

Minutes
Vintage & Historic Regional Reps Conference Call
December 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 PM by Vintage Chairman John Krebs. Those in attendance were Vice-Chairman-Inboard Jim Olson, Vice-Chairman-Outboard Roger Hinsdale, Chief Inspector-East Coast Rich Evans, Region 1 Donnie McLean, Region 2 John Krebs, Region 3 Bob Moore, Region 4 Dan Joseph, Region 6 Billy Noonan, Region 7 Rob Holt, Region 8 Phil Mitchell, Region 9 Jay Marshall, Region 10 Jeff Schneider, Region 14 Jeff Buckley, Region 16 JP Squires, and Jack Meyer. Absent were Chief Referee Doug Brow, Chief Inspector-West Coast Bill Thompson, Region 6 Dick Delsener, Region 10 David Williams, and Canada Harry Holst.

Discussion on rule changes for 2018 took place. A package of proposed changes for 2018 as received from Tana Moore will be sent out to all conference call participants. All are encouraged to submit potential changes to Rich Evans, who will collect changes and modify the package.

Krebs went over the changes to the V&H leadership for 2018. He will get the changes out to APBA and Phil Spruit for the respective websites. Billy Noonan made a motion to appoint Jack Meyer as Chief Referee-East Coast. The motion was seconded by Jim Olson and passed unanimously.

A grant request was submitted to the grant committee (Olson, Marshall, Joseph and Krebs) from Jim Olson for \$2,000 to purchase a school boat for Region 10. This boat would be run in 2019 for school events in Region 10. The engine has already been secured, and a boat and trailer will be purchased and readied. If this initiative falls through or the boat is ultimately purchased, the money would be returned to the grant committee. The boat would probably be owned and stored by Jim Olson, since there is no APBA club in this area. A motion was made by John Krebs to approve this grant request. The motion was seconded by Billy Noonan, and passed unanimously.

Participants were polled as to who would be attending the national APBA meeting at the Crown Plaza in Chicago in January. The V&H meeting will be on Thursday this year. A motion was made by John Krebs to hold the V&H meeting from 4:30-6:15. The motion was seconded by Jay Marshall and passed unanimously. Krebs announced that Bob Moore will be inducted into the Honor Squadron at this national meeting. A gathering for all V&H members attending the National Meeting will be held on Friday evening. Jim Olson will arrange West Coast awards. Nominations for the Chairman's Award, Event of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Team of the Year for the East Coast should be submitted to Krebs.

Krebs opened the floor for other discussion. A question was raised about vintage offshore boats possibly participating at the Tavares event in 2018. Krebs said that it is not likely that APBA will issue a sanction if offshore boats will be permitted to run here due to potential safety issues with the closed nature of this course. Discussion regarding the lack of rules set for vintage offshore boats took place, including the need to define these areas in the near future. A committee including Bob Moore and Jeff Buckley will work on getting a rules set prepared by the January 10, 2018 region reps conference call in advance of the national meeting.

Current tests for referees and inspectors were discussed. These will be available in April following the national meeting.

Jim Olson asked for consideration of bringing log books back into use again. Region 10 will be using log books beginning this year. Chief Inspector Rich Evans is also in favor of bringing log books back. It was noted that the previous use of log books was very unpopular. Jim also suggested that all owners take the inspector test to become aware of what inspectors look for with regard to safety.

Potential dates for 2018 were discussed. New Martinsville is considering June 23-24 to try to move away from Father's Day weekend that was used last year; however, several potential officials will be tied up at the Guntersville, AL H-1 event. Wheeling will be requesting September 1-2, Labor Day weekend. One or more potential events in Region 6 are being worked on. Reps are encouraged to reach out to potential organizers in their region to determine event dates for 2018 prior to the national meeting. Other potential locations of Hampton, VA, Springfield, OH and Southern MD are possibilities.

Rich Evans said that a proposal for allowing boats with reinforced cockpits to participate at V&H events will be forthcoming. Lengthy discussion on this issue followed.

The next V&H conference call will take place on January 10, 2018 at 8:30 PM EST.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM on motion of Billy Noonan, seconded by Jim Olson.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
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