

PHRF OF BC
FALL 2017 HANDICAPPERS COMMITTEE MEETING
November 2, 2017 West Vancouver Yacht Club

MINUTES

Brett Willetts (Royal Vancouver YC)	George Streadwick (Eagle Harbour YC)
Trevor Salmon (Deep Cove YC)	John Windas (Sydney North Saanich YC)
Jason Vandergaag (Van Rowing Club)	Roger Kibble (Saltspring Island SC)
Dennis Lefeaux (Member at Large)	
Clint Currie (West Vancouver YC, Squamish YC; Gibsons YC, Kitsilano YC, Garden Bay SC, Centennial SC)	

Meeting called to order 1804hrs.

ITEM 1: George Streadwick nominated Acting Chair for this meeting.
Accepted.

ITEM 2: Acceptance of Minutes of the Spring 2017 Handicappers Committee Meeting.
Moved by Clint Currie, 2nd Trevor Salmon:
The Minutes of the Spring 2017 Handicappers Committee Meeting be accepted as read.
Passed.

ITEM 3: Review of new “T” PHRF BC base boat rating assignments.
Moved by Roger Kibble, 2nd Jason Vandergaag:
The new PHRF BC base boat rating assignments be accepted as read except that the C&C 34+ DK “Pacific High” T rating remain in force pending review of race results and the rating assignment of the Jean Sun OD 44 SM “Miobro of Victoria” to be reassessed as the boat is a TM version.
Passed.

ITEM 4: Administrative update.

- a. Current membership: 311 boats.
- b. Discussion re dues increase. Decision: No increase.
- c. Process for nomination/election/appointment of next PHRF BC Chair was discussed. Preference for internal appointment although external sourcing of a well versed PHRF certificate holder would be an acceptable alternative. Chair to be nominated and appointed for a 2 year term by simple majority vote of the Committee. Chair may be re appointed for unlimited terms.
Process for nomination/election/appointment of next Chief Handicapper to follow the above process.
Chair nomination and confirmation to be concluded pending acceptance by nominee.

ITEM 4: Administrative update (continued):

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c. (cont.) Jason Vandergaag was nominated as next Chief Handicapper with confirmation by committee vote to follow on resignation of the current Chief Handicapper.

d. Trevor Salmon, the PHRF BC representative to the Keelboats and Racing Committee, reported that he has not been informed of any meetings of this committee. (PHRF BC has been designated a Sub Committee of the Keelboats and Racing Program under the updated organizational structure of BC Sailing)

ITEM 5: Rules review.

a. Rule 14.2 to be amended to read:

“Headsails shall have a system keeping them in close proximity to their stay such as hanks or luff foil system. Free flying headsails with luff wire such as drifters and staysails shall be set within the foretriangle. The distance from the mid point of the leach of a headsail to the nearest point of the luff shall not exceed 0.5*LP. The distance from the mid point of the foot of a headsail to the nearest point of the luff shall not exceed 0.6*LP.”

b. The words Jib and Genoa will be replaced with “Headsail” in the Rules of PHRF BC.

ITEM 6: New business.

a. Teleconferencing options for future Handicapper Committee meetings was again discussed specifically with respect to allowing meeting attendance by Handicappers unable to travel to meetings. No specific resolution.

b. Resurrection of the Watchlist was discussed. Commentary highlighted that competitors seem reluctant to make appeals, even in the face of obvious mis-ratings, as they perceive it to be confrontational. It is also believed some competitors expect the PHRF BC Handicappers Committee to constantly review the current fleet and make rating changes without the need for a competitor’s appeal. However, to do so would be in direct contradiction to the PHRF BC mandate where competitors drive the policing and rating assignments through on-the-water protest and rating appeals of competitors.

No resolution at this time.

c. Re-evaluation of sport boat handicaps in relation to inboard cruising boats was again addressed specifically highlighting that the majority of new boats sold into BC are of the cruising type and are usually raced in cruising mode. A system to evolve PHRF BC handicaps to better accommodate this segment of racing competitor was discussed.

No resolution at this time.

ITEM 7: 2017 PHRF BC Fall Appeals

1. Cedric Burgers, RVYC, appealing Bene 40.7, #51647, “Dolce”
Decision: Base boat rating to be increased +3sec to 57. Owner encouraged to review the yacht’s sail plan for further potential improvement.
2. Rolf Braun, SCYC, appealing Pogo 30, #74, “Jane’s Addiction”
No representation. Appeal not heard.

Meeting adjourned 2020hrs.