

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held August 29, 2016
At Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1854 hours. Board members and officers present were, Wendy Filler, Jim Mallory, Dick Booth, Robert Hindle, George Pennington, Kim Beaty, Grant Dumas, Mike Kayusa, and Tish Wold This represented a quorum.

The minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2016 were accepted as presented.

There were no electronic Board actions since the last meeting recorded here.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented his report as of July 31, 2016. Year to Date revenue is \$ 3,139, \$938 under budget. YTD expense is \$3,545, \$1,653 under budget. Cash in the bank is \$10,714. He also explained that these numbers do not reflect some checks that have not been cleared since issue at the annual meeting. 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 new application revenue and that SPYC may be accepting more applications beyond their original limit of 70 boats.

The Web Master's report was presented by Dick Booth. Dick explained that he is working with Paul regarding discrepancies between the online certificates and those that are in the data base. This is ongoing and subject to Paul's availability. Board members were encouraged to send Dick boat pictures and he will see about incorporating into the website.

President Wendy Filler reported that things have been quiet with only a few requests regarding certificates which have been or will be address in the near future by the Rating Committee and Chair.

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory reported that 171 renewals have been processed and 12 renewals are pending. He informed the board that we are ahead of where we were last year at this point. He reported that there are two appeals. One is regarding Wicked Wicked Ways, a boat with substantial modifications and he questions if the boat can be fairly rated. He will contact the area committee member and calculate a rating so that the boat can be raced. The Board discussed heavily modified boats and decided that we are an inclusive organization but that we do not encourage extreme modifications. The second appeal was concerning a J 105, J-Hawk, which has a well-established history and US Sail rating. The owner has been informed there will be no changes in his rating. Rating Committee George Cussins, who races a J-105, did not participate in the proceedings regarding J-Hawk. Morning Glory was again brought up as having a modified keel, but is not participating in the BOTY series so a further review has been put off.

Under old business, Dick Booth read the wording to be included in our Class Rules regarding certificates. It includes one rating certificate per boat with one change per year. Any further changes would require a new certificate and payment of current fees. The Board passed a motion to add this language to the class rules effective upon publication. The board decided to table discussion regarding reinstating the Sport Boat endorsement because so few boats qualify. It was decided to leave it up to race committees as to fleet composition and scoring.

Jim Mallory presented his committee's finding and recommendations regarding synthetic rigging. After presenting the information, a motion was made to assign a penalty of 3 seconds for synthetic back stay, 3 seconds for forestay, and 9 seconds for shrouds. The vote failed. More discussion ensued resulting in a second motion to assign no penalty for backstay, 3 seconds forestay, and 9 seconds for shrouds. The second motion failed to get 2/3rd yea vote. More discussion ensued and a motion for penalties of 3 second for forestay, 9 seconds for shrouds and 0 seconds for backstay passed by a 2/3rd majority with 1 abstention and 1 against. And all synthetic rigging, original equipment or as a modification, will be required to reported to WFPHRF and noted on certificates.

Under New Business, Grant Dumas recommended that the board consider the possibility of aligning with Club ORC scoring in conjunction with PHRF standards. He also reported that Suncoast Spinnaker A fleet is informally scoring the fleet using ORC. Grant reported that they are using the ORC club rating, not the ocean rating certificate and that KWRW has replaced PHRF with ORC. The President asked that all board members take consider this and be ready to discuss it further at the next meeting. Dick Booth has looked at the disparity of reported spinnakers within the Cruising Fleet and presented some information. He asked that the Board consider setting a standard to better rate the various sized cruising spinnakers. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30pm December 5, 2016 at Bird Key Yacht Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2123.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary