

# **PHRF-NW Board of Directors Meeting 10/18/15**

## Attendees:

Mary Stainsby, PYC	Gary Seibert, CNW
Kirk Palmer, MP	Tom Davis, TT
Bill Allan, NYC	David Lynch, PM
Larry Lindell, TYC	Eric Nelson, CNT
Dave Steffen, BYC	Ken Chin, ST
Martyn Adams, NWMA	Charlie Macaulay, CN
Rob Galbraith, CNB	Andy Schwenk, AYC

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM at Corinthian Yacht Club, Seattle.

Quorum confirmed by Mary Stainsby – 60.6%

Introduction of officers and directors in attendance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Discussion of minutes from Jan. 25, 2015 AGM meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and approved with no nays.

## AGENDA:

Discussion regarding the agenda. Mary said that there is old business to discuss: job expectations from the AGM. Eric asked that this be tabled until the 2016 AGM. Revised versions will be distributed prior to that meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations committee: Eric praised last year's committee for their hard work. David Lynch, Dave Steffan and Martyn Adams will be this year's nominating committee. Mary Stainsby and Roger Kibble are resigning as Secretary/ Treasurer and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President respectively, though both will remain as directors. Andy Schwenk would like to run for Secretary/Treasurer. Eric said he would serve for another year, though he wouldn't mind if someone else wanted to take on the position. Eric would like to have the list of nominees sent to the Directors by US Thanksgiving Day – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mary White's contract: Some discussion, but postponed decision until after the budget discussion.

Budget and financial position: Mary Stainsby presented the actual financials through August, with projections for the remaining 4 months of 2015. Estimated months and budget take into account the reduction in both revenues and expenses following the departure of the two Vancouver Island clubs who have voted to leave PHRF-NW. Exchange rate on Canadian currency has been costing the club approximately \$7-8 US per Canadian if they pay their \$45.00 in Canadian funds with a Canadian check (credit cards and Paypal convert to \$45.00 US dollars automatically). 91 members have paid by check in

2015 to date. Discussion to raise dues for 2016 and by how much. Bill Allan motion "make dues \$60.00 US for everyone". Seconded and passed with 2 nays. Invoices will go out with a statement that if paid by Canadian check, the check will be noted to be in US dollars or check will be returned to member. At Charlie's suggestion, Eric will draft a letter to accompany the statements, explaining why dues are increasing and asking for volunteers. The letter will be reviewed first by the Executive Committee and then by the Board before being sent to the members.

Travel reimbursement: Bill Allan says many clubs can't afford to pay for their directors and handicappers to attend the PHRF-NW meetings. Discussion regarding how much and what types of expenses to reimburse. Bill Allan motion to "set a budget line item of \$5,000 for travel reimbursement for Handicappers and Directors, and would only pertain to expenses for transportation, supported by receipts, where expenses not covered by club are in excess of \$100". Seconded. Martyn Adams made a motion to amend the motion to exclude Directors. Andy Schwenk seconded. Amendment passed with 4 nays. Dave Lynch moved to reduce the budget line item to \$2,500. Seconded. Passed unanimously. Amended motion "set a budget line item of \$2,500 for travel reimbursement for Handicappers, and would only pertain to expenses for transportation, supported by receipts, where expenses not covered by their club are in excess of \$100." Motion passed with 1 nay.

Budget: Charlie Macaulay moved to accept the revised budget. Bill Allan seconded. Discussion centered around putting handbook online for 2016. Dave Lynch moved to put the handbook online for 2016, with hard copies available for \$5. Budget motion was approved with 1 nay. Larry Lindell seconded Dave's motion regarding putting the handbook online with hard copies \$5. Discussion regarding printing. Passed with 4 nays. Will be noted on member statements. Revised budget to be sent with draft minutes.

Charlie Macaulay moved to accept Mary White's contract for 2016. Passed unanimously.

Chief Handicapper's Report: Bill Nelson reported that today's meeting will include an appeal, a discussion of Big Boat ratings now that most have gone to IRC, and fat-head mains. Neil Bennett of Bellingham YC has been approached to be Chief Handicapper. He is interested and will be offered the position. Bill would like to talk with remaining Big Boats to see how they regard the current ratings.

Bill Allan mentioned the discussions regarding merging NW and BC, but there was no discussion.

Satellite Meeting Protocol: Eric presented a written draft protocol for Satellite Meetings. Short discussion. Motion to "give the Satellite Meeting Protocol a shot at the AGM", seconded. Eric stated that any votes would be backed by ballots. Passed with 1 nay.

AGM date set for Jan. 31, 2016.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Stainsby

Secretary/Treasurer, PHRF-NW