

APBA Vintage & Historic Division Region Representatives Conference Call

Minutes – January 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Krebs at 8:05 PM. Members in attendance were: Donnie McLean, Region 1; Bill DeGlopper, Region 2; Dan Joseph, Region 4; Ron Snyder, Region 6; Dick Delsener, Region 6; Phil Mitchell, Region 8; Jay Marshall, Region 9; Jim Olson, Region 10; Frank Banducci, Region 11; JP Squires, Region 16; David Cancianich, Region 16.

John announced that Dave Richardson will be V&H Chief Referee and Chief Inspector for 2014, and Bob Moore will be Chairman of the V&H Safety Committee. Dave Richardson will be creating a new inspector's test before the APBA meeting in Reno.

Region reps were asked to assemble the dates of tentative V&H events in their region during 2014 and to submit these dates to Debbie Joseph at debbiejoseph26003@gmail.com. These should be submitted prior to the APBA meeting in Reno so that the 2014 schedule can be established.

John is currently in discussions with the APBA concerning the possibility of creating a crew/non-racing membership for V&H. At least 2 regions are currently requiring crew to purchase APBA full memberships to participate at events in their region; most regions do not follow this practice. The crew/non-racing membership would be marketed at a price of \$50-\$60 and could be used for individuals serving as assistant risk managers for events as well as for non-racing crew.

John described that consideration was being given to changing the APBA V&H bylaws to change the Region Representative title to Region Vintage Commissioner. These positions would be voted on by V&H membership in each region. Regions which hold 1-2 events would be allocated 1 Commissioner, regions holding 3-4 events would be allocated 2 Commissioners, and regions holding 5 or more events would be allocated 5 Commissioners. The Chairman of V&H would be elected by the Commission. After considerable discussion, a vote was taken and this issue was unanimously defeated.

John announced that the yearly V&H awards for the West Coast were presented at the recent Region 10 annual meeting. East Coast awards will be given out at Reno. Jay Marshall is serving as Chairman of the Awards Committee and has worked in conjunction with John Krebs in deciding the 2014 awards. The Judy D'Eath Award has been discontinued after John's discussion with Tom D'Eath and at Tom's request.

V&H Region Representatives who participated in this conference call and are going to the APBA meeting in Reno are Jay Marshall, JP Squires, Frank Banducci, and Dan Joseph.

Dick Delsener described his idea of honoring at the Hall of Champions Dinner past racers who had successful racing careers but who were not elected to the APBA Hall of Champions. A commitment has been received from the APBA Historical Society to help fund this award. Those who have been inducted into the Hall of Champions would not be eligible for this award, and an inboard and an outboard racer from both the east and the west coast would receive the annual award. Serious discussion into the establishment of this award is ongoing.

Jim Olson related that there is an individual in Region 10 interested in organizing and submitting V&H articles to Propeller. This was welcomed with great enthusiasm by Region Reps.

Jay Marshall announced that a new inboard event at Bay St. Louis, MS will be scheduled on May 10-11, 2014. V&H will be invited to participate.

John related that at the present time, the V&H event at the Buffalo Launch Club on the weekend following Labor Day will not be on the schedule in 2014. Bill and Rich DeGlopper, organizers of this event for many years, have stepped back and there is currently no one interested in taking over the event.

John will place a post on the V&H website asking for event organizers to submit their event dates to their Region Reps before the APBA meeting in Reno.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM on motion of Frank Banducci and Dan Joseph.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph