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Meeting Minutes

12 December 2006

Dwight Malhiot announced to members that due to the meeting date falling the day after Christmas there would be no December SOA meeting. Dwight then issued a last call for SOA board ballots, and called on Jan Shaw and Laurie Ruhl to count the gathered ballots. Dwight next circulated pictures of Zach's new 350 hydro in a snowstorm. Dwight and Zach gone to the midwest to fetch the boat over the Thanksgiving weekend stopping at the Snoqualmie Summit to take pictures. Dwight noted the temperature to be about 30...as opposed to Dave Anderson's newly acquired #50.

Activity Reports:

Stock:

An aging Dave Anderson told members of an upcoming 2007 Nationals meeting, and noted that hotel reservations at the site are being rapidly booked, then asked Jim Nilsen to speak on agenda items for the APBA National meeting. Jim indicated that there are a lot of items proposed and suggested that members review current postings on Hydroracer.net. Dave Anderson announced J. Michael Kelly's appointment to the APBA Hall of Champions. Jim Nilsen added the names of four SOA members who were 2007 National High

Point Champions...J. Michael Kelly in ASR, Todd Cragin in DSH, Mike Perman in 20ssH and Kyle Bahl in CSR.

Mod:

Howard Shaw called for National Meeting agenda items.

PRO:

Steve Greaves announced Jim Nilsen and George Thornhill as new members of APBA Hall of Champions. Steve also told members that elections have set the 2007 PRO commission, and that additional commission appointments have been made. Local appointments include Howard Anderson and George Thornhill. Steve additionally called for National Meeting agenda items.

Steve told members that DVD copies of the 2006 APBA PRO nationals are now available for \$21.50 through APBA Headquarters. Dwight Malhiot said he'd ordered two copies, adding that he'd brought along a DVD player and would be playing the Nationals DVD following the meeting. (And it was good!)

Other:

Russ Bircher presented a number of AOF national championship awards to Ashley and Colin Rucker, and to J. Michael Kelly.

Region 10 Meeting:

Russ Dodge described a morning meeting on public relations and publicity, as well as follow-on meetings, and the banquet.

Commodore's Ball:

Sheri Greaves announced that the SOA Commodore's Ball would be held Saturday, February 24th at the Edmonds Yacht Club following the Region 10 winter meeting. Sheri said details would be coming shortly, but the prepared dinner would become a festival of hors d'oeuvres provided by Ivars. Sheri added she's looking for silent auction and prize donations, asking people to contact her at sgreaves@whi.org. Todd Cragin added that he's working on reserving time on the Lynnwood golf course.

SOA Memberships:

Dwight displayed membership forms brought in and available to members for renewal.

2007 SOA Board Elections:

With nearly 50% of members voting, here are election winners and your 2007 Seattle Outboard Association Board of Directors:

*Sheryl Rucker
Susan Rautenberg
Todd Cragin
Craig Fjarlie
Troy Holmberg
Jim Nilsen*

Other Business:

Latest Fashions in Cut-Gear:

Pat Gleason showed members the newest in Cut-suits, booties and gloves. Security Race Products is now new woven cut gear. It looks a lot like a gray woolen knit, and the product is woven of Kevlar, Spectra, Stainless Steel, Lycra and another cut-resistant material, Dynima. Pat Displayed Gloves, pants and jackets, noting booties available. The products are materially stout without the stiffness and bulkiness of current

materials, and Pat says they're comfortable. Pat quotes an \$80 price for gloves, noting that there's a version with a kill-lanyard attach-point for an additional \$10. Pat notes advantages of better cut resistance and lighter weight. Prices for suits are currently being determined.

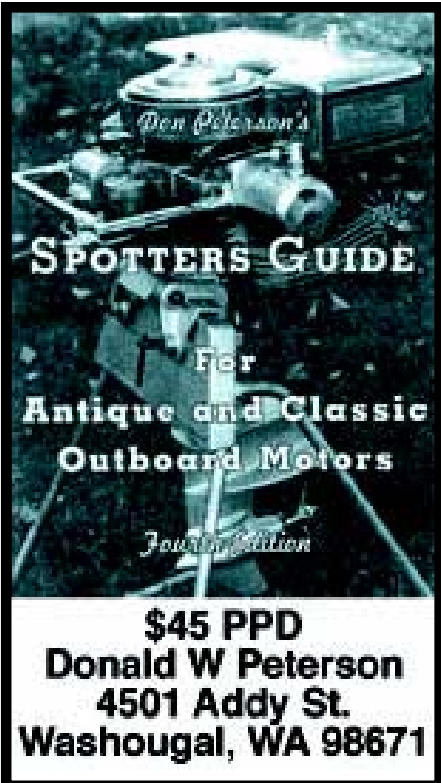
UIM & Rules Changes:

Bob Wartinger reported on the outcome of the UIM Annual meeting, held this past November in Kaula Lampur.

Bob began by noting that UIM has worked successfully to bring the newer "Green" motors into racing classes and suggested that some of the work done in that regard might offer resolution to the Tohatsu dispute.

Bob noted that although UIM has usually been somewhat behind APBA in promotion and enforcement of safety requirements, the organization has now become proactive and has moved toward leadership in safety. Bob noted that we will likely need to match UIM's requirements for such things as higher cockpit sides and cockpit side reinforcement. There are other rules to be considered such as the UIM rounded sponson rule and UIM proposals for drivers' tests. Bob commented on the effectiveness of the PRO lifejacket flak-liner citing a possible push to extend its application to Stock and Mod categories.

Bob also noted possible action regarding capsule head clearance. Means need to be established to properly inspect and measure and enforce clearance standards and to determine safe retrofit procedures.



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2007 Stock Nationals:

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Craig Fjarlie told members that meetings in Moses Lake scheduled shortly following the evening's membership meeting would include work to include casino nights and other activities. Craig also told members of

a proposal by Rusty Rae to recruit journalism students from local colleges to act as media representatives to help in event and promotion by writing stories and articles on daily activities and events and getting the stories out to media. The proposal includes possible internet capability from the pits as well as housing and meals for the student reporters. Rusty hopes for a grant from the APBA Historical society to finance the operation. Rusty hopes to follow-up the event with a report on the pros and cons of the operation as a useful tool for future APBA event promotion.

Dave Anderson thanked Sheryl Rucker for stepping in to take over as Entertainment Chair, and asked Sheryl for late committee news. Sheryl told members of planned banquets and parties. Sheri Greaves asked if there were dates for banquets, and Sheryl replied that the banquets would be August 9th, and 11th. Dave read off a rough schedule - Monday, move in day, Tuesday, open testing, Wednesday and Thursday, qualifying, Friday and Saturday are Finals.

Bob Carver Books:

Kathy Myers told members that she still has available copies of the great book of Bob Carver photographs.

H.A.R.M. J-Project:

Pat Gleason told members that the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum is starting up its second season of the J-Hydro building project with new families, kids and boats, and Darrell Sorensen has made a few kit changes to make building the boats easier. Pat says that the project could use members help and invites us



to drop by the Museum on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to help out.

Raffle:

Candy: Howard Shaw, Ric Montoya

Santa Mug With Candy: Sheri Greaves

Calculator: John Peeters

Crimping Tool: Pat Gleason

Box Knife: J. W. Myers

CMP Carabiners: Joanne Hegemann

Steering Wheel Cap: Russ Bircher

Screwdrivers: Mike Cruver

50!...DID WE SAY DAVE'S 50?

Members took a few moments to sing Happy Birthday to their favorite, and now positively antique ball of meat and presented Dave with a DEPENDable gift in a Safeway bag.

Pass the Pot:

- Tony Perman
- Wayne LaChappelle
- Dave Trisko
- Dave Cossette
- Debi Perman
- Wayne Peeters
- Denise Johnson
- Doug Martin
- Roger Gagnon
- Dale Bartley
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Russ Dodge - Winner

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Racers representing Seattle Outboard Association provided a winning show during the APBA 2006 racing season with five national championships, seven high points championships and

several competition and water-speed records. And those efforts and performances have put three SOA racers into APBA's Hall of Champions. Congratulations To our new Champions.

George Thornhill *National Champion*
C-Racing Runabout - C-Racing Hydro
APBA Hall of Champions



Jim Nilsen - *National High Points* *C-Service Runabout*
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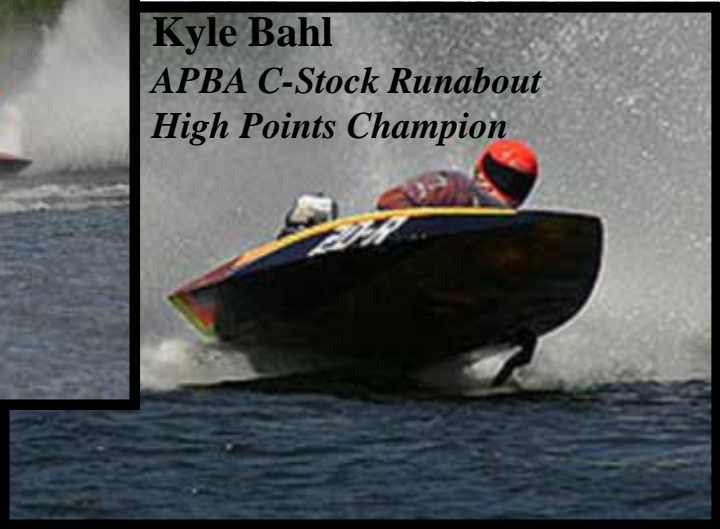
APBA Hall of Champions

Zach Malhiot - *National Champion*
C-Service Hydro *C-Service Runabout*
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Todd Cragin
*APBA D-Stock Hydro
 High Points Chanpion*



Kyle Bahl
*APBA C-Stock Runabout
 High Points Champion*



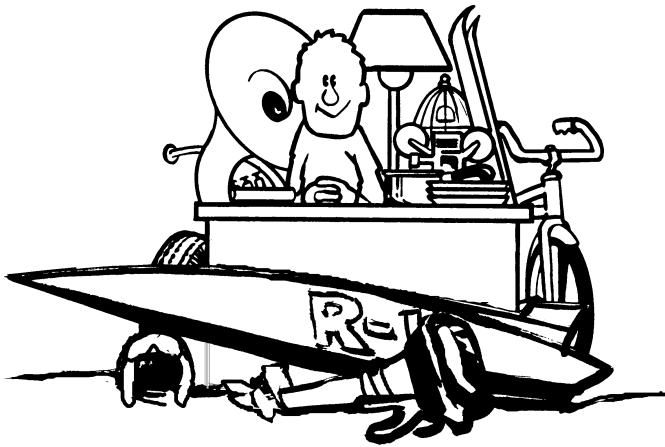
Mike Perman
APBA 20ss Hydro - High Points Champion



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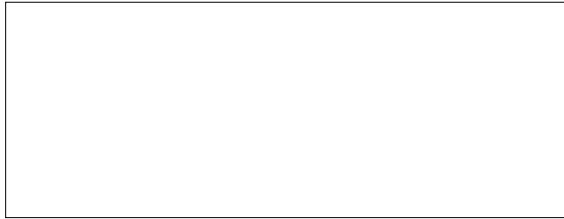
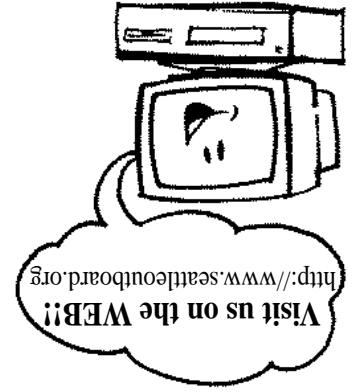
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