

**American Power Boat Association  
Stock Outboard Category Meeting  
108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Chicago, Ill. January 24-28, 2012**

**I. Call to Order**

*Meeting called to order by Chairman Jeff Brewster at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012.*

**II. Opening Ceremonies**

a. Pledge of Allegiance

b. Moment of silence for members who have passed away.

*Chairman Jeff Brewster announced a vacant seat was purposely left on the commission in honor of past Stock Outboard Chairman and SORC member, Mr. Steve Warnock.*

c. Introductions

*Each member of the commission was asked to introduce themselves and tell the story of how they began their career in our sport.*

**III. Oath of New Commission Members**

*Do you and each of you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully discharge the office of Stock Outboard Racing Commissioner and that you will uphold and defend the rules and by-laws of the American Power Boat Association and the rules of the Stock Outboard Category so as you would answer unto God? If so, say 'I do'.*

**IV. Roll Call**

*All listed below were present: (Those not present were replaced)*

Allen, Don - 7

Anderson, Dave -10

Bahl, Kyle -10

Conant, Jeff - 12

D'Agostino, Matt - 4

Dawe, Tammy - 12

Hauenstein, Mike – 15\*  
Hearn, Ed – 7  
Jennings, AJ – 3\*  
Johnston, TJ – 6  
Kurz, Mark – 6\*  
Miskerik, Gary – 6\*  
Nuccio, Tom – 5\*  
Pavlick, Bill – 7  
Pearsall, Doug – 2\*  
Poliakoff, Alex – 1  
Pickerall, Howard – 2  
Pryzbyla, Roger – 7  
Runne, Rich – 3\*  
Scheffler, Jeff – 7  
Wilde, Steve – 11  
Asterisk (\*) = First year on the SORC

**V. 2011 Chairman's Report – Mr. Edward W. Hearn**

*-Reflection on last year, good year overall despite the economy.  
-Membership down very little, but sanctions were down by ten.  
-No serious accidents.  
-All championship races were a success.  
-Believes a term limit may be good for our future leadership to have a fresh perspective.  
-He will offer advice to the new chair if needed, but if something is wrong he will say so.  
-With four girls now under six years old, very pleased to no longer be chairman.*

**VI. Appointment of Committees**

OMC Tech Committee: Brent Backus, Gary Pond, Ron France  
Mercury Tech Committee: George Stillwell Jr., Tom Smith, Dave Young Sr.  
Tohatsu Tech Committee: Alex Poliakoff, Alan Akerstrom  
Hot Rod Tech Committee: Cooper Jess, Darrell Ludwig, Don Hagerl  
Sidewinder Tech Committee: Ed Runne  
Yamato Tech Committee: Ric Montoya, Tom Johnston, Jerry Davids Sr.

Boat Tech Committee: John Runne, Brian Trolan, Scott Reed  
Promotional Committee: Steve Noury, Rachel Warnock, Jerry Brewster

A Parity Committee: Craig Bowman, Mike Marshall, Jill Glossner, Spencer Utman

B Parity Committee: Ryan Burdick, Brian Rossman, Jesse Ward, Roger Carr

20 Parity Committee: Scott Clark, Gene Schertz, Shanon Bowman, Brian Williams

25 Parity Committee: Alan Akerstrom, Jeff Williams, Wayne Latter, George Stillwell

D Parity Committee: John Broge, Earl Desiato, Roger Pryzbyla, Tim Sidor

SO Chief Inspector: Tom Johnston

SO Secretary: Christine Brewster

SO Chief Referee: Howie Nichols

SO Chief Scorer: Harriet Thompson

*A report was given by Chairman Brewster on the previous two phone conferences of the A, B, 20 and 25 parity committees. He explained the need to call the meetings and thanked all involved.*

**Motion to approve Parity Committees by Commissioner Poliakoff:  
Motion carries**

**Motion to approve additional committees by Commissioner Hearn:  
Motion carries**

## **VII. Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda**

*-Chairman Brewster announced the promotional section was not complete due to late arrival of information from the promotional committee.*

*-Commissioner Hearn asked that the approval of the agenda would not finalize the decision on the 2015 nationals bidding. Chairman Brewster accepted after explaining the need to avoid going further than three years out in our nationals bidding.*

*-A discussion ensued over the use of parity committees, their power and their value.*

*-A discussion ensued over the selection of commissioners at-large.*

*-Chairman Brewster explained the need for new commission members to become involved and members from areas with little APBA presence.*

**Motion to approve Annual Meeting Agenda by Commissioner Dawe:  
Motion carries**

## **VIII. Manufacturers' Reports**

a. *Tohatsu - Alex Poliakoff – Explained the history of Tohatsu in our category and the relationship now with the previous importers, Sid and Neil Bass. The new importer is Richmond Aero Marine with Alex as the sole owner and the engine has been renamed the RAM50. A discussion on parts availability and the new gear housing ensued. The Bass brothers are still storing the two APBA owned engines and Alex will sell them first when order's come in.*

b. *Yamato- Ric Montoya – Explained availability of parts for the 80 and 102 models. 302 model is still in production at 1500 per year. Currently there are 43 in stock and 9 were sold in the U.S. last year. An explanation of the four stroke program progress and the struggles endured in the past earthquake at the factory. A question was answered on expected time of delivery. Ric reported that most of the delay is due to EPA paperwork that must be in order before shipping. Usually takes two to three weeks.*

**Recess for lunch at 12:20 pm Thursday**

**Reconvened at 1:20 p.m. Thursday**

c. *Sidewinder - Ed Runne and Ron Selewach – (postponed)*

d. *Mercury- Mark Wheeler – (postponed)*

## **IX. Old Business**

a. Approval of Minutes from 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

**Motion made to approve the 107<sup>th</sup> annual minutes by Commissioner Scheffler: Motion carries (Commissioner Anderson absent)**

b. Q&A with APBA President Mark Wheeler - 1:30 to 2:00 pm  
*President Wheeler discussed Risk Management and the Crown Partners project.  
President Wheeler also answered questions from the room.*

c. Approval of Decisions of Race Committees and Referees for 2011.

**Motion to approve 2011 Race Committees and Referees decisions by Commissioner Dawe: Motion carries**

d. 2012 Championship Reports

- i. Winter Nationals-Lakeland, FL March 30, 31 & April 1, 2012  
*Commissioner Nuccio gave a progress report. More information will be posted on the APBA website.*

**Motion to allow 2012 Winter Nationals to occur after the winter solstice for this year only by Commissioner Dawe: Motion carries**

- ii. Closed Course Nationals-Grass Lake, MI July 30 – Aug. 4, 2012  
*Commissioner Johnston gave a progress report. More information will be posted on the MHRA website.*

- iii. Marathon Nationals-Indian River MI, August 11 & 12, 2012  
*Commissioner Kurz gave a progress report. More information will be available on the Top O' Michigan website.*

*Representatives from the new insurance company (ASIS) lead by Lori Weber arrived and asked to speak to the commission. After a short presentation and discussion, she stated that any future questions may be answered via the APBA website.*

e. 2013 Championship Reports

- i. Winter Nationals, Indio, CA  
*Commissioner Dawe gave a report with a proposed date of late February or early March with a possible venue change.*

- ii. Closed Course Nationals, Rainbow City, AL.  
*Mr. Jeff Carter not present. No report given. Chairman Brewster reported per Steve Roskowski of IOA, he was told that Mr. Carter had discussed this summer's Modified nationals with him recently and all is going as planned.*

- iii. Marathon Nationals, Indian River, MI  
*Commissioner Kurz stated same as above. Chairman Brewster reminded all that the marathon is approved for Indian River, Michigan through 2015.*

f. 2014 Championship Reports

i. Winter Nationals, Jesup, GA  
*Commissioner D'Agostino gave a report with a possible venue change due to a severe drought in the area.*

ii. Closed Course Nationals, Moses Lake, WA  
*Commissioner Bahl gave a report that the race will be held in a different park on the same water.*

iii. Marathon Nationals, Indian River, MI  
*Commissioner Kurz gave a report and promised smooth water.*

g. Approval of 2011 Awards.

i. Hall of Champion Inductees

1. Joe Pater

2. Kyle Bahl

3. Edward Hearn

**Motion to approve the 2011 Hall of Champion Inductees by Commissioner Anderson: Motion carries (1 abstention by Commissioner Hearn)**

ii. Gerald Waldman Award – Billy Simmons from Newton, NJ with 9264 pts in 25 races

**Motion to approve the Gerald Waldman Award to Billy Simmons by Commissioner D'Agostino: Motion carries**

iii. Henry Menzies Award – Joe Pater from St. Joseph, MI with 23763 pts in 59 races. (402.7 point average)

**Motion to approve the Henry Menzies Award to Joe Pater by Commissioner Pryzbyla: Motion carries (1 abstention by Commissioner Hearn)**

iv. Rookie Of The Year- Olivia Valentine from Chehalis, WA with 2309 pts in 9 races.

**Motion to approve the Rookie of Year Award to Olivia Valentine by Commissioner Wilde: Motion carries**

h. DSR class weight issue. We voted last year to lower the weight to 500 lbs and it was left off of the ballot. We need approval once again to add this to the ballot for the vote of the DSR drivers.

**Ballot item for DSR drivers only: Motion to approve DSR weight issue by Commissioner Hearn: Motion carries**

## **X. New Business**

a. Bids for Closed Course National Championships

i. 2015 – No bids accepted until 2013 meeting.  
Discussion on possible sites.

**Motion to move the previous question by Commissioner Hearn: Motion carries**

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Dawe: Motion failed**

**Motion to accept a bid from BSOA for Wakefield, MI by Commissioner Hearn:  
Motion carries**

*Representing BSOA, Miss Rachel Warnock gave a presentation to host the event on August 2-8, 2015.*

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Allen: Motion carries (1 abstention by Commissioner Anderson)**

b. Bids for 2012 Divisional Championships  
i. Closed Course

Northeast - Standish, ME – May 19 & 20  
Southeast – Evans, GA – June 23 & 24  
Central – Lakemore (Akron), OH – July 7 & 8  
Western – Parker, AZ – April 14 & 15

**Motion to approve Closed Course Divisional Championships and locations by Commissioner Allen: Motion carries**

ii. Marathon

Northeast - Haverhill, MA – September 29 & 30  
Central - Grass Lake, MI – September 8 & 9

**Motion to approve Marathon Divisional Championships and locations by  
Commissioner Poliakoff: Motion carries**

**Recess at 2:55 p.m. Thursday**

**Reconvened at 3:10 p.m. Thursday**

c. Bids for North American Championships  
*(This issue has a corresponding proposal and will be delayed)*

d. Bids for future Winter Nationals  
2015 – West coast

**Motion to approve 2015 Winter Nationals in Bakersfield, CA by  
Commissioner Dawe: Motion carries**

e. Stock Outboard Service Award committee  
*(This issue was tabled until Saturday)*

f. Stock Outboard Promotions

i. 2011 Video sales report by Paul Neilander

2010 Oroville  
SORC Funding \$4000.00  
Net Video Sales \$664.00 (Not turned in to SORC)  
Loss \$3336.00

2011 Wakefield  
SORC Funding \$2000.00  
\* Net Video Sales \$938.02  
2010 Video Sales \$664.00  
Mod Funding \$500.00  
Total Funding \$4102.02

Video Crew \$4000.00 (Hotel room of \$500 Complemented)  
Net \$102.02



\* (25@\$35= \$875, 17@\$25 = \$425 Total \$1300.00) (4 Comp@\$0, 12 Promo@\$0) = 58 DVD's @ \*\*\$6.24 cost (\$361.92) Net \$938.02  
\*\* Postage \$1.75, EBay \$2.00, DVD .80, Sleeves .10, Mailers .59, Ink \$1.00 = \$6.24

ii. Explanation of 2012 Promotions Budget

- a. \$500 invoice for the SORC 2012 Hydroracer ad discussion

**Motion to approve funds to HydroRacer website by Commissioner Poliakoff:  
Motion carries (1 abstention by Commissioner Dawe)**

- b. Discussion on a dollar amount for Hydroracer.

**Motion to approve \$250.00 to HydroRacer by Commissioner Allen:  
Motion carries**

*Presentation on our live streaming program by Kyle Bahl and Pat Gleason tabled until Friday*

*Presentation given by a representative from our Promotional Committee – Miss Rachel Warnock*

**Motion to approve \$2600.00 loan to TRORA for the purchase of a 302 motor for promotional resale use by Commissioner Allen: (not to be used for driving school – repayment of the loan is due by November 1, 2012) Motion carries**

**2012 Budget**

Club loans \$2600.00 to TRORA

Hydroracer ad \$250.00

SO website fee \$300.00

Purchase of the Rookie of the Year jacket \$60.00

Category award ceremonies \$500.00

Video Streaming Pilot Project \$4500

Boat decals 3"x5"oval (2000) \$1850

Banners 3'x8' w/ vibrant colors (18) \$1800

Store front window four color posters 12"x18" (750) \$750.00

Promotional three fold handouts (5000) \$1850.00

Directional signs to races 9"x18" (750) \$450.00

Drivers school reimbursement (3) \$1200.00 (for new school clubs only)  
Postage 200.00  
Social media advertising \$1100.00  
Rookie manual \$1500.00  
Total \$18910.00

**Motion to approve the 2012 Promotional Budget by Commissioner Hearn: Motion tabled until Friday to verify pricing**

**Recess at 4:32 p.m. Thursday to reconvene on Friday morning at 9:45 a.m.**

**Meeting called to order at 9:45 a.m. Friday morning**

*A presentation was given by Patrick Gleason on the topic of live streaming. He previously sent in his report and it was included in the commission program. Chairman Brewster reported from the category chairman's dinner with the president he attended the previous evening. In that meeting, all categories are interested in this subject and the category chairs are working together to purchase streaming equipment together to lower the cost for all.*

**Motion to approve the 2012 Promotional Budget by Commissioner Pryzbyla:**

*Rachel Warnock clarified some of her costs for the budget.*

**Motion carries**

**Sidewinder engine report by Ron Selewach of Racing Outboards LLC.**

*Mr. Selewach was thankful for the approval of the new carburetors and was excited to see the direction APBA was heading with the promotion of the sport. When questioned about engine availability and parts he stated, "all parts are in stock, if demand exceeds, we will sub out". "Depending on the version that is ordered, the finished assembly then is timed out at two to three weeks". "I do not see any extension at this time, of course payment must be received first, this is a business".*

g. Stock Outboard Racing Rule Changes

- i. Marathon points: It was voted and accepted (last year) that you score points for your position in a marathon you begin

and do not finish. This will work in a marathon where you count the laps, but it was pointed out at Top-O that it would be impossible to score the proper points in a point-to-point marathon due to not being able to see where an entry stopped from the judge's stand. This would make the Marathon Nationals a scorer's nightmare. This motion once passed by the SORC will go to the BOD for immediate approval.

Add new Racing Rule 11 Stock Outboard Marathons.

11. In the event a boat starts the heat but does not finish it, that boat shall be scored in the next available position behind all other boats which have finished the heat. In the event multiple boats start the heat but do not finish it, those boats not finishing shall place according to the last completed lap finished under power. In the event that multiple boats drop out on the same lap, each boat will receive the average of the sum of the tied positions. This rule only pertains to closed course lap marathons where the entire course is visible from the judge's stand.

*Discussion continued on how to add to the rule the explanation of where the race begins. It was determined to leave the new rule as is to allow the start of the race to be at the discretion of the race committee. It was suggested that the information be listed on the race circular.*

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Allen:**

*Discussion*

**Motion to move the previous question by Commissioner Hearn:**

**Motion carries**

**Motion to approve:**

**Motion carries (3 abstentions by Commissioners Bahl, D'Agostino and Hauenstein)**

*(This rule must go to the BOD for immediate approval to be effective for the 2012 season)*

- ii. 95% Record Rule – This rule was accepted last year by the SORC and the membership by ballot. Many now feel this was a

mistake. If passed, this motion would have to go to the BOD for immediate action since the season has started.

Add new rule in place of Rule 3 12. Records.

Old Rule:     RULE 3 • RECORDS

12. All current SO records are grandfathered. To establish a new record, the driver must establish a speed that is 95% of the grandfathered record. Once a new record for a particular course is established, it must thereafter be broken as set forth in the APBA General Racing Rules. Any record set at 95% of the old record would not be eligible for Hall of Champions “bonus” points.

New Rule:     (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KILO RECORDS,) ALL SO RECORDS MAY BE GRANDFATHERED INDIVIDUALLY BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SORC. IF A CLASS HAS POTENTIALLY UNDERGONE A SPEED ALTERING RULE CHANGE A PROPOSAL MAY BE WRITTEN TO GRANDFATHER THE RECORD. To establish a new record, the driver must establish a speed that is **98%** of the grandfathered record. Once a new record for a particular course is established, it must thereafter be broken as set forth in the APBA General Racing Rules. Any record set at **98%** of the old record would not be eligible for Hall of Champions “bonus” points.

**Commissioner Hearn moved that we take no action on the 95% record rule:**

*Discussion ensued.*

**Motion to move the previous question by Commissioner Anderson:  
Motion fails**

**Motion to stop discussion and vote by Commissioner Hauenstein:  
Motion carries**

**Motion to approve the new 98% rule by Commissioner Hauenstein:  
Motion failed**

**Motion to go into the 98% rule for clarification by Commissioner Jennings:**

*More discussion from the SORC and gallery on how to remove the grandfathering of the record and make a future rule to allow grandfathering in a class by class review by the SORC.*

**Motion to move the previous question by Commissioner Dawe:**

**Objection to the question by Commissioner Scheffler:**

*More discussion to place on how to overturn the membership vote and clarification on when the grandfathering actually takes place.*

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Hauenstein: Motion failed**

*The commission decided to not go against the membership vote which had passed by a 2 to 1 margin. The commission felt that it would be a bad message to take away the memberships voice when the majority of the vote was so clear.*

**Recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Friday**

**Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Friday**

*Group photo taken by APBA photographer Tana Moore.*

- iii. Finishing under power – A need to define this topic was found at the nationals this past summer.

Add an 11<sup>th</sup> sentence to Stock Racing Rule 4 which states, “IN SO CLASSES, IN ORDER TO BE SCORED, AN ENTRY MUST FINISH UNDER THE POWER OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION PROVIDED BY THE ENTRY’S OWN ENGINE WITHIN 3 MINUTES OF THE FIRST LEGAL FINISHER.”

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Allen:**

*Discussion ensued*

**Commissioner Allen rescinded his motion.**

**Motion tabled for Commissioner Hauenstein to rewrite:**

*A committee is formed for Commissioners Hauenstein and Allen to work together.*

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Allen: Motion carries**

- iv. Clarify a driving infraction – A need to define this sentence was found at the nationals this past summer. A driver hit and dislodged a buoy during the race. Shortly thereafter, a red flag was displayed stopping the heat. The driver felt that he had not committed a driving infraction. The rule in question is Racing Rule 4 8.C. (This may be taken care of in the race management meeting)

Add the sentence, “In SO, dislodging or destroying a buoy is also considered a driving infraction.”

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Hearn:**

*Discussion on whether or not it needed to go to race management to make the rule clear across all categories in the rule book.*

**Motion failed**

h. Stock Outboard Safety Rule Changes (**none presented**)

*(With time running out at the end of the day the discussion considering the spec class was moved up in the agenda to consider due to a new class committee meeting at 4:30 p.m.)*

*A presentation was given by Commissioner Anderson on his spec class idea and he pointed out that most motor sports has a spec class of some kind and that we needed one for new members to begin their careers.*

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Hearn to adopt two new Stock Outboard spec classes: A spec hydro and a spec runabout class, according to the outline provided by Commissioner Anderson. A committee will be formed to set the rules of the classes and for Chairman Brewster to address the New Class committee at 4:30 p.m. to attempt to have the classes approved.**

*A discussion ensued on the topic and the committee of Jeff Brewster, Dave Anderson, Tom Johnston, Kyle Bahl, Ric Montoya and Paul Neilander was formed.*

**Motion carries: (2 abstentions by Commissioners Hauenstein and Pearsall)**

i. High Point Awards or Hall of Champion Awards Changes

- i. NAC Hi Point Rule – To add value to the North American Championships.
  - a. Award double points as in our divisionals and winter nationals
  - b. Minimum of 4 entries for hi points
  - c. Minimum of 8 entries for a HOC point.
  - d. This rule would be more in line with the Modified Category.
  - e. See hand out attached for more info.

Rules affected:

RULE 16 • HIGH POINTS

4. STOCK OUTBOARD HIGH POINTS

And

RULE 25 • AWARDS

3. STOCK OUTBOARD AWARDS

**Motion to approve NAC rule:** *A short discussion ensued with no motion.*

*Chairman Brewster then asked if anyone had a bid for any of North American Championships.*

**Commissioner Poliakoff motioned to have the North American Championships for the 25SSH and DSH classes at Taunton, Massachusetts for the 2012 season: Motion carries**

j. Inspection or Inspection Manual Changes

- i. 102 Yamato Gears – Due to the gears being no longer available it has been found that an inexpensive option would be to allow “straight cut” gears also.  
Add the words “straight cut or” to the words “helical cut” in the inspection manual page 67.

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Hearn: Motion carries**

- ii. GLM Powder Coated Pistons for OMC A

*Discussion: (No motion needed due to part number being the same as the approved pistons.)*

**President Wheeler gave a report on the Mercury 15A engine availability**

*Eleven engines currently in stock. Two sold last year. Five gear cases in stock.*

**k. Class or Engine Technical Changes**

**i. A Class**

OMC A power head studs – I propose an addition to the 2012 Stock Outboard Tech Manual, pg 16, A Class General Rules, Johnson/Evinrude Specs #10.

Add a new second sentence: "A power head may be fitted with ***double ended*** studs and attached to the drive housing and through the steering bar brackets and secured with washers and lock nuts."

Reasoning: The power heads can be up to 25 years old. Threading steel bolts in and out of an aluminum block wears the threads in the block. These bolts must be removed and reinstalled every time a power head is inspected or rebuilt. Installing studs eliminates the wear to the threaded portion of the block.

Thank you for your consideration. Jeff Williams, APBA # 7282

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Hearn: Motion carries**

**ii. B Class**

*Commissioner Scheffler gave the commission a list of housekeeping issues from Cooper Jess in the technical manual and also explained a rule that was missing. He then made the following motion to include it once again:*

**Motion to adopt the short stroke crankshaft (2.031 +.006 -.031) in the 15ci Hotrod engine: Motion carries (2 abstentions by Commissioners Jennings and Hearn)**

**Recess at 2:25 p.m. Friday**

**Reconvened at 2:40 p.m. Friday**



iii. C Class - none

iv. D Class

Three motions by Commissioner Poliakoff:

1. To allow foam to be inserted in the cowling of the Tohatsu RAM50 engine to create floatation. Motion carries
2. To adopt the new Tohatsu gear foot that will accommodate larger bearings. Dimensions shown in the inspection manual remain unchanged, the gears are the same cut and there is no speed advantage due to this change. Motion carries (1 abstention by Commissioner Hauenstein)
3. To allow standard and oversize Wiseco Pistons as a replacement part for the Tohatsu RAM50 engine. Numbers for the Wiseco pistons and matching ring sets are 3156ps/2677kd, 3156p2/2697kd, 3156p3/2707kd, compatible with the bore size given in the inspection manual for the Tohatsu M50D2. Motion carries

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v. 20ssh Class - none

vi. 25ss Class - none

vii. 45ss Class - none

viii. Other Technical/Class Rule Changes

**Motion to approve by Commissioner Hauenstein: For a Stock Outboard class to be scored an entry must finish as a result of engine power. Marathon racing is excluded: Motion carries**

*(A motion was then reintroduced on the 98% rule subject by Commissioner Bahl)  
Discussion*

**Motion rescinded by Commissioner Bahl and tabled until first item Saturday**

*Chairman Brewster created a committee of Commissioner Bahl and gallery member Bob Wartinger to work on the re-write of the rule and they would be entertained first when we reconvene Saturday morning.*

## **XI. Other Matters**

*Straightaway Record Run Presentation by Sharon Winer*

*Discussion on interest in a ¼ mile record run in New Martinsville, W.Va. Tentative date is September 29 & 30. Chairman Brewster suggested they would have better attendance if they would be able to go to the week before.*

*Commissioner Poliakoff noted to the Secretary Brewster that he would not be in attendance at Saturday's meetings due to his flight schedule.*

**Recess at 4:15 p.m. to reconvene at 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning**

**Meeting called to order at 8:36 a.m. Saturday morning**

## **XI. Other Matters (cont.)**

**Motion to allow the removal of the OEM fuel connector on the Mercury 15 hp engine to create continuity between Stock, Mod and J class rules by Commissioner Scheffler: Motion carries**

**Motion to adopt the following rule to replace the old rule #3 RECORDS #12 by Commissioner Bahl:**

(WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KILO RECORDS,) ALL STOCK OUTBOARD RECORDS MAY BE GRANDFATHERED INDIVIDUALLY BY A 2/3RDS VOTE OF THE SORC AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (defined by the APBA By-laws). IF A CLASS HAS POTENTIALLY UNDERGONE A SPEED ALTERING RULE CHANGE A PROPOSAL MAY BE WRITTEN TO GRANDFATHER THE RECORD. To establish a new record, the driver must establish a speed that is **99%** of the grandfathered record. Once a new record for a particular course is established, it must thereafter be broken as set forth in the APBA General Racing Rules. The first record set at **99%** of the old record would not be eligible for Hall of Champions (bonus) points. Thereafter; any records set will be eligible for HOC points.

Discussion ensued

**Motion to move the previous question by Commissioner Anderson:  
Motion carries**

**Motion to approve the 99% rule by Commissioner Bahl:  
Motion failed**

*Service award committee was formed by Chairman Brewster to gather criteria to be presented at the 2013 meeting. Committee members are Commissioners D'Agostino, Runne, Pavlick & Allen*

**Commissioner Scheffler made a motion to send the technical rule changes to the Board of Directors of APBA: Motion carries**

*Spec class committee was formed by Chairman Brewster to develop rules and criteria of the spec classes. Committee members are Commissioner Anderson, Bahl & Johnston. With members Mike Pavlick, Paul Neilander & Ric Montoya. The committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.*

**Recess at 10:15 a.m. Saturday**

**Reconvened at 10:30 a.m. Saturday**

**Brainstorming subjects: the following were discussed**

- i. How do we achieve a direction?
- ii. Parity-Motor of choice?
- iii. Reduce barriers of entry?
- iv. Promotional rigs for sale in pits?
- v. Reducing the cost of racing

**Straw poll subjects: the following subjects were voted on**

- i. Should all engines be equal in speed within a class?  
Vote: 7 yay - 13 nay
- ii. Motor of choice shall be the currently manufactured engine?  
Vote: 16 yay - 1 nay - 3 abstentions
- iii. Should the SORC keep replacement parts available to keep out of production engines running?  
Vote: 16 yay - 4 nay
- iv. Should the D Parity Committee convene to discuss the possibility of raising the Tohatsu engine height to zero due to a safety issue?  
Vote: 4 yay - 12 nay - 4 abstentions
- v. Do we need to move further with the 95% rule?  
Vote: no action

### **New commissioner comments:**

Each of the new commissioners were asked by Chairman Brewster if they had any questions or comments about the meeting events that had occurred. Each gave a statement.

### **Gallery comments:**

*Each member of the gallery were asked by Chairman Brewster if they had any questions or comments. The following made statements: Tim Sidor, MaryEllen Hagerl, Abby Pond, Donny Allen & Gary Romberg.*

*Chairman Brewster thanked Commissioner Hearn for his assistance to the rookie chair. He also thanked the SORC for their professional service at the meeting and encouraged them to keep working hard for the betterment of the sport.*

## **XII. Adjourn**

*Commissioner Allen: "I would like to end the meeting the way it started, Nuch, I love you man"!*

**Motion to Adjourn was made at 11:47 a.m. Saturday by Chairman Brewster: Motion carries**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christine M. Brewster*

*Stock Outboard Secretary*

*February 7, 2012*