

# 2007 Inboard Racing Commission Annual Meeting Minutes

Los Angeles, California  
January 24-27, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Robin Shane

Present: D. Kanfoush, T. Heins, D. Shaw, J. Stewart, P. McMullen, R. Evans, M. Maraldo, S. Blackwell, B. Broussard, J. Codling, R. Dodge, B. Allerton, P. Grichar, J. Wooton, T. Browning, B. Henderson, W. Johnston, J. Sechler, D. Squires. Absent: J. Appley

A Moment of Silence was held.

Robin gave the Chairman's Address: The 2006 Racing Year was a success as it showed an increase in participation and races.

The Financial Report was approved.

## Assets:

Website:	10/27/06	\$6,700.00
Dynamometer Scale:	7/28/06	\$971.00
Cubic Inch Tester (2):	7/21/06	\$1,851.52
Fuel Meters(2):	7/04	\$ 570.00
Trailer:	4/02	\$4,945.96

The minutes from the last Conference Call Session was approved as read.

Mr. Steve Hearn, President, American Power Boat Association, performed the official swearing in of the 2007 Inboard Racing Commission at 10:45 a.m., Friday, January 26, 2007.

## Committee Reports

- **Referee:** No report was given. More referees are needed. Jackie Meyer will be asked to take over the Chief Referee position. A Referee Committee is needed to work with the Chief Referee. A line of communication needs to be addressed between the Race Committees and Referees. Jackie Meyer will be responsible for the Referees Test in 2007

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- **Scorer:** Two issues came up during the past season:
  - 1.) Not having the legal number of starters in a Restart Race from a stopped heat.
  - 2.) Having the correct number of finishers in a race. Pati McMullen will discuss these issues at the Scorer's Seminar as to what is correct. This issues was also discussed at the Race Management meeting.
  
- **Technical:** Jim Sechler: Seven items were worked on during the year. These items will be put into Robin's next Propeller article as well as posted to the Inboard website.
  - 1.) Rule 40.17.10 Oil Accumulators
  - 2.) The 2.5 Stock Valve Springs(The Rule Book's incorrect 'Steel' retainer will be looked at.)
  - 3.) Crackerbox Jet Extenders are permitted. (This may be missing from the 2007 Rule Book.)
  - 4.) The 2.5 Stock intake conversion plate part number is added.
  - 5.) Interpretation of studs for cylinder heads in 2.5 stocks is acceptable.
  - 6.) The 2.5 mod engine size agreed to limit the cylinder size for the 4 valve motor.
  - 7.) The super stock engine rules are still in review by the IRC.
  
- **Safety:** Bob Wartinger and Ken Smith: Ken Smith gave a safety report which needs to be revisited at a later time.
  - 1.) Capsule rules need to be updated. The strength standard and seat angle set more than 45 degrees is less then ideal.
  - 2.) Spinal cord and head injuries result from improper capsule fitting. Driver's heads are hitting the top of the capsule.
  - 3.) Helmet fit. Diverse sizes are not as readily available. Padding must be fitted properly. Instructions can be found on major helmet manufacturer's websites.
  - 4.) Drug testing will be done at some point this year.
  - 5.) Fatalities have occurred over the past year.
  - 6.) Recommendations have been made for dunk testing, flares and flags.
  - 7.) Dan Kanfoush requested information about red light systems, which Bob will provide.
  - 8.) Head and neck restraints Sonny Hawkins is selling through Tiger, there are four other devises available that are not Hans for restrained drivers. Unrestrained drivers need to wear softer neck collars.
  - 9.) Drivers need to have someone else tighten safety belts. Do not do yourself. Info on taking off full-face helmet with air.

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- **Class Reports:** Bill Pierce: JSS was the only class report received. There were 26 wet boats in 2006 with 1 new team. There were 2 previous racers returned (1 new boat and 1 old boat). 15 teams attended 7 or fewer races. The class has been in contact with a company in New Jersey to deploy a mechanical line (pop-up buoy). Presentations and evaluations are in progress. There are 2 new possible teams for the 2007 season. As results of a survey, most of the class is in favor of the 350 engine proposal with 2 members against. Results of that survey have been submitted to the technical committee. The IRC discussed current rule proposals and the crate motor proposal. There is a conflict between vintage and racing classes.
- **Website :** Bud McKay: Content Manager Bud McKay delivered the report. There was positive feedback on the new site, but more content is needed. The APBA logo needs to appear on the website. Full access to the site needs to be addressed. The budget for the website in 2007 should stay the same.

### Old Business

**PRI Show:** Robin Shane: Letters and information were presented that was sent to the Reps at the Show. Positive feedback was received from them. A committee needs to be set up for the PRI Show. Scott Blackwell made a request to re-visit this at the next IRC meeting.

**Posters:** Ann Fitzgerald: Distribution was discussed. A request for an additional \$1,000.00 for printing was made.

**Magazine:** Jim Codling: There were 2500-3000 magazines circulated with a positive response.

**Review \$30.00 Fee for National Events:** Robin Shane: Overall the fee worked well Robin would like to consider the same for next year. The 'purpose' of the fee was discussed.

**Yellow Card Program:** Robin Shane: Only 2 yellow cards were sent out in APBA last year. UIM wants to use the Yellow Card System for "off water" activities as well. It was a unanimous decision to accept.

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### New Business

**Hall of Champions:** Elected for the 2006 Hall of Champions are: Dan Kanfoush, Dutch Squires, Tom Pakradooni. Three will be elected for the 2007 season.

**Bruce Broussard Award:** Bruce Broussard: A person has been selected and will be notified at the Inboard Awards Banquet.

**2007 Race Schedule:** The schedule has been published.

### **2008 Championship Bids:**

- **Eastern Divisionals:** One bid from Morgan City Bid for 2008 Eastern Divisional Championships. The vote was unanimous to accept the bid for Morgan City. Bruce Broussard abstained from voting.
- **Western Divisionals:** No bids were received for the Event.
- **Summer Nationals:** *2007 SS, PS and KRR Classes Summer Nationals:* Two bids were received. They were from Burley, ID and Long Beach, CA. Motion to award the bid to Long Beach, CA was called by Scott Blackwell, seconded by Bruce Broussard. Vote was unanimous.  
*2008 SS, PS, CB, and KRR Summer Nationals:* One bid was received from Long Beach, CA. Motion to award the bid to Long Beach, CA was called by Scott Blackwell, seconded by Jim Sechler. Vote was unanimous.  
  
*2008 Inboard Summer Nationals:* Two bids were received on the 2008 Inboard Summer Nationals. Motion to award the bid to Celina, OH was made by Scott Blackwell, seconded by Rich Evans. Vote was 9 in favor, 7 opposed with 2 abstaining (Patti McMullen, Paul Grichar). Motion passed.
- **North American Championships:** will be granted to Hampton, VA, based on approval from CBF President Lise Hannault.
- **2008 World Championships:** Two bids were received – Hampton, VA and Valleyfield QUE, CA. Motion was made by Rich Evans, seconded by Jim Codling, to award the 2008 World Champion bid to Valleyfield, QUE. Vote was 13 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstained.

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North American and World Championships will require technical inspection. Tom Heins brought to vote, Scott Blackwell seconded. Motion to be tabled/withdrawn. Pati McMullen, Dave Shaw and Jim Codling will prepare a new proposal to present at another time to the IRC.

General Rule Proposal:

**Old Rule 25: Championships: Divisionals, Summer Nationals, Series**

**New Rule 25 – Championships: World Championships, North American Championships, Eastern and Western Divisionals, Summer Nationals, and any other Championships, designated series or Bonus Points Events approved by the IRC.**

**Old Rule 25.15: At all championship and Series events, it shall be mandatory that the first place boat be inspected and the second and third place boats stand by. No other boat is required to stand by unless otherwise notified by the Inspector or Referee.**

**Rule 25.15 At all listed events, it shall be mandatory that the first place boat be inspected and the second and third place boats on stand by. No other boat is required to stand by unless otherwise notified by the Inspector or Referee.**

General Rule Proposal: Pertains to Rule 25 - Motion was made to accept this rule as proposed. Motion was passed unanimously.

- **2007 North American Championships:** Two bids were received. They were from Cambridge, MD and Sunset Lake, NJ. Motion was made to postpone until more details can be gathered. The information was brought back to the table on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, for the vote. Motion was made for Cambridge, MD to be awarded the bid for the event. The vote was 11 in favor, 6 opposed with 1 abstaining. Motion passed

**Website: *Generate Revenue Charge for Ads*** – Motion was made to pay anyone 15% of the revenue of the ad. Motion passed.

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**Promotional Committees:** *Co-op Advertising:* Money allocation for different race sites was discussed. Report was given in advance relating to the magazine report. Deadlines for advertising, budget, and radio broadcasting at races were discussed.

*Co-op New Race Site or Race Revival:* Discussion took place on the following strengths and weaknesses of Inboard Racing.

**Weakness:**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not promoting sport</li> <li>2. Not “new people friendly”</li> <li>3. New-comers do not know whom to contact.</li> <li>4. Too much downtime</li> <li>5. No directory</li> <li>6. Too many classes</li> <li>7. No Specific goals for classes</li> <li>8. Rules are self-serving</li> <li>9. Lack of rule enforcement</li> <li>10. No rule enforcement</li> <li>11. No race programs</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Events too long</li> <li>13. No show-focus on points</li> <li>14. Too many boats on course</li> <li>15. Bad signal flags</li> <li>16. No communication between drivers &amp; officials</li> <li>17. Low prize money</li> <li>18. No racer participation with race committees</li> <li>19. No promoters</li> <li>20. Need new blood</li> <li>21. High entry fees</li> <li>22. Unrealistic expectations</li> </ol> |
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**Strengths:**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People</li> <li>2. Good events</li> <li>3. Family sport</li> <li>4. Extended family</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Cheaper than car racing</li> <li>6. Competitive</li> <li>7. Web site</li> <li>8. Unique</li> </ol>
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**Officials:** *Uniform Program:* A discussion was ensued about sponsors for the uniforms.  
*Communication sites:* The Communication Site was discussed.

**Unsportsmanlike conduct:** Unsportsmanlike conduct clarification can only be given from the referee. The referee needs to investigate and verify facts.  
There may need to set guidelines for performing this duty.

**Insurance:** The insurance company has changed the deductible for the race from \$1,000 to \$2,000. It should be known the race committee is responsible to pay the deductible. A criteria needs to be developed on “Fees for Damage”.

**Inspection Committee:** Discussion ensued about setting a communication site and issuing fines.

**Inventory of Equipment:** The trailer was brought up.

**Inventory of Rescue Equipment**

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**Race Event Seminar:** The Race Event Seminar was presented by Ann Fitzgerald, Tom Saddler and Lori Weber. They gave presentations on “How to Promote a Racing Event”.

**Budget:** Jim Codling: Budget was discussed and approved.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 PM. January 27, 2007

### General Proposed Rules:

- **New Rule - Popular Election of Inboard Chairman- Submitted by Ann Fitzgerald**

IRC Votes: 19 For - 0 - Against      Passed      Effective: 2007

Note: Must be sent to the Board of Directors for ruling is a by-law change.

- **New Rule - Inboard Board of Directors - Submitted by Ann Fitzgerald**

IRC Votes: 3- For - 15 - Against      Failed

- **Various Rules - Eliminate Competition Director Reference- Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 15 - For - 3 Against      Passed      Effective: 2008

- **Rule 9.6 - Letter/ Number Size - Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 2 - For - 17 Against      Failed

- **Rule 13.5 - Disqualifications- Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 11 - For - 6 - Against      Passed      Effective: 2008

- **Rule 12.1/12.4 - Rule Change Timing - Submitted by Ann Fitzgerald**

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- **Rule 12.3 - Eliminate Class Tech Com. Reference - Submitted by Bruce Broussard**

IRC Votes: 19- For - 0- Against    Passed    Effective: 2007

- **Rule 12.4 - Class Surveys- Submitted by Bruce Broussard**

IRC Votes: 19 - For - 0 - Against    Passed    Effective: 2007

- **Rule 18.5 - Start when bow crosses - Submitted by Went/ Brinton**

IRC Votes: 9 - For - 10 - Against    Failed

- **Rule 23.1 -2 Race weekends - Submitted by Dan Kanfoush**

IRC Votes: 19 - For - 0 - Against    Passed    Effective: 2008

- **Rule 23.11 - Count all races toward points- Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 3 - For - 16- Against    Failed

- **Rule 25.14 - Filling the Field- Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 3- For - 16- Against    Failed

- **Rule 23/25 - Scoring Proposal- Submitted by Tom Pakradooni**

IRC Votes: 0 - For - 19 - Against    Failed

- **Rule 31.1.1 - Omit Uniform Requirements- Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 1 - For - 18 - Against    Failed

- **Rule 34.2 - Closed Toe Shoes - Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 1- For - 18- Against    Failed

- **Rule 34.5- Eliminate \$25 Pit Passes- Submitted by Ann Shaw**

IRC Votes: 1 - For - 17 - Against- 1- Abstained    Failed

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- **Rule 35.1.3 - Omit \$20 Inboard Fee- Submitted by Ann Shaw**  
IRC Vote: 1 - For 17- Against 1-Abstained Failed
- **Rule 39.1 - 1 Litre Box Rule - Submitted by Brian Perkins**  
IRC Votes: 12 - For - 4 - Against - 2 Abstained Passed Effective: 2007
- **Rule 39.1- 2.5 Stock Box Rule -Submitted by Bert Henderson**  
IRC Votes: 0- For - 12- Against - 4- Abstained Failed
- **Rule 39.1 - 2.5 Stock Box Rule/Weight - Submitted by Clarence Pfaff**  
IRC Votes: 0 - For - 12 - Against - 4 -Abstained Failed
- **Rule 39.1 - 2.5 Stock Increase Weight - Submitted by Valleyfield Regatta**  
IRC Votes: 2 - For 14- Against 2- Abstained Failed
- **Rule 39.1 - 5 Litre Increase Weight- Submitted by Valleyfield Regatta**  
IRC Votes: 1- For 14- Against 1- Abstained Failed
- **Rule 39.1/39.2 - Race Birthdays- Submitted by Robin Shane**  
Tabled - Notes: Rule needs to be rewritten and resubmitted
- **Rule 40.17.13 - Experimental Engines - Submitted by Jerry Ross**  
IRC Votes: 19- For 0- Against Passed Effective: 2007
- **Rule 46.9/47.12 - Combine NM/GNH- Submitted by Elizabeth & Randy Wolfe**  
IRC Votes: 1- For 18- Against Failed

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- **Rule 39.1 - Combine NM/GNH - Submitted by Elizabeth & Randy Wolfe**  
IRC Votes: 1 - For 17- Against 1 - Abstained      Failed
- **Rule 39.1 - Combine NM/GNH- Submitted by Elizabeth & Randy Wolfe**  
IRC Votes: 0- For 18-Against 1-Abstained      Failed
- **Rule 46.4 - Allow Larger boats to compete with each other - Submitted by Elizabeth and Randy Wolfe**  
IRC Vote: 1 - For 17- Against 1- Abstained      Failed
- **Rule 46.5 - Allow Larger boats to compete with each other- Submitted by Elizabeth and Randy Wolfe**  
IRC Vote: 0- For 18-Against 1-Abstained      Failed
- **Rule 46.8 - 5 Litres are no longer legal NM- Submitted by Elizabeth & Randy Wolfe**  
IRC Vote: 18- For 0-Against      Passed      Effective: 2008
- **Rule 47.8- Reinstating Rule 47.8 - Submitted by Patrick Sankuer**  
IRC Votes: 18 - For 1- Against      Passed      Effective: 2007
- **Rule 12.1 - To Comply with APBA By-Laws 12.7.8- Submitted by Bruce Broussard**  
IRC Votes: 19 - For 0- Against      Passed      Effective: 2007

**Technical Rule Proposals**

- **Rule 33.12.4 - Add Digitron DT-47 - Submitted by William Thompson**  
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- **Rule 41.2 - 1 Litre Mod - Remove the word Piston- Submitted by Eric Butler**

Vote: Failed by Tech Committee                      Failed

Notes: No way to inspect compliance with displacement limitations/ more knowledge  
Of performance characteristics are required

- **Rule 41.2.4/41.4 - 1 Litre Mod - New Engine/Weight - Submitted by David Wamsley**

Vote: Failed by Tech Committee                      Failed

Notes: Displacement is too large relative to the current engines allowed

- **Rule 44.1 - 2.5 Mod - Added Verbiage- Submitted by Tech Committee**

Vote: Passed by Tech Committee & IRC                      Passed                      Effective: 2007

- **Rule 43.6.15 - 2.5 Stock - Add Ford Mustang/ Capri Intake - Submitted by Greg Barker**

Vote: Tabled by Tech Committee                      Tabled

Notes: Comparing Existing & Proposed Intake using a dyno

- **Rule 45.2.14 - 5 Litre - Add Ford Aluminum Intake - Submitted by Martin Porter**

Vote: Tabled by Tech Committee                      Tabled

Notes: Further Review

- **Rule 45.2.4 - 5 Litre - Increase Bore- Submitted by Martin Porter**

Vote: Tabled by Tech Committee                      Tabled

Notes: Further Review

- **Rule 45.2.6 - 5 Litre - Ford Head - Submitted by Martin Porter**

Vote: Tabled by Tech Committee                      Tabled

Notes: Further Review

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- **Rule 46.7.6 - Change wording- Submitted by Rod Bourke**

Vote: Passed by Tech Committee & IRC                      Passed                      Effective: 2007

- **Rule 46.7.1- Add Aftermarket Blocks- Submitted by Mack Elliott**

Vote: Tabled by Tech Committee                      Tabled

Notes: Tech Committee is requesting a class poll.

- **Rule 50.6.14- CB- Attachments to Bottom of Hulls - Submitted by William Thompson**

Vote: Tabled by Tech Committee                      Tabled

Notes: Proposal is being rewritten

- **Rule 54.3.6/54.4.6 - JSS- Aftermarket Roller Rockers- Submitted by Jerry Glass**

Vote: Passed by Tech Committee & IRC                      Passed                      Effective: 2007

Notes: Proposal modified by Tech Committee with correct wording

- **Super Stock Rules**

Withdrawn - Notes: Rules are being Finalized and will be resubmitted