



Pacific Handicap Racing Fleet of the Northwest

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Notice Handicappers Council Meeting Minutes January 19, 2014

To: Officers, Directors, Handicappers, and Interested Members
From: Bill Nelson, Chief Handicapper
Date: January 24, 2014

- Bill Nelson TYC
- Kirk Utter EM
- Neil Bennett-BYC
- Rafe Beswick SSSS
- Pat McGarry NWMA
- Mark Harang TTPYC
- Cam Girton- LPO
- Scott Lindberg-AYC
- Mike Stainsby-PYC
- Dan Wierman-CNW
- Ron Jewula-RVYC
- Terry Waters NYC
- Dan Randolph- ST
- Matt Wood- CYC

Morning Session:

1. Call to Order at 1005

2. Adoption of Previous (January 13, 2013) Minutes

3. Regional Council Reports

Discussed Regional Meetings during the past year. The PHRF-NW Canadian Region is attempting to move closer to the BC-PHRF handicaps and will continue to work toward that goal. Matt Wood requested any information that might become available pursuant to the J-70 one design class expected to develop in our area. These boats may produce some challenges for equitable ratings.

4. Chief Handicapper Remarks- None

5. Administrative Business - None

6. New ODR Standards- None

7. Update report from Big Boat Committee

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the Big Boat Committee currently chaired by Alan Grim. The handicaps developed after much effort from the BBC have not been acceptable to some of the owners within that fleet and they have elected to race under the IRC system. Efforts continue to monitor PHRF-NW ratings within that fleet in comparison to race results under the IRC system. Following the BBC discussion a motion was made by Scott Lindberg and seconded by Mike Stainsby: Rescind the Big Boat Committee. Appoint a single representative from PHRF-NW to work with the big boat owners (boats rating 0 sec/mile and faster). This individual will report to the Handicapper's Council. Current ratings for this fleet will remain in place. This motion passed.

8. Square Top Mainsails

The subject of Flat-Top mainsails was discussed. We initially began looking at these sails at the last meeting in January of 2013 and Handicapper Ron Jewula has been attempting to

develop a means of adjusting these sails within our rating system. More work and communication with our members is necessary starting with an analysis of our data base for the accuracy of the information we have gathered. A sub-group was formed to accomplish this and the members of the group are: Ron Jewula, Chairman, Rafe Beswick, Matt Wood, Dan Wierman, Scott Lindberg and Mike Stainsby.

9. Boat alterations/modifications and their enforcement

Boat alterations and modifications were discussed. Concerning rudder modifications a motion was made by Dan Randolph and seconded by Mike Stainsby to add the following language to the PHRF-NW handbook:

“Rudder replacements or modification of existing rudders that are identical in construction, area, profile, balance and weight, including the rudder post, if applicable, and location of rudder post in the hull, are allowed. If the rudder differs in any way from this definition, a rating adjustment will be applied until such a time as the observed performance shows that the change does not affect the speed potential.”

The motion passed. The Chief Handicapper will make adjustments to the Miscellaneous Rating Adjustment Schedule accordingly. The Chief Handicapper will also prepare a media release and will be responsible for communicating with the PHRF-NW membership regarding this issue.

Recess: (1200–1300 hours)

Afternoon Session: (1300-1335)

10. Appeals

- **Little Blue Dune Buggy- SC27 #21114**, appeal of modified rudders etc. Results discussed in boat alterations and their enforcement above.
- **No Sail Number “Martha”**- A rating appeal for the schooner Martha, owner Robert d’Arcy was considered. Mr. d’Arcy requested that his rating be adjusted from 171 to a faster rating of 150 based on the boats performance in races over the past two years. A motion by Ron Jewula and seconded by Kirk Utter to approve the appeal was passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 1335 hrs.

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