



Annual General Meeting
Saturday, January 29, 2005
Youngstown Yacht Club

MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Colin Alston (Pres), Brian Thomson (V. Pres), Andrew Sensicle (Sec/Tres), Ian McKimmie (Chief Handicapper), Bill Crandall (Asst. Chief), Bob Porter (Asst. Chief), Glenn Freeman (GHPRF), Hank Stuart (RDPRF), Andrews Hooker (SSYRA), Vic Coram (TORE), John Crawley (TORW), plus 19 Handicappers and 4 Member representatives and guests.

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:38 AM.
2. Motion to accept minutes from January 10, 2004 AGM. M/S Andrews H/ Bill C. Carried.
3. REPORTS

3.1. REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE:

Colin Alston (President) – Reported the following:

1. The Bylaws as they appear now have become too complex and a complete re-write is in the works.
2. There is an imbalance in the sizes of the Districts and a need for a new Georgian Bay District. A full review is underway by Brian Thomson.
3. We are still reviewing our Genoa and Spinnaker maximums as they compare to other PHRF regions
4. The Assistant Chief Handicappers will have a new directive. Their role will now be to take on some of the projects that the Chief Handicapper has been dealing with. In particular, setting up an Education program for handicappers and owners, setting guidelines for establishing “New” handicaps and work on improving the information that is available to our members and certificate holders.

Brian Thomson (Vice Pres.) – Reported that he is actively gathering data on class dimensions to simplify the information needed to obtain a certificate. He is also looking at older boat class designs that may require a handicap review. He is also working on the District splits as Colin mentioned.

Andrew Sensicle (Sec/Tres) – Reported that the new billing system seems to be a success and that financially PHRF-LO is in good shape.

Ian McKimmie (Chief Handicapper) – Reported the following:

1. That many parts of the manual are being revised including, Flying Sails (Asymmetrical Sails) calculations and adjustments and the Bylaws.
2. That the Appeal process is being reviewed and revised based on current needs. This will include a statement regarding appealing to US Sail or the CYA.
3. We are actively looking at the disparity of max. sail sizes in North America. In compliment to this, we will be looking at offering to issue certificates to any North American PHRF certificate holder “free of charge”.
4. We are focused on establishing and maintaining continued training seminars for handicappers.

Bill Crandall (Asst Chief) – Confirmed that he is retiring from PHRF-LO after being involved since 1988. His observations have been that there has been a decline in racing over the years with a trend to racing NFS. There are more difficult to rate boats like the bluesail, sport boats and plaining boats. Bill was thanked for all his contributions over the years.

Bob Porter (Asst Chief) – After thanking everyone for attending, he reported that since his unanticipated election to the position of Assistant Chief last year, he has learned a great deal. He emphasized that he has been extremely impressed with the work that the Executive and Central Council do. He reported that he is actively looking into improving relations with racers by making more information available to them. He is also working on the training seminars, which he hopes to be “beta testing” this spring and on preparing a guideline for establishing handicaps.

3.2. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT CHIEFS:

Brian Thomson for Dave Poulin (Eastern) – Reported that they assigned 6 new handicaps and handled 2 appeals. Things are running smoothly.

Glenn Freeman (Golden Horseshoe) – Reported that 2004 was busy with 3 meetings and many new handicappers who would welcome the training seminars. They handled 2 appeals, one with a handicap adjustment the other had no change. Questioned how the AK project was going and also what SOP's are in place to handle certificates not being signed on both sides. Direction requested. Noted that some OD classes have made changes to LP and crew weight.

Hank Stuart (Rochester) – Wanted to thank all the Rochester District representatives for attending and Central Council and the Executive for all the work they do.

Andrews Hooker (South Shore) – Reported that they held 2 ½ meetings (1/2 being an internet meeting) at which they handled a few appeals and rating reviews.

Vic Coram (Toronto East) – Reported a light season with 1 meeting for 1 new handicap and no appeals.

John Crawley (Toronto West) – Reported holding 3 meetings in which they assigned 9 new handicaps, 4 modified boats and reviewed 3 appeals.

4. NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF OFFICERS – All current officers were re-elected to their current positions with the exception of one of the Assistant Chief Handicappers:

Bill Crandall nominated Glenn Freeman to the position of Assistant Chief Handicapper. M/S Bill/ Ian M. Carried.

5. BUSINESS:

5.1. 2004 Financial Review – attached

- Noted that there were 160 boats that raced but did not have a certificate.
- Salaries were up due to duplicate work being done on the new “DMS” (race analysis) system.
- A suitable Officer's & Directors insurance has been found but not purchased as it was late in the season.

Motion to accept financial review as presented. M/S Andrews H/Brian T. Carried

5.2. 2005 Budget Proposal & Membership fee review – attached

- Extra funds made available to upgrade office programs
- Maintain the same certificate fees as last year

Motion to accept budget as presented. M/S Andrews H/Bill C. Carried.

5.3 Bylaw Changes: A full re-write of the bylaws is required. This is hoped to be completed by March or April and may be presented for approval on the date of the spring training session.

5.3. Member Review and acceptance

NEW – Club Nautique Du Vieux Port, Quebec

REINSTATE –Crescent Yacht Club, Chaumont, NY

DROP – none

Motion to accept above clubs as members. M/S Andrews H/Bill C. Carried

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. AK Factor – Requested that a new list of required AK Factors be sent out to the clubs again. Diana to address.

6.2. Boats racing without certificates – Andrews Hooker suggested that the VC of sail include in the clubs racing rules “No Certificate, No Score”.

6.3. NEW Race Analysis program –Diana reported the system is called “PHRF-LO DMS” (data management system) – although it was not ready to produce the reports for this years analysis due to an issue with calculating the “slope” and a few other problems, it is being worked on and is able to process what is needed. The programmer has “in my opinion” actually crossed over and done some work on what would be considered the Certificate end of things. The data bases will be set up differently than they are right now, which will lead to better tracking of boats around the lake.

6.4. More information available – It was requested that we make more information available on the web to our members and certificate holders. Many points were raised:

- there is too much mystery and misunderstanding
- must be cautious not to release sensitive material
- owners should be aware when handicap is under review
- Central Council and AGM meetings are open to all certificate holders, Handicappers were not aware meetings were open

Motion: To make more information available to the general public on the web at the discretion of the Executive. M/S John C/Andrews H. Carried

Amendment 1: To immediately include the Summary FS, Summary NFS analysis and a list of boats that will be reviewed as part of the alert review. M/S Bob P/Andrews H. Carried

Amendment 2: The include “at the discretion of the Executive and Central Council”. M/S Ian M/Andrews H. Carried.

6.5. Training Seminar – The next training seminar was planned for the beginning of April and would include a presentation by a boat builder(s).

7. NEXT MEETING: Lakeshore Yacht Club, Etobicoke, January 21, 2006 (tentative)

8. Adjournment

9. TRAINING / INFORMATION SEMINAR – JOHN CRAWLEY PRESENTED:
“HOW TO MEASURE A SAIL”



**Performance Handicap Racing Fleet
Lake Ontario**

**2004 Year End Forecast
and 2005 Budget**

	<u>Cdn</u>	<u>US</u>	<u>US as Cdn</u>	<u>2004 Actual</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>	<u>2005 Budget</u>
Income			1.20	Conversion Rate 2005		
Certificates - Renewal(1)	21,214	4,095	4,914	26,128	23,836	26,652
Certificates - Rush Fee	120	0	0	120	152	100
Club Dues	3,675	650	780	4,455	3,957	4,380
Other	250	0	0	250		
Total	\$25,259	\$4,745	\$5,694	\$30,953	\$27,945	\$31,132
Expenses						
Communications	1,729	0	0	1,729	2,000	2,000
Computer Supplies	1,457	0	0	1,457	1,300	2,000
General Funds (Misc)	1,183	0	0	1,183	990	1,000
Insurance	0		0	0	2,000	2,000
Membership Dues	270	550	660	930	1,065	1,000
Office Supplies	1,013	29	35	1,047	1,000	1,000
Postage	837	0	0	837	1,000	900
Printing	2,129	0	0	2,129	2,000	2,000
Publications	211	0	0	211	286	250
Salaries	13,466	0	0	13,466	11,700	12,600
Special Projects(3)	4,815	0	0	4,815	5,000	5,000
Training	879	0	0	879	2,000	2,000
Travel	146		0	146	204	200
Total	\$28,137	\$579	\$695	\$28,831	\$30,545	\$31,950
Net Inc (Exp)				\$2,122	-\$2,600	-\$818

As of December 31, 2004

	US\$	Canadian \$
Current A/c		\$4,115
Can GIC		\$22,000
US Current A/c	\$867	\$1,040
US GIC	\$4,000	\$4,800
Total		\$31,955
Current funds		\$31,955
One year expense fund		\$20,000
Funds available		\$11,955

2005

Rate Proposal	Certificate	Membership
CDN - New	\$20.00	\$75.00
renewals	\$20.00	
US - New	\$15.00	\$50.00
renewals	\$15.00	

All Manual Cert fees unchanged at \$30/US\$25

Note 2005 Budget Set as:

(1) Total Renewals	1359
Can Expected	1095
US Expected	264
(2) New/changed	0
(3) Conversion Cert. Prog. to Access/VB	