

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held March 7, 2016
At Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1837 hours. Board members and officers present were, Wendy Filler, Jim Mallory, Robert Hindle, George Pennington, Kim Beaty, Grant Dumas, Mike Kayusa and Dick Booth. Paul Auman was absent. This represented a quorum.

The minutes of the last meeting held on December 7, 2015 were accepted as presented.

There were no electronic actions since the last meeting.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented his report as of February 29, 2016. Year to Date revenue is \$11,281, \$414 under budget. YTD expense is \$10,659, \$1,120 under budget. YTD profit is \$622, \$706 over budget. Cash in the bank is \$12,019. The Board accepted the report as presented.

President Filler reported about the BOTY results in preparation for the annual awards. Grant and George are handling Suncoast and the far southern regions will have their reports in on time. She also reported that the Ft Myers region may not have a BOTY series for the 2016-17 season. Participation appears to have declined. Ideas were presented and suppliers discussed for the upcoming BOTY awards trophies. The President said she would review the suggestions and present final choices by email.

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory reported that synthetic backstays and rigging have come up again and he will review all "ind" adjustments and present his findings by April 1. There was discussion about changing all "ind" adjustments to a flat -3 sec per mile. It was determined that this would need further study. Jim reported that the US Sailing report changes are being done, but that the reporting process on line is cumbersome. He also reported that Tack Tick passed the self righting test with Jim and Dick Booth present. Tack Tick self righted several times with the sails close hauled and main sail cleated.

Under Web Master's report, Dick Booth reported that he had a recent training session with Paul Auman regarding posting to the web site and that he now can make many of the simple changes in messages as well as post minutes, etc. Dick also reported that Paul will have the revised Certificate layout on the web site by July 1, 2016.

Under old business, the discussion about "ind" vs. -3 continued as did the synthetic rigging discussion.

Under New Business, it was requested to review the racer/cruiser and cruiser class rules to better define the boats in the classes by length and displacement to keep the class competitive. It was suggested to ask the technical committee for help with this.

It was determined that, by the Class Rules, a Cruising Spinnaker cannot be larger than the boat's symmetrical spinnaker area. Further, if a Cruising Class boat is using a factory supplied or other asymmetrical spinnaker as a Cruising Class spinnaker, it still cannot exceed the area of the symmetrical spinnaker for that boat.

It was suggested that the Sport Boat endorsement be revived and applied to all boats with a 75 to 1 sail area to displacement ratio and they be limited to category 5 races only. Also, the 75 to 1 ratio may need to be adjusted to suit modern keelboats.

The nominating committee was formed to include Dick Booth, Mike Kayusa and chaired by Jamie Myers, with a report due by May 15th. All present members whose terms are up and the officers agreed to stand for re election. Paul Auman tendered his resignation to the President previously as his work schedule has significantly increased. He agreed to continue to be the web master as needed. George Pennington agreed to stand for election as Vice President in place of Paul.

After discussion, the Board approved St Pete Yacht Club as venue for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 25, 2016, beginning at 1400 hours with the BOTY awards to follow.

Finally, the President requested that the perpetual trophies be collected by Board members in preparation for the BOTY awards.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 25, 2016 at St Pete Yacht Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2052.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary