



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Saturday, October 19, 2002

Marina del Rey, California

MINUTES

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the US Sailing Association, Inc., was held in Marina del Rey, California, at 8:00 a.m. President Dave Rosekrans presided, and Secretary Sarah Alger recorded the minutes.

1. **Roll Call.** All members of the Board of Directors were present except for James Appel, Glen Brandenburg, Dean Brenner, Brad Buell, Larry Bulman, Paul Callahan, Jim Capron, Charley Cook, Means Davis, Greg Fisher, Mark Hermann, Stephen Jeffries, Joni Palmer, Mark Reynolds, Jack Rudy, and Eric Wallischeck.
2. **Minutes**
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the Thursday, October 17, 2002 minutes.
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the Friday, October 18, 2002 minutes.
3. **Recognition and Awards**
 - 3.a. *C.R.E.W. Award.* Dave Rosekrans presented the C.R.E.W. award to Dick Roberts.
4. **National Women's Sailing Association.** Anne Chapin, the new director of the National Women's Sailing Association highlighted some of the recent activities of the association. They have moved their headquarters from Florida to the US SAILING headquarters in Rhode Island. She noted that the association has a number of classes, cruising flotillas and other programs for women, as well as Adventure Sail, a program for at-risk young women. She thanked the US SAILING staff and volunteers for making her feel welcome in her new role.
5. **Council and Committee Reports.**
 - 5.a. *Budget Committee.* No report.
 - 5.b. *Youth Representative.* No report.
 - 5.c. *Youth Task Force/Committee.* Susan Daly reported that the Youth Task Force has been assembled to take a broad look at all aspects of youth sailing with the goal of bringing more youths into the sport. The task force is focusing on three areas this year: an audit and review of existing programs, compiling a comprehensive database of organizations focused on youth sailing, and reviewing the JO festival program. She welcomed input from all.
 - 5.d. *Hinman Committee.* Betsy Altman presented a review of the team racing programs over the past year. US SAILING hosted a successful international seminar on umpiring team racing, which they will be repeating.
 - 5.e. *Sailor-Athlete Advisory Council.* Louise Gleason reported that the S-AAC is finalizing its bylaws. It held its first election of its committee, which was done completely on-line. This on-line voting system is now up and running for use by any committee or council. There were 32 nominees for the Council, of which 12 were elected.
 - 5.f. *General Services.* Don Durant noted that a proposal regarding insurance was on the table. He assured the board that a fair process was developed to request and review proposals for a new insurance plan. A staff committee, led by Lee Parks, hired an outside insurance consulting firm to assist them in this process. Proposals were reviewed by Dave Rosekrans, Lee Parks, Nick Craw and Don Durant. A matrix was prepared to assess the proposals, and all parties reviewed

the proposals independently. Two proposals stood out for their professionalism and pricing. Proposals were then distributed to the General Services committee and to all members of the Board. The Gawry, Barton and Brett proposal was recommended. It brings all insurance under one roof, reduces corporate liability, and guarantees an income of \$120,000 in FY03 and \$150,000 in FY04. It also guarantees sponsorship income of \$30,000, and includes the Chubb group. There were no dissenting votes regarding this recommendation.

Gene McCarthy and Glenn McCarthy from Myers-Briggs spoke against the insurance proposal, specifically regarding the members' insurance program. It was requested that bids be kept open until a final decision is made regarding the proposal.

- **Motion:** A motion was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 21 to 7 to accept the Gawry, Barton and Brett proposal with regard to insurance, pending receipt and approval by the Executive Committee of a satisfactory legal opinion.

Don Durant next presented a motion to adopt a new dues structure for organizations. He noted that the reason behind the new structure is to streamline the organization structure, which is, at present, exceedingly confusing.

- **Motion:** a motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to accept the new organizational dues structure.

5.g. *Communications Committee.* Hugh Elliot noted that a report is on the table, and spoke in favor of creation and distribution of a new US SAILING newsletter.

- **Motion:** a motion was made and seconded to increase the budget for the US SAILING newsletter \$109,400 in order to mail the newsletter separately.
- **Motion:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to postpone the motion.

5.h. *Site Selection.* No report.

5.i. *US Sailing Foundation.* Bob Hobbs reported that the trustees again voted to provide support for US SAILING teams, including the youth teams, traveling to regattas abroad. They also were able to support five classes and the Interscholastic Sailing Association team, community sailing through attendance at the National Sailing Programs Symposium, and windsurfing's clinic. He noted that post-9/11 there have been no fundraising appeals, and there have been no offshore teams to generate income for the Foundation. He asked that each member of the board consider making a gift to the foundation to support our sailors.

5.j. *Sailors with Special Needs.* No report

5.k. *Competitor Classification.* No report.

5.l. *ISAF Delegation.* Ding Schoonmaker noted that a report is on the table.

5.m. *Multihull Committee.* Art Stevens reported that Terms of Reference have been updated. The committee has made a change in its composition, so that it now compose of "at least" five members. He asked that the Board support a motion to designate the multihull championship as a US SAILING championship, providing the event with coaches, t-shirts and the other privileges of a US SAILING championship.

- **Motion:** A motion was made, seconded and defeated to give full US SAILING status as a Championship regatta to the US SAILING Youth Multihull Championship, with budget consideration similar in effect to the existing youth championships committees.

5.n. *US Windsurfing.* Mark Gebhardt reported for Christine Brooks, noting that new sailboards are being produced that make learning to windsurf very easy, which they hope will encourage more people to try the sport. They have established an on-line ranking system, continuing to develop youth sailing teams, and reviewing their training program. In addition, they have started a new

junior program, that already has seven new teams, and have added new members to their committee.

- 5.o. *Race Management.* The terms of reference were reviewed and approved. The committee asked the ISAF delegation to oppose appointment of an international race officer every time international jury is appointed.
- 5.p. *Judges.* Ted Everingham. Ted Everingham reported that new criteria were approved for the recertification of umpires, and the committee is reviewing the certification for judges. He was pleased to report that this year there was net gain in new judges.

6. Announcements.

- 6.a. *Delegates.* Dave Rosekrans asked that delegates to the AGM to please sign in at the registration desk.
- 6.b. *Transportation:* Dave Rosekrans announced that buses would be available to transport people to the yacht club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held in March 2002, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Alger, Secretary
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