

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 24, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by the President, Howie Nichols at 4:45 PM.
2. Roll Call was taken. The following were in attendance: Howie Nichols, Chris Fairchild, Charlie Strang, Steve Compton, Jean MacKay-Schwartz, John Runne, Mark Tate, Fred Hauenstein, Jerry Davids, Adam Allen, Mark Wheeler, Rick Sandstrom, Jeff Brewster, Patrick Gleason, Matt Yarno, Alex Jennings, Bob Wartinger, Richard Fuschlin, Jack Meyer, Jan Shaw, Dutch Squires, Kristi Ellison, Tom Sutherland, James Chambers, Robin Shane, Jeff Williams, John Krebs, Ann Marie Shaw, Jeff Titus, Eli Whitney, Julian Rucki, Roger Carr, Ann Fitzgerald, Lisa Jennings, and Sherron Winer. Kyle Bahl, Sheryl Rucker, and Denver Ray Mut were excused.
3. Old Business:
 - a. President Nichols reported that he will send each region chair a copy of the by-laws kept at HQ for review.
4. Motion to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2018 meeting by Steve Compton, seconded by Fred Hauenstein. The motion passed unanimously.
5. New Business:
 - a. New Class Committee – Chairman Jean MacKay Schwartz reported had the committee had received 3 category requests for new classes within the last 30 days.
 - i. Mod requested the 125ccMod Hydro and 125cc Mod Runabout classes. The Board of Directors approved this new class and the category has motor prototypes on display.
 - ii. Stock – The Board of Directors approved a restructuring program which includes 2 new “B” classes.
 - iii. Offshore – The New Class Committee has approved a request from Mark Wheeler for Super V Extreme Class. Motion by Mark Wheeler, seconded by Fred Hauenstein to approve this new class. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. By-Laws covering TERM LIMITS - Rick Sandstrom, chair of the committee which included Mark Wheeler, Mark Tate, and Steve Compton} reported they were asked to review term limits. The Committee recommends removing all term limits, having 3 year terms for Board of Directors members and reducing Council terms to 3 years. Motion to accept proposal Adam Allen, seconded by John Runne. President Nichols announced it would take affect with Board of Director elections this summer for Board of Directors members taking office Nov 1st. Discussion was held on the implementation path. Motion to table and return to committee for implementation rewrite by Steve Compton, seconded by Jean McKay Schwartz. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. By-Laws covering MEMBER DEFINITION - In the absence of committee chair Kyle Bahl, Adam Allen, member of the committee which also included John Runne presented their report. They recommending changing to the following classes of members:
 - i. Section 4.3 Racing Members. Persons or other entity may apply for a racing membership, provided the Board of Directors or its designated committee deems such applicant sufficiently qualified by virtue of experience and training. Upon payment of the dues for racing members they are eligible to race in their particular category selected. Eligibility requirements by the categories may be needed to fulfill a racing membership. Racing memberships are considered an active member and eligible to vote in APBA elections and in their category, if applicable. Drivers, owners, special event, and honorary life are considered racing members.

- ii. Section 4.4 Professional Racing. Persons or other entity may apply for professional racing membership who is associated with a professional racing organization within APBA provided the Board of Directors or is designated committee deems such applicant sufficiently qualified by virtue of experience and training. Upon payment of the dues, Offshore and Unlimited owners, drivers, and crew are eligible for this membership. Professional racing members are considered active and are eligible in APBA elections and in their category, if applicable.
- iii. Section 4.5 Official Members. Persons may apply for an APBA Official membership upon payment of the established amount and completion of any tests required. Official members include: Referees, Assistant Referees, Scorers, Inspectors, Risk Managers, and Race Directors. Officials can be racing members and do not need to pay separate due to be both. Official members are considered active members and are eligible to vote in APBA elections.
- iv. Section 4.6 Vintage and Historic Members. The V&H category mission is to promote and preserve the rich history of APBA racing. Upon payment of the dues, the V&H membership is to provide a means by which individuals sharing a common interest in vintage and the history of race boats and racing can meet, share experience and information, exchange ideas and generate enthusiasm for all aspects of their interest. Vintage members are considered active and are eligible to vote in APBA elections. The V&H Category is not considered racing, a special event.
- v. Section 4.7. Single-Event Members. Persons wishing to compete in an event scheduled at an APBA sanctioned regatta governed by the Association, being otherwise qualified and who purchase a single-event membership in accordance with the Association single-event membership fee structure. Such members shall not, however, participate in Regional, Divisional, National or North American Championships. Single-event members may participate in Record Events but shall not be entitled to establish records. There shall be no other privileges of membership for a single-event membership and they shall not be eligible to participate in elections. Single-Event Membership, including only such insurance coverage as approved by the Association, becomes effective only upon registration and advanced payment of the fee specified, subject always, however, to the specific terms of the contract of insurance.
- vi. Section 4.8. Non-Racing Members. Persons, regardless of whether or not they belong to a club that is a member of the Association, who are interested in activities covered by the object of this Association but who are not boat racers, may join this Association as Non-Racing Members. Non-Racing Members shall not have the right to vote, officiate, or hold office; and all other rights and privileges of Non-Racing Members shall be fixed and determined by the Board of Directors. Non-racing members include: Associate, Crew, Patron, and Licensee.

Motion by John Runne to approve the report, seconded by Chris Fairchild. A suggestion was made to change "Professional" to "Licensed". John and Chris agreed to amend their motion and second. Discussion on excluding 4.4 and re-instate the old 4.8 and renumber from 4.3 down. John and Chris agreed to amend motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. ALLOTED COMMISSIONER REPORT – Bylaw 12.4 presented by Adam Allen. The proposal is for the following:

Below 5 Members Inactive Status

6 to 35 Members Active 1 Commissioner

36 to 60 Members Active 2 Commissioners

Over 60 Members Active 3 Commissioners

Motion by Chris Fairchild, seconded by John Runne to accept the proposal. Request by Jean McKay-Schwartz to allow category chairs to absorb this change. Mark Wheeler requested that this be looked at after the Board of Directors looks at the proposed region structure. Motion by Jean McKay-Schwartz, seconded by Mark Wheeler to table the proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. DIVISION BOUNDARY REPORT – Rick Sandstrom reported that he, Mark Tate, Steve Compton, and Howie Nichols had looked to reduce the number of divisions. Bylaw 17.2.13. (See Attached Maps). Discussion was held on both the Divisional Boundaries and the Region Boundary Proposals with the intent of getting a consensus later in the week. No motion was made. President Nichols said the proposals will stay in committee for further work.

6. OTHER MATTERS

- a. Jan Shaw presented a request from the Jet River Racers/Jet Sprint Racers to become a committee or category. The group has over 100 members and has been running under special events for 5 years. They are requesting self-government under APBA. Cannot race out of country because of their APBA status and have been told they had to be regular members of APBA, not special event. Discussion was held on the numbers of potential members. It was also explained that as members in good standing of APBA, each member is eligible to race out of country. Motion by Rick sandstorm, seconded by Adam Allen to make Jet River Racers a committee to be effective 30 days after posting. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Mark Wheeler reported that Offshore may come up with a slower engine package for one of their classes but this won't be available for a month or so.

7. Motion by Jean McKay-Schwartz, seconded by Jerry Davids to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Williams

APBA Secretary



WESTERN DIVISION

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CENTRAL DIVISION

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EASTERN DIVISION

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