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NC-PHRF Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2014

Attendees: Bill Jarvis, Dyk Luben, John Bloom, Craig Beavers, Mark Weinheimer, Harry Preddy, Mark Brennesholtz

Guests: Dave Whitney, Charlie Nelson, Dick Matthews, Capt. Tim, Mike Foster

1. Treasurer John Bloom reported our cash on hand was \$5174 plus a deposit just given him. We are solvent.
2. An appeal by Charlie Nelson of the Bristol 35.5CB rating for Art Tierney's *Quixotic* was heard. Several efforts were made to deliver the appeal to Art but were apparently not successful, and Art was not at the meeting. While the data was fairly compelling, a significant reduction of the Bristol rating would put NC-PHRF way out of the national range for the boat. *Quixotic* is a well-prepared and well-sailed boat. Base rating for Bristol 35.5CB remains 159.
3. An appeal by Jim Flaherty on the J70 rating was expected but not submitted, and Jim did not appear. After brief discussion, the comparative ratings of J70s and J80s was reviewed, but the 2013 USSA Handicap book still has few entries for the J70. We expect more comparison data in the 2014 coming out later this year. No action.
4. Provisional ratings were reviewed. Boats with "P" deleted (ratings made permanent): C&C38 MkI Mod, C&C 41CB, Catalina 30WK, Hanse 371, Hunter 23CB, Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 37 (2 boats), Kalik 40 IK, S2 9.2. Ratings remaining provisional: Allmand 31, Beneteau Oceanis 40CC, Columbia 8.7, Lockwood 27 Custom, Rocket 22, Taipan 28.
5. Our rules do not require two weeks advanced notice of an appeal, only that an appeal of another boat must be delivered to the other owner two weeks in advance of the NC-PHRF meeting. It was decided that this wording is okay. If the Committee has trouble ruling on an appeal presented on short notice, a ruling can be postponed until after the formal meeting.
6. Dick Matthews has a "new" boat under construction that will be a one-off design. He was advised to submit an Application for Rating when all the data is known, and the Committee will produce a provisional rating.
7. Mike Foster questioned whether a boat with a three-bladed fixed prop installed immediately aft of a full keel should have the same allowance as an exposed three blade (18 seconds). The Committee took it under advisement for further discussion.
8. USSA has floated a proposal requiring race participants to be members of USSA. The Committee encourages membership, but decided not to support the proposal as it would more likely decrease participation than increase USSA memberships.
9. Harry reported that since Microsoft is discontinuing support of Windows XP, which is the front door of [ncphrf.com](http://ncphrf.com), we may have to make some changes. He will make a recommendation, but there are several options.
10. Tartan 30 *Julie* has different ratings on different pages of the website. 195 sailing rating is correct. The site page Rated Yachts by Yacht Type needs to be corrected.
11. Craig passed out a "Suggestions for a Successful Rating Appeal" for review and inclusion on the website. Please comment. Craig also has a new email address: [beaverscc@gmail.com](mailto:beaverscc@gmail.com).
12. NC-PHRF officers remain the same: Bill Jarvis, Chairman; John Bloom, Treasurer; Mark Brennesholtz, Secretary.

Best regards... Mark