



2013- 2014 US Sailing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2014
Roger Williams University Bristol, RI

In attendance: Board: Josh Adams, Steve Benjamin, Vice-President Bruce Burton, JJ Fetter, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, George Hinman, President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Patty Lawrence, Maureen McKinnon, Ben Richardson, Dawn Riley via phone, Treasurer Taran Teague, and Jim Walsh

Guests from the US Sailing staff included Stu Gilfillen, Matt Hill, Diana Kareta, Jeff Kerins, Amy Larkin, Dan Nowlan, Georgia McDonald, Lee Parks, Liz Walker

Regrets: John Craig, Sheila McCurdy, Dave Ullman

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:36 and a roll call established a quorum.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent calendar:
 - Meeting Minutes Approval
 - J70 Worlds
3. President Tom Hubbell reported on a variety of items:
 - Hiring a social media firm for the US Sailing is an ongoing discussion.
 - The Charleston Race week event was extremely well-received and the coffee giveaway very successful.
 - Area reorganization work continues and Susan Epstein plans to go to the division chairs for input and then distribute to a wider audience for additional feedback.
 - The Measurement Committee continues to evolve.
 - The Championship Working Group is wrapping up its work.
 - Copper antifouling paint is on the Government Relations Committee's radar and Jim Muldoon is working with Sailors for the Sea. They will issue a recommendation at a future date.
 - Tom appointed the division chairs to a working group for improving the AGM.
4. Executive Director Jack Gierhart submitted a written report but added the following:
 - Financially he noted that membership is under budget but is confident monies from a double budgeted entry for development can be made up.
 - The Mallory family is extending financial support for that championship.
 - SAP and US Sailing are working on an agreement.
 - Race Administration Department continues to improve quality and process.
 - The Charleston VIP REACH Reception went well and there are many opportunities for expansion of that program.
5. Treasurer Taran Teague said that the auditors have been in and we should have their report by late July. She thanked Dawn Riley and her team for their good work. Cash flow is smoother.

The finance team plans to simplify the account structure as accounts are spread over several banks. In order to improve efficiency, they are also automating the budget process with new software which will improve the controls. This will help define the financial picture.



6. Olympic Report, Josh Adams

- USOC is financially supporting disabled sailing with more joint effort between Olympics and Paralympics.
- Josh plans to update the board on Olympics more with written reports.
- Ben Richardson gave an update on the Pan Am games July 12-19, 2015.

7. New Business

The Adams' Cup trustees voted to retire the trophy rather than open it up to mixed crew. They proposed that the Adams trophy be held for display at National Sailing Hall of Fame. A motion was moved and seconded to accept Adams trophy letter. The motion carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to allow ISAF to use the term "international" in reference to the Super Yacht Rule.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Lawrence