



**PACIFIC HANDICAP RACING FLEET OF THE NORTHWEST**

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**Minutes  
Handicappers Council Meeting  
January 31, 2016**

A handicapper's council meeting was held on Sunday January 31, 2016 at the Tacoma Yacht Club, Tacoma WA at 1000 am.

Attendance:

- Bill Nelson, Out-Going CH
- Alan Grim, MIL, None-1
- Neil Bennett, BL, incoming CH
- Mike Stainsby, PYC
- Matthew Wood, CN
- Terry Waters, NYC
- Mark Harang, TT
- Dan Wierman, CNW
- Pat McGarry, NWMH
- Colin Emsley, AN
- Ron Holbrook, CNT
- Mikey Beste, SL
- Ian Christenson, SE

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**Call to Order/Agenda Changes/Adoption of Previous Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by the Chief Handicapper (CH), Bill Nelson, at 1000 hours.

The CH called for any changes to the meeting minutes from the October 2015 meeting.

**A motion was made to accept the October 2015 minutes. The motion carried.**

**New Chief Handicapper Selection**

Bill informed the council that Neil Bennett had agreed to be nominated as the next CH.

**A motion was made to nominate Neil as the next CH. The motion carried.**

Bill took Neil to the Board meeting for confirmation. The board voted to accept Neil as the next CH. Neil replaced Bill leading the remainder of the meeting.

**Chief Handicapper Remarks**

Bill had brief comments not repeated here. Neil added comments specifically including his desire to see more handicapper and director involvement at their respective clubs, driving toward more appeals. Neil requested more activity from the respective regional councils. Discussion regarding more appeals included

possibly creating a sub-council of a handful of handicappers that would receive potential problem boats identified by the regional councils, and develop appeals of those boats for council consideration.

## **Old Business**

### **Status of Big Boat Fleet**

The agenda originally included a discussion and review of the Big Boat Fleet, with the goal of addressing BBF ratings. David Lynch had prepared an analysis of the fleet ratings but was unable to attend due to a family emergency. The desire is to review and potentially make changes to BBF ratings prior to upcoming events, potentially drawing the boats racing IRC back into PHRF-NW.

The council suggested that David's analysis could be shared with the council via the yahoo group discussion board. David can post his presentation to the group page. The handicappers can then use the forum to question David, discuss the results, and use the forum to conduct a vote. Neil will contact David to discuss.

### **Regional Council Reports**

Neil requested reports from the Regional Councils:

Seattle RC: Matt Wood reported no activity. Matt noted that Terremoto had agreed to accept a T rating change of -6 seconds.

BCRC: Terry Waters reported that the BCRC had not met during 2015. The BCRC now consists of Terry and the new handicapper at Royal Vic. Several of the clubs in the BC region have voted to discontinue affiliation with PHRF-NW, and associate with BC-Sailing.

Portland RC: Mike Stainsby reported no activity.

South Sound RC: Mark Harang reported no activity.

North Sound RC: Neil and Colin Emsley reported no activity.

West Sound RC: Dan Weirman reported no activity.

## **New Business**

### **Appeals**

Eye Eye, XJBOA90-1

David Cohen and son presented data from Whidbey Island Raceweek, and requested a rating change from 63 to 72.

**Motion: Revise As-Sailed rating from 63 to 69, and reapply T designation.**  
**Motion Carried.** Alan Grim will make the rating change as LPO has lost its Class A status (dropped below 5 members).

### **Open Discussion**

Terry Waters raised a desire to see wording in the handbook advising clubs to separate, when possible, light displacement sport boats from heavier displacement boats when creating class breaks. Alan Grim reminded everyone that the council had advised handicappers to work with event organizers in this direction. Matt Wood reported this has worked well at CYC for large events. The council recognizes this is not possible at smaller clubs. No action was taken to revise the handbook.

Neil indicated his desire to address rating issues that are not being brought as appeals. Neil plans to hold a meeting in June, date TBD. The Regional councils are requested to identify any problem boats that need to be addressed. Neil requested handicappers Mark Harang, Ron Holbrook, Dan Weirman, Rafe Beswick and possibly Pat McGarry agree to form an appeals subcouncil.

The meeting adjourned at 1215 hours.

Meeting minutes as recorded by Alan Grim.

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