

FIRST MEETING MOTOR BOAT RACING ASSOCIATION.

Wm H Ketcham Chairman

J H Cote Secretary

At a meeting held on Jan 20th 1903 at this club house (Columbia Yacht) called by the chairman of the Regatta Committee of the Columbia Yacht Club W H Ketcham the following clubs sent representatives: Atlantic, Bridgeport, Brooklyn, Indian Harbor, Manhasset Bay, Ossining, Columbia.

It was the unanimous opinion of those present that a National Motor Boat Racing Association should be formed (and it was so moved and seconded). The object of which is to promote the racing of powerboats and it is hoped that the co-operation of many clubs will develop interest in the holding of inter-club races.

It was moved and seconded that the association should be composed of the membership of Yacht Clubs through regularly appointed representatives.

Moved and seconded that a committee on Constitution and By-Laws be appointed, Chairman appointed F B Jones, Indian Harbor Yacht Club ~ W G McCrea Columbia Yacht Club ~ A B Cole Manhasset Bay Yacht Club

Moved and seconded that a committee on Rules and Time Allowance be appointed, Chairman appointed H J Gielow, Atlantic Yacht Club ~ Chas. E Schuyler, Atlantic Yacht Club ~ F B Jones, Indian Harbor Yacht Club

Moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to communicate with all other Yacht Clubs not represented in view of getting their co-operation, Chairman appointed Wm H Ketcham ~ J H McIntosh, J H Cote

On motion meeting was adjourned to meet again at Columbia Yacht Club House on Wednesday evening Feb. 25th at 8 o'clock.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25TH 1903

At a meeting at this club house held on Feb. 25th the following clubs were represented: Atlantic, American, Albany, Audubon, Brooklyn, Columbia Canarsie, Hempstead Harbor, Harlew, Indian Harbor, Lake George Association, Manhasset Bay, Newark, Pavonia Passaic River, Poughkeepsie, Shattemuc, Springfield, Shenandoah. Committee on constitution and by-laws: F B Jones, W G McCrea, A B Cole handed in report which was adopted as read.

Committee on Rules and time allowance H J Gielow, Chas. E Schuyler, F B Jones, Handed in report.

It was moved and seconded that the name of this association be changed from the American Motor Boat Association to the American Power Boat Association. The balance of the report was adopted with a few minor changes.

It was moved and seconded that a note of thanks be given Mr Gielow for his untiring efforts in getting out his report.

It was moved and seconded that a committee of five (5) be appointed to nominate officers for this association, Chairman appointed Wess Crossman, McCrea, Cole, Graef and Stephenson.

The original committee was appointed to continue the good work. Motion to adjourn to third Wednesday in March. March 18th 1903.

Moved adopted as read.

MEETING OF MARCH 18TH 1903

Minutes of a meeting of the American Power Boat Association (NY City) held at the Columbia Yacht Club March 18th 1903. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM. W H Ketcham is the Chair. The following clubs answered to their names at roll call, ~ No names were listed ~

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and their being no corrections they were approved.

First in order being reports of committees. Mr C W Graef on behalf of the nomination committee rep made the following nominations for election for officers and executives committee.

For President W H Ketcham, ~ Secretary John H McIntosh, ~ Treas. A B Cole, ~Measurer H J Gielow, Exec Comm C B Sherwood, F S Nock, Frank B Jones and J H Wainwright.

The meeting then began the consideration of the constitution, By Laws and Racing Rules. It was moved and seconded that section six of the constitution should be amended to read after the word measurer and one representative from each club, members of the association, instead of and four representatives after general discussing the motion was first and lost.

It was moved and seconded that section H Rule 3 of racing rules be amended - electricity - to be calculated at the rate of 750 watts to equal one horse power, instead of 900 watts. The motion was first and carried. It was moved and seconded that in the calculation of horse power of explosive gasoline engines the constraint for four cycle be changed from one thousand to 1200 and for 2 cycle from 600 to 1000. After much discussion on this subject the meeting adjourned for ten minutes to allow some figuring on this rule - The meeting was again called to order and the previous motion was amended to read, that the constraint for explosive gasoline engine shall be 4 cycle 1000 and 2 cycle 900 - This motion was first and carried. It was moved and seconded that Section 2 Rule 22 be amended by striking out the words "under penalty of disqualification" this motion was first and carried. It was then moved and seconded that the constitution, By Laws and Racing rules be adopted as amended this motion was first and carried. It was moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Nat'l Board of Steam Navigation in reference to the bills governing the inspection of Motor Boats before the State Legislature in Albany. The motion was carried and the chair approved: C M MacLellan, C W Graef and F B Jones.

It was moved and seconded that the election of officers be postponed until the next meeting which moved and carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the next meeting take place at the Columbia Yacht Club on April 22, 1903.

Executive Committee Meeting Held February 26, 1904 at J H Wainwright house 22 W 46

Present W H Ketcham, J H Wainwright, J H McIntosh, H J Gielow, F A Hill.

Minutes adopted.

Mfg Automobile Comm. Report & accepl.

Rudder Mile Course.

Wainwright moved that timers fee be \$10 per boat, Hill seconded – carried.

Such boats to furnish regular measurer's certificates in accordance with the requirements of the association, and to be timed on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of May, June, July, August and September.

Moved by Wainwright and carried that secretary put rules in form and provide blanks. Arrangements for timing to be made with Association Secretary giving at least one weeks notice.

Wainwright moved Coburb be laid on table. Carried.

Wainwright moves application Hudson River Yacht Club be laid on table (Send for book return check)

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Wainwright moves Exec Comm draft amend to racing rules 4 effect that there shall be a special classification for automobile boats and recommended for adoption to association. Cole seconds. Carried

Wainwright moves that drafting of this new rule or rules be referred to Mr. Gielow and Mr. Crane.

James C Summers