

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held January 10, 2018
At Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1832 hours. Members and officers present were Wendy Filler, Dick Booth, Charles Mixson, Kim Beaty, Tish Wold and Grant Dumas, representing a quorum. George Pennington, Jim Mallory and Mike Kayusa were absent.

The minutes of the meeting October 2, 2017 were accepted as presented.

There were no electronic actions taken since the last meeting.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented the financial report as of December 31, 2017. Year to Date revenue was \$8,399, \$2,355 behind the same date last year. Expenses were \$7,424, \$119 less than last year. Income was \$975, \$2,474 less than last year. Cash in the bank was \$15,148, against \$14,569 last year. The Treasurer pointed out that WFPHRF has spent \$1,100 on board approved web site development. This amount was not budgeted. The report was accepted as presented.

The Web Master's report was presented by Dick Booth. He reported continued progress by Auman and Associates on the general updating of the web site and moving the database to on line. There is a meeting with Dick, Jim Mallory and Auman and Associates scheduled for January 12. And, given that WFYRA has been dormant this year, Dick will attempt to gather BOTY regional standings and post them on the web site.

President Wendy Filler brought up that regatta organizers need to be persistent in using the Valid Certificate tool available online to ensure that regatta participants have valid certificates. A recent regatta had 7 registered boats without a valid certificate. She also emphasized the need to get more people involved as board members to help with the guidance of our organization. The President also relayed that she has received a phone call regarding ratings issues. She directed the boat, Dragon Fly, to file formal appeal. It was determined that there are some data errors with that boat's rating that need to be corrected.

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory's was absent but reported by emails that bow sprits and spinnaker designs and sizes were being reviewed on an individual basis. A member has asked if he can raise and lower his center board while racing. After discussion it was determined that dagger boards are really retractable keels and should always be raced all the way down by design and for safety while center boards can be raced in any position as they are a pointing aid.

Under old business, the Board wants to get all BOTY results on the web site. It was determined that this should be possible if all regions will send a simple report in excel format to Dick Booth so it can be posted as a pdf. Code 0 sails were again discussed as some boats from out of our area did not report them, but did race with them in such as the Cuba race. Cruising Class ratios were discussed as it was pointed out that several boats are in one of the cruising classes yet fail one or more of the ratios for that class. It was noted that a boat owner is responsible for picking his racing class and that may lead to some of the errors. There also is a question about reviewing all the consistently last place boats to be sure their handicaps are correct. Grant Dumas updated the board on the ORC shadow scoring and that SPSA is experimenting with a golf handicap system called WIZI that adjusts a handicap after every race. It was also noted that there have not been many synthetic backstays reported.

Under New Business, it was decided to start an XL spreadsheet to track all boats racing to see if handicaps need adjusting based on performance once the season is over. A task force was formed with Grant Dumas, Jim Mallory and Dick Booth to work on the XL details.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1830 hours, March 12, 2018, at Bird Key Yacht Club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary