the driving school. APBA getting requests for the 2014 driving school. Need to purchase safety equipment. Kent Henderson will do a three year plan. Bobby Kennedy will be the support person for the East Coast boat. Video tape 2014 Dayton Driving School for promotional items for shows, race sites and APBA website, etc.

***Duratec 2.5 Litre Stock Engine:*** Bobby Kennedy gave report. Engine cost of \$500.00 and ignition system cost of \$500.00. Is asking the IRC for \$1,000.00, will dyno and test motor will have data by the end of May, 2014. Engine is 100 lbs lighter. ACHA is on board with the Duratec Engine. Discussion followed.  
**Motion made by Bill Thompson and seconded by Aaron Stephens**

**Passed Yes 16 No 0**

***World Record Certificates:*** Concerned about UIM, we are not UIM classes we are APBA classes. UIM World Championships costs clubs \$1,800.00. Offer racers an APBA template certificate for APBA record. Discussion followed.

***Flatbottom Capsules:*** Effective November 1, 2016 Flatbottoms must have capsules. Capsules are not currently available, Bert Henderson stated the he could manufacture 6 capsules by September 2014, will need 5 weeks to install capsule in boat. Change will hurt Region 12. Discussion followed.

***Safety/Insurance:*** Bob Wantinger spoke to the Commission regarding safety and insurance concerns. Bob spoke about Newtons tests, head clearance in capsules and having the correct floatation in boats. Build success stories for insurance.

***EPIC Series:*** Bert Henderson gave report. This is an East Coast Series. The committee requested \$5,000.00 from the IRC. Chairman stated he is willing to pay out \$1,000.00 per race and capped at 5 races, the \$5,000.00 is a one year deal the series must stand on its own after the first year. Discussion followed.

**Motion made by Jeff Bernard and seconded by Corey Peabody**

**Passed Yes 16 No 0**

***Proposed Rule Change Fee:*** Bobby Kennedy proposed a \$50.00 fee for a member to submit a proposed rule change, if the proposed rule passes the member would receive \$75.00. If proposed rule change does not pass APBA would keep the \$50.00. Use the IRC prevote as a guideline. Discussion followed. No motion made.

**2015 Western Divisionals in Parker, AZ:** Motion by Jeff Bernard and seconded by Corey Peabody to revisit the 2014 Western Divisionals in Park, AZ bid. Bill Thompson stated that Black Lake would not release the Flatbottom Classes from their bid. Discussion followed. No motion on a vote.

**School Boats Budget:** Kent Henderson gave report. IRC to purchase a 3<sup>rd</sup> boat for the driving school, Scott Blackwell's boat is available for purchase; the boat has the correct cockpit and no wing, boat needs paint. This boat will be the West Coast boat. The submitted budget is light on income and heavy on expenses. There is a possibility of leasing the driving school boats, but will be selective with who could lease them. Scott Schatz stated he will donate an engine for the driving school and pay for the freight; he will need the dimensions for the oil pan. Need line item on budgets for miscellaneous items. **Motion made by Jeff Bernard and seconded by Bill Thompson**  
**Passed Yes 12 No 0**

**Inboard Budget:** IRC to be reimbursed for convention meeting and banquet charges. Conference calls are going to a different Company which will be much cheaper.

When meeting minutes are posted on the APBA website, Sean Bowsher will post a link on the Inboard Facebook page.

Inboard Racing Commission and Committee contact information to be posted on the APBA website.

The meeting was adjourned on January 25, 2014 at 11:06 am PST.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Cody  
Inboard Administrator