

**Minutes of Lake Huron PHRF Rating Committee Meeting
Sunday, Nov 11th, 2008
Port Huron Yacht Club**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

Attendance. Committee members present were: Nick Ward, Steve Cooper, Casey Petz, John Sperling, Gerry Spanton and Tony Shepherd.

Agenda. The meeting agenda was distributed.

Secretary's Report

- Items from previous year that were mentioned
 - The purchase of 4 US Sailing PHRF books needs to be completed prior to the spring meetings.
 - The \$400 set aside for a Richardson Cup Team was not spent as no team was entered by LYHA.

Treasurers Report

- The financial report was distributed to the groups and approved.
 - Note that there was an increase of \$557.00 from last year.
- Lake Huron PHRF needs to enter funds and cash checks in a timelier manner. Nick to review item with Jason, possibly Nick to deposit funds directly.
- Fees for 2009 will remain the same
 - Free renewal
 - Fees for new or late sign ups.

Chief Handicapper Report.

- There were ~160 members during the 2008 season
- There could be a small reduction in members in 2009 due to boats leaving the area and other economic issues.
- MORC Open Class boats are not required by the organizer to have a PHRF certificate. The committee does not see this to be an issue as the Handicapper is asked to give input from time to time.
- Appeal was been issued to LH PHRF
 - Win Cooper has issued an appeal of Chippewa
 - A formal review will be conducted in the spring
- The plan is to have two meetings in the spring, one in March and the other in April.

Rating Reviews

- All non-temporary rates from the 2008 valid list were approved for 2009.
- All temporary rates will be review in the spring meetings.

Lake Huron PHRF/Lake Huron Yachting Association Merger

- A proposal has not been issued by LHYA to LH PHRF as requested.
- Lake Huron PHRF discussed several options but were not considered.
- Lake Huron PHRF at this point considers the issue closed and will continue to move forward with the past idea of allowing our members to sign up for LHYA on Lake Huron PHRF forms.

PHRF / SYC PHRF Fleet Scuttlebutt

- Fleet splits need to be reviewed for this coming season (splits need to match who is actually racing in each class)
- Possibility of one race course next season for the series race, need to review at class meeting and gather input from skippers.
- Qualification of the series was reviewed; next season if only one race is run on a two race day, the boats that raced the first race will be given a DNS for the second race.
- What can be done to get boats to race PHRF or just race period.....

Meeting Adjourned at 12:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Ward

Lake Huron PHRF Handicapper