

201610 Minutes
October 6th, 2016

Regular Meeting Call to Order – 7:04 LYC

Members Present – Ken Humphries, Mark Matthews, Gerhard Wittich, David Lindsay, Scott Tuma, Cran Fraser, Jeff Kitterman, Jim Apple, Tim Broadhead

Members absent – Keith Fowler, Jay Zittler

Approve August 2016 meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report:

Starting balance on 9/1; \$5,436.98 – Deposits; \$40.00 – Withdrawals; \$0 Total
9/30; \$5,476.98

PayPal account 9/30; \$6,482 – Total; \$11,958.12

New Business:

Ratings: No boats for committee to rate.

Dwight Bengston, Harvest Moon Regatta PRO made a presentation about the upcoming HMR:

- Bacardi Racing Fleet being scored with ORC-Club has 22 entries.
- PHRF Spinnaker Fleet has 12 entries.
- Ken Taylor with Regatta Network will be scoring the ORC-Club boats.
- Only about 30% of registrants have a valid PHRF or ORC-Club certificate.
- For 2017, all entrants will be required to have a valid PHRF or ORC-Club certificate.
- Mark Matthews received a big thank you for assisting with the ratings of various boats, cleaning up class divisions and placing boats in the correct division for the Harvest Moon Regatta.

PHRF-GB Fees for 2017: The committee voted to increase the application fee to \$40.00 and to eliminate the discount for early renewal.

Discussion Items:

1. ORC-Club: As a follow-up ORC measurement sessions on Sept 24 & 25th: Consensus was that the committee learned a lot about actually measuring a boat and the techniques used to get a correct rating. Big thanks to Dobbs Davis from ORC-Club for the training and the help that he provided.
2. Considered the advisability of setting up a special team or subcommittee to handle ORC-Club measurements that might serve Galveston Bay as well as other sailing centers on the Gulf Coast. Consensus was that we do not need to set up a special group at this time. Quarterly measurement session will be scheduled to handle new request requests. Available committee members will handle measurement. This may be reconsidered based on the future demand for ORC-Club ratings and measurements.
3. Committee was in favor of setting up an ORC-Club “Measurer’s Bag” with all of the proper equipment for conducting an accurate measurement. Scot Tuma and Jim Apple have been given the task of looking into cost and reporting back to committee.
4. Discussed where ORC-Club measurement sessions should be held: at the owner’s slip or a suitable designated location. Consensus was to go to the owner’s slip as long as it provided necessary access to boat and protection from any wind or wave action. Owner would be required to have a dingy available to the measurers.
5. Decided to have an ORC-Club link on the PHRF-GB website. The link would include instructions on the correct procedure for obtaining an ORC-Club certificate.
6. Discussed the upcoming PHRF-GB elections for 2017 and the need to identify at least one new member for next year’s board

Old Business:

1. **Rating adjustments for sprit poles / asym spinnakers:** Discussed whether the rating adjustments for various combinations of SA/D, sprit poles & asym spinnakers established for 2015 needed to be revised. Based on the short period of time that the adjustments had been in effect and the fact that the committee was not aware of any complaints or unexpected race results, the committee decided not to make any changes at this time.

2. **Considered changing name of PHRFGB committee to reflect support ORC-Club:**

The committee decided not to initiate a name change at this time. A name change may be considered in the future if ORC-Club gains use and acceptance on Galveston Bay. Also, there may be legal issues and/or expenses related to changing the name of a registered non-profit organization.

3. **Review ratings of boats that have increased spinnaker sizes since original rating was established:**

Discussion was that although a number of boats are suspected of racing with over sized spinnakers, the committee does not have any data to support adjusting ratings. The committee decided to include a note with the 2017 renewal notices cautioning all fleet members to make certain that they are accurately reporting the sizes of their current sails and to report any special sails, such as Code Zeros. Boats suspected of non-compliance would be subject to having their sails measured by the committee.

Call to adjourn was passed and the meeting ended at 8:55!

Meeting notes/Jim Apple