Chairman John Krebs called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM. Those in attendance were Jim Olson, Rich Evans, Region 4 Dan Joseph, Region 6 Dick Delsener, Region 7 Rob Holt, Region 8 Phil Mitchell, Region 9 Jay Marshall, Region 10 David Williams, Region 16 JP Squires, Canada Harry Holst, and John Woodward as guest.

Chairman Krebs announced that John Woodward would be participating on the call as an interested guest from Region 10.

Krebs reported that he has not received any guidance from APBA legal on matters pending request for their opinion. Krebs made a motion to keep the rule concerning sling inspection testing as it is currently written with no changes, and to eliminate the addition of proposed Rule 24 and 25 to our bylaws. These are already addressed in the GSR and GRR. Jim Olson seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously. The committee was polled and the results were again unanimous in favor of the motion.

Krebs reported that the national meeting was an informational meeting with no voting taking place. Jack Meyer presented a small radio that could be used for boat drivers to receive information from the referee while in a heat. These may use a UHF frequency so may be a problem; organizers are urged to check this out before purchasing these radios.

Krebs reported that there is a group of 4 people outside of the CRA group in Tavares interested in organizing an event there. They are looking at the November date, not the March date.

Krebs reported that there is again interest in bringing boats with safety cells into vintage. Rich Evans will continue pursuing historical data on when safety cells came into use in APBA and potential rule development. It is unknown how many boats would come into V&H if safety cells were allowed, but this number is not thought to be very high. Jim Olson made a motion to table the issue, which was seconded by John Krebs. The motion passed unanimously.

Rich Evans continues to make minor changes to the V&H bylaws and has emailed members today. All changes should be done in a few days, and will be emailed to members. Krebs requests discussion of these changes via email, with a vote to follow.

Krebs opened the floor for open discussion.

Discussion on getting eastern boats to travel to west coast events and vice versa followed.

The Southern Maryland outboard group has submitted 3 sanctions for 2018.

The progress of development of the Miami Marine Stadium was discussed.

The possibility of adopting an expanded online communication system for V&H was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned on motion of Rich Evans, seconded by Dan Joseph, at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Joseph
V&H Secretary