

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held October 2, 2017
At Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1828 hours. Members and officers present were Wendy Filler, Jim Mallory, Dick Booth, George Pennington, Charles Mixson, Kim Beaty, Tish Wold and Mike Kayusa, representing a quorum. Grant Dumas was absent.

The minutes of the meeting June 27, 2017 were accepted.

On July 12, 2017, the Board electronically approved a motion to “lay the motion on the table” (table a motion) to change the Class Rules, and this action is noted here for the record.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented the financial report as of August 31, 2017. Year to Date revenue is \$5,209, \$1,131 behind last year as of the same date. Expenses are \$3,383, \$1,269 less than last year. Income is \$1,237, the same as last year. Cash in the bank is \$15,410. The report was accepted as presented. The Treasurer noted his concerns for revenue being behind budget and last year at this time. He reminded everyone that there is a USSA Sailing Leadership forum coming up in St. Pete. Kim Beaty announced he will be attending and will co-represent WFPHRF.

The Web Master’s report was presented by Dick Booth. He reported continued progress by Paul Auman and Associates on the general updating of the web site and moving the database to on line. There is hope of having it on line in early 2018.

President Wendy Filler brought up the regatta organizers tool on the web site is still mentioning the MIR which was removed from the Class Rules in 2005, and can that be corrected to a link to US Sailing rules on this area. .

Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory’s report began with Grant Dumas asked if the Rating Chair is reviewing all the BOTY winners ratings as well as those boats at the bottom of their classes. Discussion was had that we don’t rate skippers, only boats. And those that race with a “pro” on board tend to do better. Jim reported that Tom Barry of the technical committee gives the most feedback and very good feedback. Jim reported 3 pending appeals, with 2 having no likely change. He then discussed the Class Rules regarding over length spinnaker poles and how it is sometimes difficult to determine if a boat came standard, or was designed with, an over length pole and is that always reflected in the national base rating. He also reported in increase in symmetric spinnaker boats wanting to add a short bow sprit and an asymmetric spinnaker. Jim said he will look at the J-105 deep draft ratings and also look at removing provisional rating on certificates where it was no longer provisional.

Under old business, the Board wants to get all BOTY results on the web site. It was determined that this should be possible if all regions will send a simple report in excel format to Dick Booth so it can be posted as a pdf.

Under New Business, Jim Mallory discussed cutter rigs and that two head sails are not currently allowed in the Class Rules and no other PHRF region currently addresses cutter rigs. But we have a lot of cruising certificates and a lot of Island Packet boats and other cutter rigs. He asked should we address this in the Class Rules. There was no definitive answer. On the rating certificate, it is noted that only boats in one of the cruising fleets show a correct and complete cruiser rating. The question is should we allow certificates not in cruising classes to show the full cruising rating details. Additional discussion was held on time on distance vs. time on time scoring. George Pennington stated that time on time favors smaller boats when the winds die or in consistent light air. He has done past studies and generally TOT brings the fleet closer together but doesn’t change the results.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1830 hours, December 4, 2017, at Bird Key Yacht Club, pending availability of space.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2037 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary