



NC-PHRF Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2008

Attendees: Bill Jarvis, Bill White, Harry Preddy, Mark Brennesholtz

Guests: Ken Small, Jeanne Brennesholtz

1. The treasury will have \$4073.83 as of February 19, 2008. All seven clubs that we expect to pay dues for 2008 have paid: ODC, BSC, NYRA, FHYC, NSA, HYC, and PSC.
2. Jeanne is still working with Lloyd Moore on the MS Access program. Progress has been made understanding the program, but reports necessary to produce the yearbook are not yet in place. The plan is to have the yearbook published, printed and mailed before the end of March. Bill J. needs to submit the letter from the chairman.
3. A number of boats that are apparently the same have different base handicaps, and the group addressed many of them to clean up the database. Some boats were not identified as shoal, wing, fin keel, so these are now identified in the database based on the measurements submitted by the owners. A couple of others had been modified, and “mod” was added to the boat type. At least one boat had an addition error when the sailing rating was calculated. These changes and corrections are of a housekeeping nature and will provide clarity and consistency in the future.
4. The Freedom 35 *Cassiopeia* original application provided no measurements. Mark will write Mr. Clyde a letter requesting a complete application so that the boat type may be determined accurately.
5. A rating for Capri 23.5 should be 105 base, not 99. An error was made in 2004.
6. A Bristol 31.1 CB was redesignated at “Bristol 31.1 Mod” because it had had the mast shortened, with a resulting loss of sail area. The new base rating for this mod is 195P.
7. An appeal on a Finn 351 was reluctantly given a change from 111P to 117P based on some doubt about its dimensions. However, the boat has had mixed race results and is not always considered race ready. In these waters, bottom cleaning is necessary more than once or twice per year.
8. A new rating request for a J-122 was considered. It is a new class and little data is available. It raced OD at Key West and has an IRC rating. Working backward from the IRC to PHRF would suggest a rating between 35 and 45. A rating of 42P was assigned.

9. The database lacks handicaps for various ODR, PHRF, SD, SD/PHRF, etc variations, especially with J boat classes. There are other classes as well, but Mark will send a separate email to NC-PHRF committee persons to get recommendations. The committee will reconvene (via email by March 1, final decision by March 7) to finalize the recommendations so that they can make it into the 2008 Yearbook.
  - a. The committee via email analyzed and made recommendations for various configurations of J boats. A final consensus was reached March 8 and is a spreadsheet addendum to these minutes. The secretary will notify owners that have been affected.
10. There was a discussion about how to deal with boats sailing with modifications/gear that have deliberately not been reported to NC-PHRF. This is cheating. When a certificate is provided to a competitor, it is above his signature that the information on that document is accurate. While casual errors can and will occur (see items above), deliberate misinformation is not acceptable. (Baseball & steroids?) A potential penalty under USSA Rule 69 is permanent banishment from competitive sailing. The process for determining a violation is probably via a protest at a regatta, with the protest committee determining the facts, and then a referral to NC-PHRF if the protest is sustained. Specific possible offenders were not mentioned, but two unnamed sources were cited.
11. Meeting minutes will be posted on the NC-PHRF website when the secretary is comfortable that all substantial corrections and additions have been made. Posting will not await the next quarterly meeting of the NC-PHRF committee.
12. The meeting was recessed until March 7 pending consideration and resolution of paragraph #9 above.
13. The meeting was adjourned March 8, 2008. Next meeting will be in May.