



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, Sheila McCurdy, Maureen McKinnon, Ben Richardson, Dawn Riley, Treasurer Taran Teague, Dave Ullman, and Jim Walsh. Regrets: John Craig.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM EDT and the roll call established a quorum.
2. Announcements
  - ISAF submissions due to Patty Lawrence by July 14
  - Herreshoff nomination's are due August 1
  - Next meeting is July 21, 2014
3. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Calendar.
  - April/May Meeting Minutes
  - USOC reference change in regulations.
4. In his President's Report, Tom Hubbell noted that he had been doing a lot of sailing including the Cuba Lake Yacht Club in NY. The entire club is all about sailing fun and has a very high membership ratio in relationship to the town population. Tom recognized the US Sailing staff for all their efforts on the new website and membership growth. At the in-person meeting, the board worked on long and short term strategies on how to grow the sport and racing.
5. Executive Director Jack Gierhart conveyed that the financial reports generally take about three weeks and so are not available as the board meeting is early this month. May reports will be available within the week.
  - Bruce Burton and George Hinman were in the office working on the Customer Service Representatives initiative.
  - Jack and Josh Adams attended the Sail America Industry Conference in South Carolina.
  - Stu Gilfillen has been promoted to Training Director. He is passionate about training, knows US Sailing, and adds stability to the department.
  - Georgia McDonald and Tom Hubbell are working on a MVP campaign for the Thistle Class which includes email, letters and an article in the class newsletter. Georgia is working with other class organizations to try the same. Echo Communications is enabling us to be more proactive in promoting sailing.
  - The new website was launched two weeks ago and is working well.
6. Treasurer Taran Teague spent time at the Newport office in preparation for the audit. She expects that to be ready in mid-July. Additionally she has been assessing our cash reserves as directed by the strategic plan initiatives. Currently we have over \$900,000 not including Olympic monies. She and Diana Kareta will continue to work on this project once the audit is finished and before the budgeting process begins.



7. Managing Olympic Director, Josh Adams observed that that the water quality in Rio de Janeiro is a hot-button media topic. The US is conducting water testing Guanabara Bay and plans are in place to keep the athletes safe and healthy. The North American Laser Championships were in Alamitos Bay last week and that there was good integration between experienced and younger sailors. Charlie Buckingham won the Laser Full fleet and Paige Railey the Radial Gold fleet. The High Performance Plan is getting reviewed for 2015 and it will take the team to Rio, Europe and the US.
8. Staff Connection and Division Report
  - Education Division Chair Charlie Arms called out Todd Berman and the Sportsmanship Committee for outstanding efforts. The committee is very strong and while nominations are open until September two nominations have been submitted. The REACH program is ahead of goals.
  - Dawn Riley gave the management report for Sarah Alger. We are in need of a few new chairs and to evaluate what is staff driven and what is volunteer generated.
9. Old Business
  - Offshore project is moving ahead.
  - There have been several meetings regarding the Regional Customer Service Representatives. One hope is that they can help with the MVP.
  - A discussion of US Sailing's Vision statement garnered great ideas as each board member was given an opportunity to provide input but it was decided there is more work to be done. The goal is to have with finished by September. We may want outside help with this and will check in with the Offshore project facilitator.
10. New Business
  - A motion was made and seconded to call the fall meeting the "National Conference" and to consolidate the schedule to Thursday, Friday and Saturday. After a discussion the motion carried. The Bylaws Committee will need to make the appropriate changes in the Bylaws and Regulations. The AGM remains as that is the portion of the meeting for elections.
  - A motion was made and seconded to combine the National Conference with the Sailing Leadership Forum in 2016. Katie Ouellette has been researching venues and San Diego again works best for the price and space. The motion carried. The Bylaws Committee will need to make a one-time change to the bylaws to extend the terms of the directors for those three months. The National Conference/Sailing Leadership Forum is set for January of 2016.
  - The Safe Sport Initiative is support in concept by the ISAF Council but there are still parts of the business model that need evaluating. NGB's may be asked to pay a hefty sum to support the program which may outweigh its value.

Adjourn at 9:00

Respectfully Submitted

Patty Lawrence