



US SAILING Board of Directors Mid-Year Meeting
Saturday, April 2, 2005, 8 a.m.
Newport, R.I.
MINUTES

President Janet Baxter called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Directors present were: Charlie Arms, James Appel, Janet Baxter, Faye Bennet, Stan Betts, Jerelyn Biehl, Bruce Bingman, Terry Bischoff, Dean Brenner, Mitch Brindley, Norton Brooker, Craig Brown, Larry Bulman, Jim Capron, Bob Counihan, Ruth Creighton, Means Davis, Peter Durant, Bruce Eissner, Susan Epstein, Louise Gleason, Fred Hagedorn, Dick Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Charles Ivey, Rich Jepsen, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, John Lovell, Dan Mangus, Clay Mock, Ken Morrison, Bill Munster, Greg Norwine, Joni Palmer, Jack Rudy, Nat Siddall, John Siegel, Karen Smith, Bill Stump, Jan Visser, Scott West, and Charlie Zeckel.. Absent were: John Amos, Joey Harris, Tom Roberts, Bill Sandberg, Betty Sue Sherman, Hannah Swett, and Adam Werblow.

A motion to approve the April 1, 2005 minutes of the Board of Directors meeting was made, seconded and carried.

Jerelyn Biehl was named the recipient of the C.R.E.W. award in a presentation made by President Baxter, Board member John Strassman and Inshore Director Lee Parks.

President Baxter presented a special Presidential Award to John Burnham, editor of Sailing World magazine, for his long record of volunteer service to US SAILING and specifically for his work with the C.R.E.W. Member Agreement.

John Lovell, chair of the Audit Committee, reported on the committee's meeting with the outside auditor and distributed the time-line for completing the 2004 audit. It is expected to be completed by May 31, 2005, and financial statements and the management letter will be issued by June 15, 2005.

A motion to conduct a special meeting of the Board of Directors, to be arranged using electronic means, in order to review and approve the audit after it has been distributed, was made, seconded and carried.

James Appel reported on activities of the Budget Committee, which will be posted on the web site. In addition, he distributed a statement of revenues and expenses for January and February, 2005. He also discussed a proposal to increase the Capitol Purchase Budget from \$50,000 to \$162,500 in order to facilitate the implementation of a new IT initiative. A vote on the proposal will be taken in the Sunday meeting in order to give Board members an opportunity to review the details. The 2004 Financials were also distributed.

Chair of the Communications Committee Sarah Alger reported the committee and staff are soliciting feedback on the newsletter and other communication vehicles and working on enhanced communications with web liaisons.

Larry Bulman, chair of the Legal Committee, presented a Motion from the Committee that the Board authorize the Executive Committee to engage the services of an intellectual property attorney to review a proposed agreement between US SAILING and the Offshore Racing Association. The motion was seconded and carried with one abstention.

Inshore Chair Patty Lawrence reported that minutes of the committee's meeting had been distributed and would be available on the web site. She announced that a second One Design Sailing Symposium is scheduled for Nov. 19-20, 2005 in Annapolis, Md.

Cory Sertl discussed the ISAF committee report, noting that the May 2005 meeting may include a submission on the Olympic Game's format. She noted that US SAILING Past President Dave Irish had been elected a Vice President of ISAF.

After presenting a written report from the General Services Committee, Chair Ruth Creighton reminded members Regulation 7.01 which states that persons who use the benefits and services of US SAILING should be members, and urged compliance with this provision. Thirty-eight people have joined, renewed, upgraded their membership during the meeting, allowing them to participate in a drawing for a Bitter End vacation package. Don Glassel was winner in the drawing.

CSA Chair Susan Epstein announced that the CSA had approved the addition of the Virgin Island Sailing Association as a new member of Area B. A motion that the Board accept the Virgin Island Sailing Association (VISA) as a new RSA was made, seconded and carried.

President Baxter reviewed the updated strategic plan which has been approved by the Executive Committee. A motion to approve the plan was made, seconded and carried.

Vice President Tom Hubbell announced that some revisions in the proposed Bylaws were being considered and that they would be posted on the bulletin board. An information forum is scheduled for later in the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Dick Hanneman
Secretary

