

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held June 17, 2017
At St Petersburg Yacht Club, St Petersburg, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1111 hours. Members and officers present were Wendy Filler, Jim Mallory, Dick Booth, George Pennington, Robert Hindle, Grant Dumas, Tish Wold and Mike Kayusa representing a quorum. Kim Beaty was absent.

The minutes of the meeting March 27, 2017 were accepted as presented.

On May 17, 2017, the Board electronically approved the 2017-18 operating budget and it is noted here for the record.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented the financial report as of May 31, 2017 which is also the end of year. Year to Date revenue is \$14,324, \$1,383 over budget and \$1,390 ahead of last year. Expenses are \$11,271, \$1,007 under budget and \$1,920 less than last year. Income is \$3,053. Cash in the bank is \$14,173. The report was accepted as presented.

The Web Master's report was presented by Dick Booth. He met with Paul Auman and Paul presented a plan for his company to re-platform the website to a containerized package and to complete the move to an entirely on line application. This would eliminate the current Excel files offline and the update process. The New Application form would eventually be removed from Formstack and put on line as the final step. After that, we would have a completely on line process in our own "container", free from the effects of host software change. And we should be able to move to any host, not having to worry about our legacy php website crashing from host changes. The possibility continues to exist to add sponsorships to the web site if we can find ways to improve traffic. Dick suggested working with Southwinds to sell the sponsorships. The Auman proposal has an estimated budget of \$3,000 to containerize the web site, convert the Excel process to a web application, and improve the on line certificate, and an annual maintenance cost of \$500. The estimated time frame for completion is the end of the 2017. The Board passed a motion authorizing a maximum of \$4,500 for the project and annual maintenance fee, and authorized Dick Booth to begin working with Paul.

President Wendy Filler thanks Robert Hindle for his service and noted that Charles Mixson has been nominated to take his place. She reported that the Caloosahatchee and Southwest Florida regions will combine under the Southwest Florida name due to lower participation. She asked the Board members to track down any perpetual trophies not awarded recently and see if we can retrieve them. WFYRA was brought up. Grant felt that WFYRA should be posting the BOTY notices and results and handle most email notifications for WFYRA. The President tasked Grant and George with clarifying the relationship between WFPHRF and WFYRA. Discussion was had on how to get all regatta results on a web site quickly. George Pennington stated that most computerized race management programs have a simple results export feature for just such use.

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory reported that Randy St John has resigned from the Rating Committee and would not be replaced at this time but the Technical Committee remains the same. Jim stated that all our ratings have been updated in the US Sailing database and new boats are updated when they are entered in our files. He reviewed our ratings compared to other PHRF regions and affirmed that the J-35 72 rating is still the standard boat. It was suggested that we should take a more active approach using observed performance to adjust our ratings.

Under old business, Grant Dumas gave a brief update on the ORC shadow scoring of the spinnaker A fleet last season. There was limited enthusiasm from most participants. He said he will attempt to get more boats interested for the coming season.

Under New Business, Jim Mallory proposed adding a penalty for spinnaker boats having a longer than J measurement pole as their OEM or Class configuration. After some discussion, this was tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1830 hours, September 11, at Bird Key Yacht Club, pending availability of space.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1255 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary