



US SAILING Board of Directors

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Phoenix Arizona

Minutes

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

Directors present were: Paul Ansfield, Charlie Arms, Janet C Baxter, Faye Bennet, Stanton W Betts, Bob Billingham, Bruce Bingman, Dean M Brenner, Mitch Brindley, Craig W Brown, Bruce Campbell, Jim Capron, Robert Counihan, Ruth Creighton, Means Davis Jr, Susan Epstein, Fred Hagedorn, Richard Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Charles Ivey, Rich Jepsen, Leslie Keller, Patricia Lawrence, Clay Mock, Greg Norwine, Joni Palmer, Thomas Roberts, William Sandberg, Betty Sue Sherman, John Siegel, Karen Duay Smith, Bill Stump, Janice Visser, Scott West, Charles R Zechel.

Absent were John Amos, Jerelyn Biehl, Terry Bischoff, Peter Durant, Joseph Harris, John Lovell III, Dan Mangus, Ken Morrison, Bill Munster, John Rudy, Cory Sertl, Nathaniel Siddall, Adam Werblow.

Acting Offshore Council Chair Craig Brown reported the selection of two replacement Council members to the US SAILING Board of Directors. They are Paul Ansfield and Bruce Campbell.

President Baxter welcomed first time attendees and asked them to identify themselves to the Board. She also introduced a guest Rebecca Crawford of the United States Olympic Committee staff. Ms. Crawford is the USOC contact with US SAILING.

Ms.Crawford addressed the Board expressing the importance the USOC places on the sport of sailing and complimenting the organization for its willingness to consider reorganizing and moving forward.

Executive Director Charlie Leighton joined by the US SAILING staff Directors presented an hour long program highlighting US SAILING goals and achievements. He pointed out that a recent membership survey placed Racing Rules as the most relevant benefit of US SAILING membership, followed by Publications, Instructor Training, Youth development, Communications and Championships.

A program supporting Olympics that awards donors US SAILING gold, silver or bronze medals for contributions of \$75,000, \$50,000 and \$25,000 has already generated more than \$600,000 this year.

He emphasized that Committees should evaluate all existing programs against three criteria: Does the program provide member benefits? Does it attract new members? Does it achieve break even on a full cost basis? Existing programs that meet all three criteria should be give a GO signal, those meeting two of the criteria should be put into a REVIEW category and those meeting only one or none, should be labeled NEED TO IMPROVE, or NO GO.

Dean Brenner, US SAILING Olympic Chair discussed the OSC goals and organizational plans for the current Quad. He reiterated a goal to have a program in place that gives US sailors who want to compete at the Olympic level the ability to do so free of the organizing and fund raising activities that they currently face.

Action Item: A motion to ratify the actions of the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the Board of Directors through the Executive Committee meeting of September 16,2005, was made seconded and carried. Craig Brown abstaining.

Tom Farquhar reported on the Appeals Seminar held here in Phoenix on Oct. 19. Approximately 20 judges and area Appeal Chairs attended the seminar. He noted that the appeals committee is addressing a problem with fees that occurs at the RSA level; that the committee receives 15-20 appeals at the national level annually; and the newest version of the US SAILING Appeals Manual is available.

President Baxter reported that ISAF submissions affecting various committees should be reviewed and that the US SAILING delegates are seeking guidance from members regarding the submissions. All current submissions are available for review from the ISAF website.

After discussion regarding the special BOD meetings that had recently taken place via telephone conference call:

Action Item: A motion was made and seconded that the BOD hold a special meeting, prior to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. today, to hear a report from the Legal Committee after the Legal Committee has reached a determination as to the legality of the Special Meetings. The motion was defeated.

Jim Muldoon discussed a Memorandum of Understanding that has been approved between US SAILING and the United States Power Squadrons. The memorandum recognizes that our organizations have common interests and makes a statement that we would cooperate with each other in the future, essentially on a project-by-project basis and by mutual agreement.

President Baxter announced that several new committees are in the process of being formed, including and Umpires Committee, Match Racing, Women's Match Racing and an Offshore IRC committee.

Susan Epstein announced that the President's Club had agreed to suspend the 2006 Yacht Club dues to US SAILING from all clubs in the Gulf Yachting Association. Clubs that were not adversely affected by the recent hurricanes are urged to contribute their dues to GYA youth programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Dick Hanneman
Secretary

