

2022 APBA ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

1) Welcome

- By President Chris Fairchild at 12:46
- Approximately 60 people in attendance

2) Ballot Report

- By Becky Nichols – Election results from online are working successfully. Results are double checked. No issues brought up by audience
- Welcome New board members

3) Swearing in—Board, Region Chairs, Commission Members

- By Edward Hearn

4) Call to Order

- Call to order by Chris Fairchild at 12:51

5) Moment of Silence

- Moment of silence for those we lost over the last two years

6) Report of Vice President

- Mary Williams – Thank you to the board for their confidence in me as their Vice President.

7) Report of Secretary

- Monica Allen- Thank you Mary Williams for roping me in and thank you to the board for having confidence in me.

8) Report of Treasurer

- Brent Walbrun – 2021 was a successful year after 2020 with a loss from covid.

9) Report of President

- Chris Fairchild- Being the unicorn in the group is sometimes a difference between me and those of you that have been around for generations. He is a single generation racer. He looks at it more as a business than anything else. We need to focus our business on one thing, being APBA. We need to raise our membership by working on our marketing. Even if it's just getting new help and volunteers to help put on races. We need to have easy entry level classes in all

categories that would help bring new people into racing with turnkey rigs. This year was good, next year needs to be better.

10) Report of Category Chairs

a. Inboard

Bob Wilson

- Successful commission meetings. Need more time to discuss some things. Really pushing to work on the spec boat program for an entry level class to get more racers. Need to do better about advertising and social media. But things are looking good.

b. Modified Outboard

Tom Sutherland

- Good meeting, no fighting in their meetings. Mod commission is working on having motors available for new people. Nationals will be in Depue with the APBA pros, title series. New class 850 Runabout with 2 people was voted in this week.

c. OPC

Sherron Winer

- Spirited discussing during the meetings. Welcomed back Mercury Racing by voting in the APX200 motor on the 200 class. Voted in Nationals and many other championships. Adjusted our rule book to bring things to this century. Working to have rental safety equipment to have safe races for our racers. Working on our Facebook and social media presence.

d. PRO

Kristi Ellison

-The 2021 National Championships were held in DePue, IL. They were conducted by the US Title Series and sponsored by the DePue Mens Club. Seventeen National Champions were crowned.

Nine total Divisional champions were crowned between the East and West.

Nine high point recipients.

new records both set in KPH.

94 active members 2021, class participation is up by 19 since 2013 when the USTS left.
2022

Combined PRO/MOD/ Junior nationals in DePue, IL July 24-31

World Championship Lake Alfred, FL F305, F175, 1100R-October 14-16

We elected to resume ambulance reimbursement for driving schools.

\$300 per driving school

1 award per region

Up to 3 awards

Must have 10 confirmed 1 day driving school memberships.

e. Stock Outboard

Howie Nichols

- Stock had a great 2021 hosting a multitude of events. The category maintained stability in its numbers. This week the SORC met and reviewed proposals as submitted by our members. We also formed a promotional committee to help us promote Stock Outboard and APBA.

f. Unlimited

Jan Shaw

- No events in 2020. Had 5 events in 2021 with 7 boats registered. Had many obstacles to face this year with race courses. Had a testing event as well. 10 boats registered for 2022

2 Committee Reports

a. Offshore

Rich Luhrs

- Offshore had a wonderful year in 2021. Have scars to prove it. Membership soared. First year since 1988 that we had all three groups as a part of APBA. Were able to get membership forms and money which helped incredibly. 17 events are scheduled for 2022 for closed courses and 2 point to point races. Looking forward to 2022 and proud to be part of APBA.

b. Thundercat/ Special events Robin Shane

- Special events will do anything that is special so if you have ideas they will help make it happen. Please reach out. For the first time in three years I am feeling like we will get something done. Have new members to the committee. Working on making the class easier to get into by having boats and motors available through marinas.

c. Junior Classes Kurt Romberg

- J Committee was a calm and productive meeting. Awarded many championship races. Had 5 rule proposals. 4 passed.

d. New Class Committee Jean Mackay-Schwartz

- Had two meetings this week. Had new ideas approved. 2 out of 3 classes were approved to bring to the board.

e. Jet/ Outboard river racer Jan Shaw

- Turbin boats that run up a ravine. 5 events last year. They ran in the 2020 season. They had to cancel the worlds but have 7 events for the 2022 season. The west coast local group has 6 events planned for 2022

f. Race & Rules management Kyle Bahl

- Discussed 4 rule proposals. Nothing passed. Drone usage was a huge discussion. You can use drone footage that is designated at the beginning of the race but it cannot replace turn judges.

g. Hall of Champions Tracy Trolian

- I would like to thank Ernie Dawe for his services over the last seven years. As he will be greatly missed by my side, I know he will continue supporting me and the Hall of Champions for years to come.
One Category and one committee have requested to change criteria for their Hall of Champions induction process. Which I will be submitting to the board. Tonight, we will be honoring 18 inductees into the Hall of Champions who will all be in attendance. I hope you will all enjoy tonight's program

h. Safety/ Rescue Committee Jim Sechler

- Helmet color was the main discussion. New definition will be available. Lights on dashes were discussed for flags. APBA will be a dealer/distributor for the one that is available. Transmitter is free. Receivers are \$130.

i. Scoring Committee Jill Glossner

- We need more scorers. Only 27 chief scorers this past year. Changed up the scoring committee structure. Talked about digital electronic entry blanks, huge help for the chief scorers. We have someone working on a scoring program for the outboards that will be trialed this year. New scorer Cassie Olson was rewarded the scoring award this year. Intend to make a race for each category this year.

j. Vintage Jeff Buckley

- Vintage and historic has come a long way. Sharing the history is a huge part. New Bylaws this year. Thank you to the board and Mr President. More changes will be coming. 25 Year rule which is the definition of a vintage boat. Reinforcing the cockpits and canopies. Don't expect to go real racing with a vintage and historic

boat. It is a safety concern. All committee members have been assigned. Three Goals were established last year. 1. Communication 2. Safety 3. Growth and longevity. Working on having someone dedicated to working on their website. Want to continue to increase safety awareness. Go Fast, Don't Die! Want to bring in use of the race lights for indicators for the drivers. Membership is up 30%. Last night recognized three rudder inductees. Raising single event membership prices to \$100 to encourage full memberships.

k. International Affairs **Fred Hauenstein**

- Working with UIM. We are unique because we are allowed to have more than one member on their board. Because we are the originators of many of the things. No other national authority is allowed that.

l. Digital Age/ Promotional **Holly Jones**

- Work on propeller, APBA Social Media. Biggest point to get across is that we need to get more "fan" memberships. Which includes the propeller magazine. Hoping to work on getting more promotional merchandise. We need to work on getting stickers with APBA.org. Working on getting best content for social media. People need to help like and share our posts. Also on Instagram APBA racing. More based towards fans. Working to promote races on social media.

3 National Headquarters Report **Becky Nichols**

- o Thank you to everyone who made this meeting a success. September 2020 Cindy retired after 39 years.
- o 110 sanctions in 2021
- o Online preregistration has been implemented this year.
- o Headquarters attended 18 events this year
- o Next nationals meeting will be in Seattle WA

4 Approval of actions of officers, directors, commissions, race committees and referees for 2021 season.

Motion: Edward Hearn

Second: Mary Williams

Pass Unanimously

5 Adjournment at 2:01

Motion: Chris Fairchild

Second: Katelyn Shaw

Passed Unanimously