

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held December 5, 2016
At Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1840 hours. Board members and officers present were, Wendy Filler, Jim Mallory, Dick Booth, George Pennington, Robert Hindle, Grant Dumas and Mike Kayusa, This represented a quorum. Kim Beaty and Tish Wold were absent.

The minutes of the meeting August 28, 2016 were accepted as presented.

There were no electronic Board actions since the last meeting.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented the report as of October 31, 2016. Year to Date revenue is \$9,148, which is \$2,160 over budget and \$2,011 ahead of last year. Same period expenses are \$5,972, \$1,188 under budget and \$1,476 less than last year. Income is \$3,176, \$3,348 over budget and \$3,487 over last year. Cash in the bank is \$14,296. The report was accepted as presented. It was suggested that, if the cash position remained this good, the annual meeting food might be expanded to include a dinner.

The Web Master's report was presented by Dick Booth. He explained that the on line renewal table, which is the data collected form on line renewals, has been cleaned up to eliminate long standing typo errors, etc. He noted that this renewals file supersedes any information in the spreadsheet for personal information changes except owner's name. Dick also noted that the one line certificate PDF still needs adjustment to match the off line correct layout certificate and that this will require Paul's help. It was suggested that Jeff Kensingler may be needed to work on this since Paul Auman has a very busy work schedule.

President Wendy Filler reported that it would be good to begin to think about the annual meeting next year. SPYC was suggested as a location again, but the costs for a full dinner might be prohibitive. After discussion, the date for that meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, June 17, 2017 with the location and menu to be determined. This date avoided the Summer Sailstice conflict.

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory reported that there are 268 active certificates, down about 30 certificates from last year this time. He reported he is working to rate a 73 foot steel schooner for the Cuba race and it is challenging. Dick booth suggested another blast email urging members to renew. Jim is currently reviewing the ratings for Wicked, Wicked Ways and Jazzy. The President suggested that Wicked, Wicked Ways be asked to NOT modify his boat during the racing season to avoid in season changes. Jim also reported he is working to get the USSA annual report done by the end of December. There was some continued discussion about the Sport Boat endorsement which the Board had previously voted to eliminate. A motion was made and approved to table the discussion, which effectively ends all discussion about the Sport Boat endorsement. The spreadsheet date will be preserved, but the descriptor in the class rules will be removed.

Under old business, Grant Dumas provided an update of the Suncoast spinnaker fleet's shadow scoring using ORC. He reminded the Board of the details of the two ORC certificates and scoring methods and that the simple ORC scoring is generally mirroring the PHRF scoring. He stated that he has contacted ORC to find out how to use the more detailed scoring method and the reply was that more race course info would be needed and the fleet boats would need to be professionally measured. Jim Mallory suggested researching the cost of having the participating spinnaker boats measured for the full ORC certificates, and Grant agreed to look into this. Jim also said he would be interested in becoming a certified ORC measurer if the training is available. Grant will continue to provide updates on the scoring experiment.

Under New Business, Dick Booth brought up some inconsistencies in our terms and definitions of sail measurements. He stated he would be making the needed corrections in the class rules, application and certificate. He also brought the Cruising class spinnaker usage and that there needs to be definitions for the cruising spinnakers. Dick noted that new boat come with a cruising spinnaker that is the same size as a full asymmetric spinnaker, while older boats might have the traditional 75-85% cruising spinnaker. He also noted that Jim Mallory has reported cruising spinnaker boats using poles, which is against class rules. After more discussion, the Board agreed that there needs to be some uniformity in cruising spinnakers as we have at least 3 races where they can be used when declared. Jim and Dick agreed to draft rules that could be put into effect for next season after Board approval. 80% was suggested as a standard cruising spinnaker size. Finally, the two non spinnaker offset formulas was brought up. Dick Booth noted that the typo in the Class Rules has been fixed but the formulas in the spreadsheet were always correct and that they calculate different offsets for a boat declaring symmetric vs. asymmetric spinnaker. John Lynch has also brought this up in the past. It was determined that Rating Chair and the Fleet Administrator with make sure only true asymmetric original design boats have the AS designation and non spin offset.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30pm March 20, 2017 at Bird Key Yacht Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2052.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary