

Minutes
Vintage & Historic Regional Reps Conference Call
January 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 PM by Vintage Chairman John Krebs. Those in attendance were Vice-Chairman-Inboard Jim Olson, Vice-Chairman-Outboard Roger Hinsdale, Chief Inspector Rich Evans, Chief Referee-East Coast Jack Meyer, Region 1 Donnie McLean, Region 2 John Krebs, Region 3 Bob Moore, Region 4 Dan Joseph, Region 6 Billy Noonan, Region 6 Dick Delsener, Region 8 Phil Mitchell, Region 9 Jay Marshall, Region 10 Jeff Schneider, Region 10 David Williams, Region 14 Jeff Buckley, Canada Harry Holst. Absent were Chief Referee-West Coast Doug Brow, Region 7 Rob Holt, and Region 16 JP Squires.

Rich Evans submitted the proposed rule changes to the committee just prior to tonight's meeting. This issue was tabled for discussion at the January 17 conference call so reps will have a chance to look over the proposed changes.

The V&H meeting at the Chicago APBA meeting will be from 4:30-6:15 PM on Thursday. A vintage gathering will be held on Friday night, 6:00 PM, in a room to be announced.

Krebs reported that he has received nominations for the East Coast awards. Jim Olson will submit award nominations for the West Coast.

Discussion on development of rules for offshore participation in V&H has been tabled for the time being. This will be revisited, and discussion on the topic will be initiated with Rick Felsen of Hawk Race Consultants at the APBA meeting.

Krebs reported that the issue of safety cells in V&H may be raised at the national meeting. This will be brought back to the regional reps for further discussion and possible voting, if indicated. Cell, capsule, and reinforced cockpit are terms that are often used interchangeably, and there is need to clarify these terms definitively for future discussion.

Krebs will forward a listing of V&H members for 2017 to committee members. A software program to provide the ability to easily communicate via email with V&H members is being considered. Roger Hinsdale made a motion to spend \$120 for the software. It was seconded by Rich Evans and passed unanimously. A person to be responsible for updating the database will be determined.

West Coast Chief Inspector Bill Thompson has resigned his position due to responsibilities with work. Rich Evans will assume the position of Chief Inspector for V&H.

Roger Hinsdale began a discussion on safety in V&H. The referee ultimately has the ability to "beach" participants who they deem to be unsafe in any way. Discussions with new drivers on how to safely drive in heats must be initiated.

Jay Marshall discussed that the Regions in APBA will apparently be reorganized due to declining membership, specifically that Region 9 will likely be combined with another region. V&H reps will be appointed by the V&H Chairman, based on APBA decisions on reorganization. An APBA conference call will take place Friday night, and Krebs will report back to the reps at next week's V&H conference call or by email.

Under open discussion, Dayton is still looking for dates and locations in April/May for their testing session. New Martinsville will request June 16-17, 2018, for their event. Clayton will request August 17-19. Wheeling will request September 1-2. Madison will apparently request September 22-23. Krebs requested that all prospective dates for events be sent to Debbie Joseph for compilation for the national meeting.

Dan Joseph reported that the Mecum auction from Kissimmee, FL featuring several vintage hydroplanes will take place tomorrow night and is televised. The boats should come up around 6:00 PM EST.

The next V&H conference call will take place on January 17, 2018 at 8:30 PM EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM on motion of Jim Olson, seconded by Billy Noonan.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
Secretary, V&H Division