



## US SAILING Board of Directors

October 23, 2005

Phoenix Arizona

### Minutes

President Janet Baxter called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of US SAILING at 8 a.m. M.S.T.

Directors present were: Charlie Arms, Janet C Baxter, Faye Bennet, Stanton W Betts, Jerelyn Biehl, Bruce Bingman, Dean M Brenner, Mitch Brindley, Bruce Campbell, Jim Capron, Robert Counihan, Ruth Creighton, Means Davis Jr, Susan Epstein, Fred Hagedorn, Richard Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Charles Ivey, Rich Jepsen, Patricia Lawrence, Clay Mock, Greg Norwine, Joni Palmer, William Sandberg, John Siegel, Karen Duay Smith, Bill Stump, Charles R Zechel.

Absent were Paul Ansfield, John Amos, Bob Billingham, Terry Bischoff, Mitch Brindley, Norton W. Brooker, Craig Brown, Peter Durant, Joseph Harris, Leslie Keller, John Lovell III, Dan Mangus, Ken Morrison, Bill Munster, Thomas Roberts, John Rudy, Cory Sertl, Betty Sue Sherman, Nathaniel Siddall, Jan Visser, Scott West, Adam Werblow.

#### **Action Items:**

A motion to approve the Minutes of Oct. 21, 2005, was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the Minutes of Oct. 22, 2005, was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approved the Minutes of the Oct. 21, 2005 Annual General Meeting, as amended, was made, seconded and carried.

Vice President Tom Hubbell expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he had received in during the development of the restructuring and urged boards and committees to continue their work towards implementation of the new Bylaws.

Budget Director James Appel presented the 2006 Budget, which is projected to produce a small surplus providing the \$12,000 per month forced savings approved in 2004 is eliminated for the year 2006.

#### **Action Items**

A motion to suspend the \$12,000 a month forced savings program for the year 2006 was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the 2006 Budget as presented was made, seconded and carried.

President Baxter announced committee chair appointments for 2006, and asked the Board to approved the selections, which were distributed.

#### **Action Items:**

A motion to approve the announced committee appointments was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approve term extensions for Robert Lane, James Muldoon, Darlene Hobeck, and Larry Bulman was made, seconded and carried.

Chair Susan Epstein announced that the Council was working on new Bylaws, that CSA had expressed support for continuing to have two meetings annually, and that plans were underway to host a Sailing Organization Symposium.

Herb Meyer, chair of the Committee on Sailors with Special Needs noted that the committee was coordinating efforts with the Community Sailing Council. Disabled and Paralympic team responsibility has been transferred to the Olympic Sailing Committee and the Independence Cup is now chaired by Jennifer French and reports to the Championships Committee.

One Design Class Council Chair Jerelyn Biehl expressed the Council's opinion that US SAILING Championships should give priority to member clubs and classes for the events in order to promote membership and provide visibility.

**Action Item:**

A motion to revise US SAILING Regulation 5.01, Administration, to read as follows, was made, seconded and carried.

“The sailing instructions, notice of race and conditions adopted by the Championships Committee shall be used for all US SAILING championships at all levels.

- (a) Membership in US SAILING is required for all contestants (skipper and crew) competing the US SAILING championships at the Regional Sailing Association level (quarter-finals) and higher.
- (b) At the Area level (semi-finals) or higher, all clubs or classes participating shall be members of US SAILING. The Championships Committee may approve exceptions.

Championships Committee Chair Karen Reisch noted that participation in Championship Events rose for the first time since 1997, although at the Sailing Association level it continues to decline. In the Men's, Women's and Singlehanded events, participation at the Association level is almost non-existent.

**Action Items:**

A motion to move sponsorship of the Women's Match Racing Championship from the Women's Committee to the Championship Committee was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to update Regulation 5.07 to reflect a 1987 action that created the International Women's Keelboat Championship Committee, and to have it report to the Championships Committee, was made, seconded and carried.

A motion that the Multihull Committee form a separate U.S. Youth Multihull Championship Committee that will report to both the Multihull Committee and the Championships Committee, was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to have the Independence Cup Committee report to the Championships Committee was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the request from the US Multihull Championship Committee for its annual disbursement of \$5,000 for Championships support was made, seconded and carried. The amount is covered by interest earned.

Chair John Siegel of the Offshore Committee noted committee activities and proposed the following actions:

**Action Items:**

A motion to upgrade the IRC Working Party to an IRC Committee, reporting to the Offshore Committee was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to change the name of the Americap II Committee to the ORR Committee was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to eliminate the IOR, IMS Owners, Grand Prix Rules, PtP Size/Rating Limit, and Offshore 30 Committees was made, seconded and carried.

Training Committee Chair Rich Jepsen announced that the committee was proposing no new action items, but that it supported a proposal that all youth sailors be required to hold a US SAILING youth membership to participate in youth sailing programs. The annual National Sailing Program Symposium will be held January 18-22, 2006 in Long Beach, Calif.

Chris Luppens, Chair of the WEB Liaison Working Group reported progress on an updated web liaison site with review scheduled for completion in May 2005. He noted that a SharePoint site has been established for web liaisons and that 45 web sites are currently being managed.

Inshore Committee Chair Patty Lawrence noted efforts to build a grass roots match racing program that would develop resources and provide tools for sailors, clubs and RSAs to expand the sport in the U.S.

**Action Item:**

A motion to establish a Match Racing Committee reporting to the Board of Directors through the Inshore Committee, and to revise US SAILING Regulation 3.20 to read” “Members shall include the chairman and, Representatives from Councils: One Design Class Council (3), Council of Sailing Associations (3), ICYRA (1), Multihull Council (1), Youth and Women’s Representatives, Representatives from Committees: Championships (to represent all championships), Training, Team Racing and Match Racing Committee.”

Jim Capron, Race Administration Chair announced plans to conduct two Race Administration training session at the US SAILING 2006 spring meeting in Chicago. The first will be an all-day Race Management round table held prior to the Meeting. The second will be

an ISAF International Judges Seminar, a two and a half day session immediately following the close of the Spring meeting.

**Action Item:**

A motion to create an Umpire Committee to manage tasks currently undertaken by the Judges Committee's Umpired Subcommittee, and to revise US SAILING regulation 3.70 to include a representative of the new Umpires Committee on the Race Administration Committee, was made, seconded and carried.

Dick Rose, chair-elect of the Race Administration Committee announced that there is a study under way to write a simpler rule covering mark roundings.

Reporting for the Multihull Committee/Council, Deb Schaefer reported that a Youth Multihull Championships Committee has been formed to administer the Arthur J. Stevens Trophy. The Committee will report through the Championships Committee.

Reporting for USSF chair Hortensia Hacker, Sara Alger noted that minutes of the Foundation had been distributed.

Karen Duay Smith, reporting for the Audit Committee, noted that an action taken during the Aug. 16, 2005 special meeting of the BOD, which required that US SAILING seek bids for the 2005 audit, would violate a three year contract in force with the current auditors.

**Action Item:**

A Motion to put the 2006 Audit out to bid with the intention that it be completed prior to the 2007 Spring meeting was made, seconded and carried.

President Baxter presented retiring Board members and Committee Chairs with framed certificates.

The next US SAILING meeting will be held in Chicago, Ill., March 16-19, 2006.

A motion to adjourn the last meeting of the Board of Directors as constituted under the old Bylaws was made by Fred Hagedorn and seconded by Joni Palmer. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m., and was followed by the first meeting of the Interim Board of Directors operating under the Bylaws adopted on October 21, 2005.

Dick Hanneman, Secretary

