

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held June 18, 2016
At St Petersburg Yacht Club, St Petersburg, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1109 hours. Board members and officers present were, Wendy Filler, Jim Mallory, Dick Booth, Robert Hindle, George Pennington, Kim Beaty, Grant Dumas, Mike Kayusa and Paul Auman was absent. This represented a quorum.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2016 were accepted as presented.

There were two electronic Board actions since the last meeting recorded here. On March 10, 2016, the Board passed a motion to move the Annual Meeting and BOTY awards from June 25, 2016 to June 18, 2016 because of a venue conflict. On May 20, 2016, the Board passed a motion to approve the 2016-17 budget in preparation for the Annual Meeting.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented his report as of May 31, 2016, which is also the end of the 2015-16 fiscal year. Year to Date revenue is \$12,934, \$1,330 under budget. YTD expense is \$13,191, \$1,006 under budget. YTD loss is \$257, \$324 over budget. Cash in the bank is \$11,120. The Board accepted the report as presented. George Pennington noted that the SPYC race to Havana will be held February 28, 2017, which should generate some unexpected new application revenue. The President suggested we have a rotating acting secretary to take the minutes at future meeting to give Dick Booth a break since he also has a lot of information to present as administrator.

The Web Master's report was presented by Dick Booth in Paul Auman's absence. Dick explained that Paul was stepping back from day to day web work and that Dick would be doing most of the postings and simple changes while Paul continued with problem solving and improvements. Dick noted that the web site operates in Word Press which has chat room features as well as web site capability, and that the "back room" (financial and renewal) side of our web site still runs on the old software so it is somewhat fragile and old school. It was noted that Paul will have the revised certificate form available on line by July 1, 2017. Two problems were brought up. The president asked that the name of Dragon Fly Two be corrected. It was noted that is has been changed in the spreadsheet but won't change on line. Jim Mallory noted that when he posts the spread sheet to the web, it does not apparently create new users for the new certificates. Both are problems for Paul's attention.

President Filler reported that Paul Auman has resigned from the Board as his work load has increased dramatically. The president thanked Paul for his service, especially creating the new web site. A previous discussion was cited that the Board wanted to thank Paul with some sort of gift for the web site work, realizing it could not ever be as much as it would have cost commercially. After discussion, the Board passed a motion to give Paul \$1,000 in a Visa gift card as a token of our appreciation.

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory reported that he was unable to complete the US Sailing rating report by deadline as the on line reporting process was horrible. US Sailing is reported to have a better process next year. This means that no WFPHRF ratings have been reported for 2014 or 2015, but that existing data remained. He reported that WFPHRF had 350 active certificates for this past season and the database has 1136 boat records. Jim reported that the VXOne rating controversy was solved by using the USSA software to compute the current 63 handicap. He reported there are no appeals pending and that he is working on a rating for a modified Spray 40.

Under old business, the discussion about "ind" vs. -3 rating adjustments and synthetic rigging were continued. It was determined that more time and study is needed on both. The synthetic rigging issue was determined to need a solution so the members will have time to act. Therefore the changes to the class rules for synthetic rigging will be announced no later than January 1, 2017 and be put in effect July 1, 2017. The Sport boat endorsement was brought up to help categorize the new lightweight boat. It was determined that the ratios for Sport Boat might have to be changed before it was put back into use.

Under New Business, the Board acted on a member request to review Class Rule 2.2.A, the 5 mile maximum leg length of a buoy course. After discussion, it was determined to leave that as it is, given that race organizers can choose a shorter length at their discretion. George Pennington stated that Jeff Kensinger at WFYRA wants to continue to do emails to members and the Board agreed that was a good idea. The exception being that the notice to members of the Annual Meeting was an official notice, better coming from a WFPHRF email address. George stated that Jeff needs an updated email list and more news from south of Suncoast. Grant Dumas suggested that the Annual Meeting not be held again on nationwide Sailstice weekend again, and that we still need to communicate better with the members.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30pm August 29, 2016 at Bird Key Yacht Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1326.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary