

**American Power Boat Association
Stock Outboard Category Meeting
113th Annual Meeting
Los Angeles, CA. January 26-28, 2017**

X. New Business

a. Bids for 2017 Divisional Championships

Closed Course

Northeast - *Whitney Point, NY June 3 & 4*

Southeast - *Jesup, GA April 29 & 30*

Central - *Pell Lake, WI May 20 & 21*

Western - *Seaside, OR June 17 & 18*

Motion to approve by Ed Hearn

Passed unanimously

b. Bids for 2017 North American Championships

Note: *No bids were presented when the chair asked.*

Motion by Ed Hearn to allow the chairman to award with a "first come - first served" basis. Motion carries unanimously.

Later in the meeting a motion was brought forward by Ron Magnuson to accept the NAC for ASR & ASH at Lawrence Lake, WA on September 16 & 17.

Motion carries unanimously.

c. Bids for 2017 45SST National Championship

- *Newberg, OR May 27 & 28*

Motion to approve by Ed Hearn

Motion carries unanimously

d. Bids for 2018 Western Championships

No bid(s) received.

e. Bids for 2018 Eastern Championships

Bids were received for:

Standish, ME May 18-19 & 20 by Mike Akerstrom

Pell Lake, WI May 19 & 20 by Don Allen

Jesup, GA by Howie Nichols

After some discussion the motions for Pell Lake and Jesup were withdrawn.

Motion to approve Standish by Howie Nichols:

For: 6

Against: 3

Abstention: 4

Motion carries

f. Stock Outboard Promotions

i. 2016 to 2017 Budget

Our previous projected budget totaled a net income of \$1280.00. At the year end, the actual figure was \$2131.54. Our balance prior to this meeting is \$16,752.55.

ii. Explanation of 2017 Budget

Trophies and awards	\$1000.00
Category award ceremonies	\$600.00
Live Streaming Project	\$1000.00
Boat decals 3"x5"oval (1000)	\$925.00
Promotional handouts (5000)	\$1850.00
Postage & Shipping	\$1000.00
Office supplies	\$80.00
HOC jackets 3 @ \$85	\$255.00
Safety inspection decals	\$50.00
Travel	\$500.00
Printing	\$150.00
J Driver Scholarship fund	\$500.00
Social media advertising	\$1100.00
300SSH engine stock 3 @ \$2100	\$6300.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00
2017 Net Income Projection	\$3360.00

Motion to approve by Ed Hearn

Motion carries unanimously

g. Phone Conference Ballot

The following proposals were approved via balloting of the SORC which ended on January 8, 2017.

Racing Rule 16.1 Administration – passed, goes to membership for approval.

Racing Rule 16.3 Administration - passed, goes to membership for approval.

Racing Rule 16.4 Administration – passed, goes to membership for approval.

Racing Rule 16.8 Administration – passed, goes to membership for approval.

300SSH reed stop height – passed, need BOD approval, once passed, post to rules & website.

300SSH squish band – passed, need BOD approval, once passed, post to rules & website.

25xs cylinder repair – passed, post on website and add to tech manual.

Classics – passed, goes to membership for approval.

Millville issue – passed, goes to membership for approval.

Championships Rule – regionals – passed, goes to membership for approval.

Western Winter Nationals – passed, date extension of one week.

SORC Phone Conference Ballot (with minutes and results)

Vote update: Of our 14 commissioners, 13 responded.

Mike Akerstrom did not respond.

Jeff Brewster 1/9/17

1) RR 16.1 Administration

Action: Remove all words in capital letters in the paragraph below:

Current rule: 1. Racing shall be conducted under the supervision of a Stock Outboard Racing Commission (SORC). The decisions of the SORC shall be final in all matters pertaining to the administration and interpretation of the rules for these classes. This Commission shall serve as an appeal board for owners, drivers, Referees, Inspectors and Race Committee. THE SORC SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH REGION OF APBA WITH AT LEAST 30 STOCK OUTBOARD MEMBERS. One of the SORC's duties shall be the enhancement of membership and the promotion of the growth of Stock Outboard racing. The SORC shall have the power to determine that specific motors may be eliminated or approved for use in other classes with restrictions. Any action under this paragraph shall be made at the Association's annual meeting. Any rule in conflict with this paragraph shall be automatically repealed. IN CASE THE SORC BY MAJORITY VOTE REQUESTS A MANUFACTURER OR MANUFACTURERS OF BOATS OR ENGINES TO DEVELOP AND PRODUCE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT, THIS REQUEST AND THE MANUFACTURER'S GUARANTEED AVAILABILITY FOR SHIPMENT DATE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE RACING MEMBERSHIP ON THE NEXT REGULAR RULES BALLOT. After approval BY THE RACING MEMBERSHIP, the manufacturer or manufacturers shall be granted a period of two years during which the class shall not be abolished nor shall the class rules affecting the manufacturer be changed without written consent by the manufacturer. This two year period will start with the date of

the completion of the ballot count. If the manufacturer should be unable or unwilling to ship up to 50 engines against bona fide orders on or before the guaranteed availability for shipment date, the ballot will be null and void.

Proposed New rule:

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Reason: The first sentence for removal is already covered in our bylaws. The second sentence for removal is no longer followed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA Board of Directors.

Vote: For 11 Against 1 Abstain 1

If passed this WOULD go to a vote of the members and be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

2) Racing Rule 16.3 Administration

Action: Add words in double parenthesis and remove all words in capital letters in the paragraph below:

Proposed:

3. ((NEW ENGINE APPROVAL)); The procedure for approval of engines to be used in existing classes is as follows:

- A. At any time, a party in interest may submit to the SORC a petition for approval of a new engine for use in an existing class. THE SAME SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUBMITTED UPON RECEIPT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PETITION AND A TWENTY FIVE DOLLAR (\$25) FILING FEE (THE FEE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE STOCK OUTBOARD PROMOTIONAL FUND).
- B. The petition for approval shall contain or indicate the following:
 - i. The class(es) within which the new engine shall be utilized;
 - ii. A description of the new engine including the name of the manufacturer, the displacement of the engine, and the horsepower rating;
 - iii. The estimated speed range for both the hydroplane and runabout class, if applicable;
 - iv. The estimated new cost for the engine;
 - v. Whether or not modifications of the engine of any kind will be required for racing; (Note: this shall include whether the engine is submitted as a complete outboard motor, including powerhead and lower-unit, or whether the engine is submitted as an incomplete motor which shall have an after-market racing foot or lower-unit, etc. installed);
 - vi. The approximate availability date for the engine;
 - vii. The approximate number of engines which are or shall be available for purchase;

- viii. The expected time period such engine shall be available from the manufacturer; ix. The estimated parts-availability;
 - x. Whether or not any currently approved engine(s) shall be eliminated from use or shall have any technical changes made;
 - xi. The name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) submitting the petition.
- C. Contemporaneously with the filing of the petition, the proposed technical specifications for the engine and, if applicable, for the boats which shall be utilized with the engine shall be submitted to the SORC.
- D. Upon receipt of the petition for approval, the Chairman shall submit the same to the SORC or a committee thereof for consideration within ten (10) days. ((The SORC shall thereafter consider the petition)).

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 - iv. The estimated new cost for the engine;
 - v. Whether or not modifications of the engine of any kind will be required for racing; (Note: this shall include whether the engine is submitted as a complete outboard motor, including powerhead and lower-unit, or whether the engine is submitted as an incomplete motor which shall have an after-market racing foot or lower-unit, etc. installed);
 - vi. The approximate availability date for the engine;
 - vii. The approximate number of engines which are or shall be available for purchase;
 - viii. The expected time period such engine shall be available from the manufacturer;
 - ix. The estimated parts-availability;
 - x. Whether or not any currently approved engine(s) shall be eliminated from use or shall have any technical changes made;
 - xi. The name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) submitting the petition.
- C. Contemporaneously with the filing of the petition, the proposed technical specifications for the engine and, if applicable, for the boats which shall be utilized with the engine shall be submitted to the SORC.
- D. Upon receipt of the petition for approval, the Chairman shall submit the same to the SORC or a committee thereof for consideration within ten (10) days. The SORC shall thereafter consider the petition. etc.....

Reason: The sentence for removal is no longer followed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA Board of Directors.

Vote: For 11 Against 2 Abstain

If passed this WOULD go to a vote of the members and be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

3) Racing Rule 16.4 Administration

Action: Add words in double parenthesis and remove all words in capital letters in the paragraph below:

Proposed:

4. ((NEW CLASS APPROVAL)); The procedure for establishing a new class within the Stock Outboard Category shall be as follows.

A. At any time, a party in interest may submit to the SORC a petition for approval of a new class. THE SAME SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUBMITTED UPON RECEIPT BY THE STOCK OUTBOARD CHAIR OF THE PETITION AND A TWENTY FIVE DOLLAR (\$25) FILING FEE (THE FEE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE STOCK OUTBOARD PROMOTIONAL FUND).

B. A new class is defined as a class which does not currently compete within the Stock Outboard Category and which utilizes a different motor make and hull size than any other class used within the Stock Outboard Category, or which results from a class separation, whereby one existing class is separated into two different classes.

C. Class combinations, whereby two existing classes are combined into one class, are also governed by this paragraph.

D. The petition for approval shall contain or indicate the following:

- i. The name of the new class(es);
- ii. The motor which shall be utilized, including manufacturer and horsepower rating;
- iii. The estimated approximate speeds for the new class(es);
- iv. Whether a propeller-height restriction shall be utilized;
- v. Whether an existing Stock Outboard class is proposed to be eliminated with the approval of this new class;
- vi. The name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) submitting the petition.

E. If an engine is proposed to be utilized in this new class which is not currently utilized within the Stock Outboard Category, then a petition for approval of a new engine must be filed with the SORC contemporaneously with the filing of the petition for approval of a new class. ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FILING OF THIS PETITION UNDER PARAGRAPH TWO (D) ABOVE SHALL ALSO BE MET; HOWEVER, IN THIS CASE, THE NEW ENGINE PETITION FILING FEE SHALL BE WAVED. etc....

New Rule:

4. NEW CLASS APPROVAL; The procedure for establishing a new class within the Stock Outboard Category shall be as follows.

A. At any time, a party in interest may submit to the SORC a petition for approval of a new class.

B. A new class is defined as a class which does not currently compete within the Stock Outboard Category and which utilizes a different motor make and hull size than any other class used within the Stock Outboard Category, or which results from a class separation, whereby one existing class is separated into two different classes.

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- ii. The motor which shall be utilized, including manufacturer and horsepower rating;
- iii. The estimated approximate speeds for the new class(es);
- iv. Whether a propeller-height restriction shall be utilized;
- v. Whether an existing Stock Outboard class is proposed to be eliminated with the approval of this new class;

vi. The name(s) and signature(s) of the individual(s) submitting the petition.

E. If an engine is proposed to be utilized in this new class which is not currently utilized within the Stock Outboard Category, then a petition for approval of a new engine must be filed with the SORC contemporaneously with the filing of the petition for approval of a new class. etc....

Reason: The sentences for removal are no longer followed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA Board of Directors.

Vote: For 12 Against 1 Abstain _____

If passed this WOULD go to a vote of the members and be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

4) Racing Rule 16.8 Administration

Action: Add words in double parenthesis and remove all words in capital letters in the paragraph below:

Proposed:

8. The Stock Outboard Technical Committee shall recommend engine specifications, clarifications, or replacement parts to the SORC. The SORC shall have authority for approval of engine changes and specifications. CHANGES WILL BE IN EFFECT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING PUBLICATION IN PROPELLER MAGAZINE. Motor specifications and related items shall be frozen for the period of a racing year, effective November 1. At the written request of the manufacturer, the technical committee and the SORC may approve a replacement part. Replacement parts with specification changes will not be approved for racing between May 1 and SEPTEMBER 1 ((November 1)) for the respective racing year.

A. The SORC HAS ESTABLISHED ((will have)) a Competition Committee for each of the classes LISTED BELOW. The members of the Competition Committees shall be appointed by the SO Chairman and their term shall end on October 31st following their appointment. All decisions with regard to the technical rules for these classes shall be made by the Competition Committee for the respective class and shall require approval of the SORC for implementation. Any rule change approved BY A SO COMPETITION COMMITTEE shall become effective thirty (30) days following publication in Propeller Magazine or on the APBA website.

B. THE SORC HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMPETITION COMMITTEES:

I. D CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

II. A CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

III. 20SSH CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

IV. B CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

V. 25 CLASS COMPETITION COMMITTEE

New Rule: (additional changes have been made to this rule from quick topic suggestions)

8. The Stock Outboard Technical Committee may recommend engine specifications, clarifications, or replacement parts to the SORC. The SORC shall have authority for approval of engine changes and specifications. At the written request of the manufacturer and/or the technical committee, the SORC may approve a replacement part. Replacement parts with specification changes will not be approved for racing between May 1 and November 1 for the respective racing year.

The SORC will act as a Competition Committee for each of the classes. All decisions with regard to the technical rules for these classes shall be made by the SORC. Any rule change approved shall become effective thirty (30) days following publication in Propeller Magazine or on the APBA website.

Reason: The first sentence for removal is due to the magazine no longer being monthly. The second portion for removal will allow all classes to have a competition committee if needed. We have been asked to clean up, organize and reduce the number of rules in our category per the request of the APBA

Board of Directors.

Vote: For 12 Against 1 Abstain _____

If passed this WOULD go to a vote of the members and be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

5) 300SSH - reed stop height

Proposed: (Add to tech manual)

Q = Reed stop heights .272 maximum for all Yamato 300 series engines in 300SSH.

Reason: This number is exactly where Tom Johnston and Ric Montoya set them at when sealing and is the factory setting. The number is needed in the book for the repair stations to follow.

Vote: For 12 Against 1 Abstain _____

If passed, this WOULD NOT go to a vote of the members and will be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

6) 300SSH - squish band

Proposed: (Add to tech manual)

The squish band depth on the Yamato 300 series engines will be .025" minimum.

Reason: The cylinder head is one of the few areas that the engine can be adjusted. This will make sure that all follow the same head contour.

Vote: For 12 Against 1 Abstain _____

If passed, this WOULD NOT go to a vote of the members and will be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

7) 25xs cylinder repair

Proposal:

Add the following sentence to the Mercury / Mariner Specifications on page 26 of the 2017 Tech Manual:

"It is permissible to repair the 25xs cylinder block with a Nikasil-Nicom nickel based coating. The cylinder bore specification of 2.563 +/- .003 must be met."

Reason/Intent:

Many of the older 25xs engines have chrome cylinder walls. Over time this material fails. The newer 25xs blocks have the Nikasil coating instead. This would allow the old blocks to be refurbished at a third of the cost of buying a new block. Many engines have had this done already. This will make it no question as to its legality.

Vote: For 12 Against 1 Abstain _____

If passed, this WOULD NOT go to a vote of the members and will be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

8) Classics

Rule 19 Classic Division

Proposal: Remove the entire rule

Reason / Intent:

- 1) Two years ago, it was requested of the SORC to delete this rule or give it more weight by allowing the classics to be included in our national championships and record book. The SORC voted to give it more weight.
- 2) This experiment has not been successful. Neither of the above has occurred.
- 3) Removal helps reduce and simplify our rule book and technical manual.
- 4) Anyone interesting racing our classic engines may still do so under our special event rules.

Vote: For 12 Against 1 Abstain _____

If passed this WOULD go to a vote of the members and be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

9) RR 2. 13 (Millville issue)

Current rule: 13. It is permissible for the race committee to schedule and run two races for any class or classes it chooses on any single day so long as the same is published on the circular. However, if the race committee determines that inclement weather or other circumstances warrant, the second race may be cancelled by the race committee.

Proposal:

Remove all words crossed out and add all words in capital letters.

13. It is permissible for the race committee to schedule and run two races for any class or classes it chooses on any single day so long as the same is published on the circular. However, if the race committee determines that inclement weather or other circumstances warrant, the second race ALL RACES may EITHER be cancelled by the race committee OR RUN ON ANY DAY OF THE EVENT.

New rule:

13. It is permissible for the race committee to schedule and run two races for any class or classes it chooses on any single day. However, if the race committee determines that inclement weather or other circumstances warrant, all races may either be cancelled by the race committee or run on any day of the event.

Reason/Intent: 1. If it is discovered that weather is approaching it allows the conducting club to put in a full weekend of events giving the drivers the benefit of a full weekend of events. 2. This has been done in NJ twice now and has created animosity and confusion among drivers towards other drivers, officials, and categories.

3. This would only help a poorly attended event where the club is trying to make ends meet. It would not be possible to accomplish at a regatta with a large number of entries.

Vote: For 11 Against 1 Abstain 1

If passed this WOULD go to a vote of the members and be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

10) Championships Rule 18.1.A.i. (regionals)

Proposal: Remove the event from our rules

Reason / Intent:

- 1) The event means nothing in our racing
- 2) Helps reduce and simplify our rulebook
- 3) Has not been ran since the 80's?

Vote: For 8 Against 5 Abstain _____

If passed this WOULD go to a vote of the members and be effective 30 days after posting on the APBA

website.

11) Championships Rule 18.5. (NAC's)

Proposal: Remove the event from our rules

Update: As stated in our meeting, I have researched this rule via the agreements with FMM & CBF. I cannot see any issues if this rule passes and President Wheeler concurs. If you wish to view the agreements, they are on pages 2 through 7 of the APBA Reference Book in the Resource Directory of the APBA website.

Reason / Intent:

- 1) The event means nothing in our racing
- 2) Helps reduce and simplify our rulebook
- 3) Cost the club \$150 for the plaque
- 4) Is not a true North American Championship

Vote: For __5__ Against __8__ Abstain ____ IF PASSED THIS WOULD GO TO A VOTE OF THE MEMBERS AND BE EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER POSTING ON THE APBA WEBSITE

12) Western Winter Nationals

SORC,

This was not part of our discussion last night, but as requested via email early this morning, they need to know if we will approve this so I am adding to our ballot. I have pasted the email below. This request is one weekend past our deadline of May 1. Both Regions 11 and 12 have declined on holding the Winter Nationals. For the race to occur, Region 10 has stepped up to ask for approval to hold the race and permission to hold it one week late.

Jeff

☐ Matt <myarno1041@yahoo.com> ☐ Today at 12:15 AM ☐ To Jeff Brewster

Jeff

I didn't bring this up during the conference call so I wanted to send you an email.

Seattle Outboard Association is willing to host the Western Winter Nationals at Castle Rock. This is our first club race of the year. The unfortunate part is we will have to ask for an extension since the race is May 6th and 7th.

We do have one race prior to that but it is hosted by Seattle Inboard at Lawrence Lake and we only have a few classes which are invited.

I would like to get this extension approved quickly so we can start promoting the race. Last year it worked well and we are excited to host it again.

Matt

Vote: For __7__ Against __3__ Abstain __3

h. High Point Awards or HOC Award changes

i. 300SSH HOC

Rule: RR 20 - Awards

Action: Add a new rule 1.D. "The 300SSH class is not eligible for Hall of Champions points or awards".

Reason: It was never the intention of the 300SSH committee to have some of the top drivers in our sport racing the class. The class would have been for rookies only if we could have been able to get the class started without involving all members. This change would add more value to the class for our new drivers and help elevate some of the aggressive driving that is currently occurring. It has also been stated that the class cheapens our HOC by allowing points gained by beating the new drivers.

Effective: After passage of the SORC and then the Board of Directors due to the current rule freeze, this rule would go to ballot of the 300SSH drivers. If passed, it would go into effect on November 1, 2017.

Motion to discuss by Mike Akerstrom

The motion was amended to include an added sentence: "This will not include at-large bids in our hall of champions."

After a lengthy discussion the motion was tabled.

Note: *The chair sent the proposal back to the 300 committee for discussion on Thursday evening.*

Friday morning the chair announced that there was no decision made by the committee and therefore this proposal will die on the floor due to a lack of a decision.

ii. HOC minimum

Rule: New 20.1.D – Awards

Action: Eligibility and points earned towards the Hall of Champions, may only be earned in classes with no less than twenty-five (25) participants scoring APBA points in the current season.

Reason: To add more value and respect to our HOC induction requirements.

Effective: After passage of the SORC, this would go to ballot of the membership. If passed, this rule would become effective November 1, 2017.

Motion to discuss by Don Allen

Motion fails unanimously

iii. Rookie of the Year Award

Rule: RR 20.5

Action: Replace our current rule with the rule below:

5. Rookie of the Year Award - goes to the new driver selected by the SORC for the accomplishments in their first season. A new driver will be defined as one who has never before participated in a APBA race with a full racing membership and who started his or her full membership racing career in the year in which the award is achieved.

The rookie drivers will be judged and the winner selected based on the following criteria:

1. The rookie's accomplishments and points earned on the race course.
2. The rookie's contributions to the sport off of the race course.
3. The rookie's sportsmanship throughout the race season.
4. Recommendations from the rookie's fellow racers and officials.

All new drivers will be verified by the chairman and distributed to the SORC after the end of the season for review and reference checks. The SORC will deliberate and select one winner based on the criteria above and the majority of the votes counted.

The winner will be announced by December 15th. The award will be a custom embroidered jacket and be presented at the APBA Outboard Awards Banquet held at the APBA National Meeting.

Reason: This rule change is an attempt to mirror the current Inboard category rule which allows the commission to vote on their choice for Rookie of the Year based on the drivers accomplishments, rather than just points earned.

Effective: After passage of the SORC, this would go to ballot of the membership. If passed, this rule would become effective 30 days after posting on the APBA website.

Motion to approve by Don Allen

Motion carries unanimously