



**Minutes from AYC KHF Handicap Committee Open Meeting
August 14, 2007**

HC Committee Attendance: J. Johnstone
R. Shull
J. Maddalozzo
JoAnn Welles

Not Attending: Tom Lappin
Bob Myers

Observers Duane Dobson

1. Call to order at 7:30 PM.
2. There was no Meeting in July due to flooded conditions of clubhouse. The June meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Changes to Handicap Form were agreed to for 2008
 - a. Elimination of Full batten main question
 - b. Include "Does your boat conform to the "stock" (IE as delivered originally or current one design rule if one exists) configuration of boat and sails? If not, how is it different?"

Discussion: Boats in a one design class will be given the class rating if they conform to the one design class rules, if the do not, the one design class rating will be considered the base rating from which adjustments will be made, based on the nature of the modification
 - c. Ray Shull suggested we add to the back of the ratings request form the basic assumptions from the PHRF "Terms of Reference".
4. Changes to Handicap procedures
 - a. Should we publish Adjustment Guidelines?

Discussion – yes if they are in a range. We do not want to be held to hard and fast rules since the modifications listed have different effects on each boat.
 - b. Our Handicapping assumptions were discussed and we agreed to add the US Sailing PHRF "Terms of Reference" to them

5. Question for KHF meeting: Should sail measurements be required for receiving a PHRF rating on Lake Travis?
 - a. Arguments for: Sails wear out and are replaced. Sail technology advances and it is easy for owners to upgrade their sails to gain an advantage. More than one PHRF fleet requires sail measurements in order to fairly handicap boats in their fleet. Sail measurement requires standard definitions which could be the IMS rule or a simpler one of our own choosing. Without a clear definition of what is acceptable, virtually any sail is legal.
 - b. Arguments against: We have a system that works now which allows anyone in PHRF to protest another boat that they believe is violating the PHRF requirement of conforming to the sail measurements of a “stock boat of its class”. Sail measurement adds an unnecessary complication to our fleet which we do not need. Measurement is not a trivial task. We would be required to appoint a measurer, train them, and acquire the proper tools for consistency in measurements.

Discussion: The committee agreed that we did not want to be in the measurement business, that measurements were to be supplied by the requestor at the time of making the ratings request and that competitors must police themselves regarding deviations to “Stock” configurations and measurements described in the PHRF “Terms of Reference”

6. Suggestions for two new HC committee members
 - a. In 2008 we have the following returning members: 2 A fleet, one non Spin and one B fleet. We need to Add one Non Spin and one B fleet. A list of candidates were suggested, Jim Johnstone to contact.
7. Other business – Two boats still on review: Capri 25 and 11 meter
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM