

West Florida PHRF Inc
Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held September 21, 2015
At Bird Key Yacht Club, Sarasota, FL

President Wendy Filler called the meeting to order at 1832 hours. Members present were Paul Auman, Grant Dumas, Robert Hindle, George Pennington, Kim Beaty, Mike Kayusa and Dick Booth. Jim Mallory was absent. This represented a quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting on July 11, 2015 were accepted as presented.

There were no electronic actions since the last meeting.

Treasurer Dick Booth presented his report as of August 31, 2015. . Year to Date revenues were \$\$4,707, \$812 under budget. YTD expenses were \$6,058, \$525 under budget. YTD loss was \$1,351, which was \$287 over budget. Cash in the bank was \$10,433. The report was accepted as presented. The treasurer noted that we have not had a renewal form the Yucatan group of boat, suggesting they are likely not spending the money to renew and not worried about valid certificates.

President Filler commented about what our mission is regarding rating PHRF boats and whether or not we should be doing active inspections as opposed to accepting self-reporting. Discussion with Board indicated that in the case of Martin 243, there should be an inspection and self-righting test done. The President also inquired about our liability in doing so and what insurance coverage that we may have. Paul volunteered to investigate what we may be covered by under the US Sailing umbrella. Much of this dialog was in the interest of the safety of our fleet in light of what had happened in the Gulf race.

The president reported on behalf of Rating Committee Chair Jim Malory that we had 181 renewals and 32 new certificates to date. The report stated that the Viper certificates are being issued and that the Martin 243 performed a self righting test several years ago, but the test did not follow the WFPHRF self righting test as outline in Appendix I of the Class Rules. There is a video of the test taken by the Penningtons and George Pennington confirmed that the sails were not hoisted and sheeted in fully and cleated. The Board unanimously approved a motion to require the Martin 243 to undergo a new self righting test, following the WFPHRF test procedure. Grand Dumas and Mike Kayusa abstained from voting as they are Marin 243 competitors. It was also noted that the Vipers, VX1's and Martin 243 are authorized for category 5 races only on their certificates, and that they must carry the required category safety gear including an engine, bracket and fuel. The Rating Committee Chair was also asked to be sure all boats that should be category 5 are notes same on their certificates.

The Web Master was not present, but Paul Auman report nothing on his behalf. At the President's request, Paul also presented an in depth history of the new web site, its status today and Paul's involvement to bring the entire Board up to date. At the end of the presentation, the question was raised that, given that WFPHRF is in the second year of flat and now declining revenues, is a paid web master still something we can afford. It was pointed out that last meeting the Board eliminated the phone and fax line expenses. After discussion, the board passed a motion to suspend the web master contract for financial reasons, paying him through the end of September. The President agreed to communicate this to the web master.

Under old business, the administrator was directed to ask US Sailing about filing our annual report of ratings for our region since they have not yet asked for our data.

Under new business, the question of insurance was previously brought up. As noted above, Paul Auman agreed to look into the types of insurance WFPHRF should carry, if any. This includes asking US Sailing if they cover WFPHRF as an entity and a Board and Officers.

The question of a definition for a cruising spinnaker was brought up and it was determined that the formula was in Appendix A in the formulas section.

The question was brought up again to allow non members to view the rating certificates. After discussion, the board passed a motion to make the boat make/model and ratings available on line in an abbreviated pdf file of the database to be updated no more than quarterly.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 7, 2015 at Bird Key Yacht Club.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1321.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Booth
WFPHRF Secretary