

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held March 27, 2017
At Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1833 hours. Board members and officers present were Wendy Filler, Jim Mallory, Dick Booth, George Pennington, Robert Hindle, Grant Dumas, Kim Beaty, Tish Wold and Mike Kayusa, This represented a quorum.

The minutes of the meeting December 5, 2016 were accepted as presented.

There were no electronic Board actions since the last meeting.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented his report as of February 28, 2017. Year to Date revenue is \$12,843, \$2,231 over budget and \$2,640 ahead of last year. Expenses are \$8,629, \$1,812 under budget and \$2,030 less than last year. Income is \$4,214. Cash in the bank is \$15,334. The Treasurer noted that the web site hosting renewals have been paid by Paul Auman but not yet invoiced to PHRF. He stated that will be about \$600 budgeted earlier but not yet expended. The report was accepted as presented.

The Web Master's report was presented by Dick Booth. Dick had a follow up conversation with Jeff Kensinger regarding web support. After the conversation, Dick felt that Jeff could be helpful in an emergency but that he was very, very busy and Jeff's first choice to get the database, etc on line would be to re write the entire web site. Jeff stated that he is not Word Press experienced and it is not his preference to work with. It was Dick's feeling that Jeff would have to be paid going prices to get it accomplished in a timely manner and we would scrap all we currently have. Next, Dick and Jim Mallory met with the staff at Digital Eel, a web design and hosting company in St Pete Beach, to get a feel for the cost and steps for an arm's length quote to move the database and processes to on line. After a two hour meeting, Dick and Jim felt they were interested but the project was more complicated than they expected. Later on, Digital Eel confirmed that they could "not accommodate" our job currently. Dick spoke to Paul Auman on March 20 and told him we wanted to discuss paying him to complete the move to on line everything. He said he was open to that and a face to face meeting will be set up to work thru the details. The Board then passed a motion authorizing Dick Booth to negotiate with Paul to complete the move to completely on line functions.

President Wendy Filler reported that Robert Hindle will be resigning sometime in June to go cruising and that he will be working to find a replacement from the Sarasota area. The President asked for suggestions for a nomination committee to fill the slate for the annual meeting. After discussion, the Board approved a motion to appoint a nominating committee of Jamie Myers, Fairley Brinkley and Dick Booth with Jamie as Chairperson. The current officers and rating committee chairperson agreed to seek re-election as did Board members Grant Dumas and Mike Kayusa. The Board also approved a motion to hold the Annual Meeting at St Pete Yacht Club at 2pm on the previously approved date of June 17, 2017. There will be hors d' oeuvres and keg beer as well as other beverages for purchase. Wendy circulated trophy examples, which the Board agreed with, and she agreed to order them at the end of the season.

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory reported that there are 360 certificates issued. He reported that WFPHRF information at US Sailing has been updated. Jim asked the best way to notify a member that his rating has been changed outside of a formal review. This is in the Class Rules but often email addresses are out of date since the renewals table is not readily accessible off line. Jim is working with Wicked Wicked Way to get a proper rating, but the owner keeps modifying the boat, yet wants to race "just for the fun." The boat continues to be a problem to rate.

Under old business, Grant Dumas reported that the spinnaker A fleet is still shadow scoring ORC in a continuing test to substantiate the PHRF ratings for the fleet. It was noted that the North American ORC manager presented a trophy at the St Pete NOODS.

Under New Business, Dick Booth reported further on his conversation with Jeff Kensinger. Jeff asked Dick what the WFPHRF-WFYRA relationship is. Dick did not provide an answer as that is a question for the Board. Jeff also stated that club support for WFYRA has diminished but the site has about 250 Facebook followers. Jeff has paid the \$130 renewal fee for the web address. WFPHRF needs to decide how to interact with WFYRA. A suggestion was made to have a WFPHRF informational web site run by people from the sailing community. Other suggestions involved getting the race results on the WFPHRF web site and develop a news letter. The need for cruising spinnaker penalties was brought up again and after discussion, the discussion was tabled

The next meeting is scheduled for 11AM, June 17, 2017at St Pete Yacht Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2101.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary