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January 15, 2017 – PHRF-LE MEETING MINUTES –Houlihan’s, Westlake, OH

Attendance: Kellner, Synowiec, Raynor, Ryan, Tushak, Burris, Schiavoni, Gilford Ruckstuhl, Lillo,

Administrative – – Meeting was called to order at 10:30am with a quorum present. Minutes were reviewed and approved with no changes from the November meeting. The December meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Base Rating

NEW RATINGS

NEW APPLICATIONS

Modifications

Treasurers Report –

- Balance at 12/31/16 16,492.43. Financial statement through 12/31/16. Balance continues to be where we want it.
- The 2016 Budget was approved. After the final review of the budget, the committee voted to discontinue the new application discount. Renewals will be \$35.00 before May 15th and \$45.00 thereafter. New applications will be \$35.00

OLD BUSINESS

- Rating Review for 2016-2017 – Ratings below 100; review continued
- New Ratings Review 2016-2017; review continued
- C&C 34+ DK- continue to look at differences for clarification. Reviewed data. Paul Schiavoni will contact the member and clarify the different ratings.

NEW BUSINESS

- Report of ILYA Winter meeting – Bill gave an update from the Bay Week meeting. PHRF-LE rules and ratings will not be used at ILYA Bay Week. Bill noted for the committee that there are PHRF-LE rules not covered by US Sailing rules such as JAM rules, oversized sails, crew limits, etc. The PHRF-LE rules were not referenced in 2016. Several other PHRF-LE members present at the meeting also expressed concern that the PHRF-LE rules are not referenced in the Notice of Race. The PHRF portion of the meeting was attended by about 51 people. Bill covered the financial position and took questions from the audience.
- Matt Kern contacted the committee about his intention to buy a code 1 spinnaker. He plans to attach a block for the tack-line to the bottom of the forestay turnbuckle at the stem and will still be within the J-dimension limit. The committee confirmed there would be no penalty. Keith will contact Matt and cover further with him.

- Dave Mead currently carries a 6 second penalty for a deck mounted gennaker pole. He is discontinuing the use of the deck mounted pole for PHRF racing. Will use the gennaker if it measures in. He has purchased a new to him symmetrical spinnaker and will use the class legal spinnaker pole of 13.0. The symmetrical spinnaker measures in on our calculator. The gennaker area is larger than allowed and cannot be used without penalty.
- The officers for 2017 were presented. Keith Gilford volunteered for Vice Chairman replacing Chris Merkle. The vote was unanimous and the Officers for 2017 will be the as follows:
 - Bill Kellner – Chairman and Chief Handicapper
 - Keith Gilford – Vice Chairman
 - Judy Kellner – Secretary/Treasurer
- Handicapper attendance was reviewed. The committee regretfully accepted Colin Mills resignation from the committee. Reason stated from Colin was because he is doing less racing. Area handicappers for 2017 were confirmed as follows:
 - Dick Synowiec/Ford Yacht Club
 - Chris Merkle/Lorain
 - George Raynor/Chagrin Lagoons
 - Bill Kellner/Sandusky Sailing Club
 - Jon Tushak/Erie Yacht Club
 - David Lengyel/Ashtabula
 - Roger Pollack/Grosse Ile
 - Dave Ryan/Catawba Island Club
 - Mike Barry/Buffalo Yacht Club
 - Jim Kulwicki/Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club
 - Sandy Burris/Lakeside
 - Paul Schiavoni/Buffalo Harbor Sailing Club
 - John Glanville/Monroe Boat Club
 - Keith Gilford/North Cape Yacht Club
 - Cliff Ruckstuhl/Port Clinton Yacht Club
 - Aarne Lillo/Edgewater Yacht Club

499 members 2016; 514 members for 2015; 521 members 2014; 533 members 2013; 574 members in 2012; 604 members in 2011; 605 members 2010; 616 members 2009; 619 members 2008; 629 members 2007; 644 members 2006; 668 Members 2005

Next Meetings: Sunday, February 12th – 10:30am Houlihan’s, Westlake, OH
 Sunday, March 19th –
 Sunday, April 23rd, Erie Yacht Club – 11:30am to 1:00pm; no general meeting will be held due to poor attendance the last few years.