

South Texas Performance Handicap Racing Fleet

Minutes of 10 March 2022 ST PHRF Committee meeting. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours.

All 2022 committee members were present: Jim Collins, John Bell, Rick Bell, Doug Weakly, Jim Robertson. This is the first meeting of this committee in 2022, after members were elected at the MORF Annual meeting on 5 March.

Rick Bell elected Committee Chair. Jim Robertson elected Committee Secretary. Rick Bell will contact Matt Sebring to see if Matt will agree to be the Fleet Measurer, in the event a measurement is needed.

Discussed ST-PHRF Bylaws

1. Member Terms: Bylaws prescribe a three-year term for members of this committee. After three years, members must cycle off. This provision has not been followed. To correct, the committee decided as follows:
 - a) John Bell and Jim Collins rotate off on Dec 31, 2022. Their replacements will be elected to a three-year term at the 2023 annual membership meeting.
 - b) Jim Robertson rotates off in two years on 12/31/2023. His replacement will be elected to a three-year term at the 2024 annual membership meeting.
 - c) Rick Bell and Doug Weakly rotate off in three years on 12/31/2024. Their replacements will be elected to a three-year term at the 2025 annual membership meeting.
2. Many provisions do not reflect current practice. Rick Bell remembered the 2015 committee edited a by-laws revision but that document may be lost to history. Rick will check around and see if this document exists. General consensus of the Committee that it's better to update the PHRF bylaws to reflect current practice rather than forcing old rules on the current fleet.
3. Race Committee Provisional Rating: The committee noted that bylaws do not give Race Committee chairs authorization give provisional ratings for regattas. Committee voted to authorize race chairs to grant provisional ratings for one regatta only in the event PHRF Committee is unable to provide a rating before the race event. Will be incorporated into pending bylaws update.

Discussed the “Valid List” of member PHRF ratings. This document is similar to the Wednesday Night Pursuit Start spreadsheet without the start times. It’s the ST PHRF input to US Sailing showing the handicap assigned to each boat in the fleet. Last year, Josh took it upon himself to update this list, principally by removing a large number of boats that are no longer racing in Corpus Christi bay and eliminating the old “provisional” rating classifications from the remaining boats in the current racing fleet. The committee voted to ratify the current “Valid List” and changes made by Josh. (Editor’s note: There just has to be a more descriptive name than “Valid List”. By-Laws Article IV-10 says “master rating sheet”.)

Pending Rating Applications: There are two pending applications. Rick Bell will coordinate with Fleet Captain Terri Samo to get the applications so this committee can begin researching them. A public meeting to review these applications is tentatively scheduled to be held at CCYC on 22 March at 1800 hours if applicants agree and are able to meet then. Committee will schedule another meeting before August 1, if for no other reason than to work on by-laws update.

Committee members jointly agreed that Corpus Christi is a Tier 1 racing area. CCYC hosts worlds, nationals, etc. We should have a PHRF that operates at that level. Doesn’t need to be as complex as the multi-rating system used in the Houston region but one that works for us and integrates smoothly with US Sailing and other regions. That is going to be our goal.

Respectfully,

Jim Robertson, Secretary