

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday March 16, 2006
Spring Meeting
Chicago, IL
Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM CST.

Board of Directors members present were: Janet Baxter, Jerelyn Biehl, Bob Billingham, Dean Brenner, Jim Capron, Ruth Creighton, Susan Epstein, Tom Hubbell, Rich Jepsen, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Charlie Leighton, Dick Rose, John Siegel, John Strassman, and Jim Tichenor. Bill Sandberg was not in attendance. There were a seven observers present during the meeting.

Action Items:

A motion to approve the February 20, 2006 Board of Directors Minutes as amended was moved, seconded and passed.

President Janet Baxter opened the meeting with a short report of her appearances at Florida sailing events. Baxter then previewed the agendas of the upcoming Board of Director and House of Delegates meetings scheduled for this week-end.

Executive Director Charlie Leighton summarized his monthly Executive Directors report for the Board along with the YTD Financials. (The full summary will be included in the March 19, 2006 meeting minutes.) Leighton previewed his report to the House of Delegates by highlighting his initiative for enhancing the US SAILING brand and promoting the Olympic Medalist program.

Tom Hubbell reported that the group working on the re-write of the regulation has released a draft. He will be soliciting comments and edits this week-end and that the writing group will be very active in the next several days. Hubbell said he was the clearinghouse for all edits and questions.

President Baxter asked the several VP's who have been liaisons with the new Council for progress reports:

Jerelyn Biehl has been working with the Intercollegiate Sailing Association, Interscholastic Sailing Association, Youth and Women's Sailing Councils. Jim Tichenor has been working with the Community Sailing, Coach and Instructor, US Windsurfing and the Sailor Athlete Councils. Jim Capron has been working with Council of Sailing Associations, Council of Sailors with Disabilities and the Cruising Councils. Various Councils were farther ahead of others but all were making progress.

There was a brief discussion on whether the governing documents of individual Councils should be labeled "bylaws" or some other name to avoid confusion with the US SAILING bylaws. The Board concluded to keep the term "bylaws" for the individual councils.

James Capron described the current status of drafting the final sections of Article 15 in the Regulations. The final item that the working party is investigating is language to recover costs from the filers of frivolous grievances. This will be the very carefully crafted not to discourage

legitimate grievances from being files. The mechanism for processing eligibility grievances was also discussed. Further progress was expected during the course of the week-end and President Baxter requested that Capron make another report at the Sunday HOD meeting.

Action Item:

It was moved that the scheduled US SAILING March 27th Board of Directors meeting be canceled due to its close proximity to the Spring Meeting.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary John Strassman led a discussion of the future of the Spring meeting. It was observed that several Committees were not having meetings and many others needed to have conference calls scheduled to assure adequate participation. Leighton estimated the cost of the Spring Meetings to US SAILING at approximately \$20,000. Other members of the Board suggested that the Spring Meeting also costs each volunteer at least \$1,000. A number of options were presented and Strassman was directed to request time at an upcoming HOD meeting to request their advice.

The Board then went into Executive session.

Meeting adjourned 9:37PM CST

Respectfully submitted,

John Strassman
Secretary