

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Friday November 17, 2006
Annual Meeting
Newport, RI
Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM EST.

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, Bill Sandberg, John Siegel, John Strassman, and Jim Tichenor.

Action Items:

A motion to approve the November 15, 2006 Board of Directors Minutes as corrected was moved, seconded and passed.

President Janet Baxter opened the meeting by immediately calling for reports.

Committee Chairs filed written reports in addition to giving oral reports.

- Umpires Committee – Kirk Brown reported that the United States has the best and largest corps of sailing umpires in the world. Five more US International Umpires were approved at this fall's ISAF meeting. Umpires spent more than 1000 days on the water in the US this year.
- PHRF Committee – Paul Ansfield reported that the Committee ratified their Annual Report, Terms of Reference and Guide for Committee Operations at their meeting. The committee is also successfully refreshing the ranks of the group.
- IRC Committee - Bruce Bingman reported that the Committee ratified a number of its documents and that certificates are being issued in a satisfactory manner.
- Safety at Sea Committee – Bill Stump reported that during their meeting that they heard first hand from Volvo race veterans on the safety measures taken during the Around the World Race.
- U.S. Match Racing Championships Committee - Steve Wrigley reported that the Committee's initiative to allow competitors to qualify at several different events permitted many individual to avoid scheduling conflicts and participate in the series. Wrigley praised the Committees Area Reps for making the new system work very well.
- Race Administration Committee- Dick Rose reported that a frequently asked question page on the insurance programs for Race Officers was being developed for the website. A special Working Party was working to develop a Classifier Program and Committee for Disabled Sailors.
- Technology Committee – Serge Jorgensen reported that there was a large turnover in personnel in US SAILING's IT Department. The new people are doing well. The new Data Base Program is entering testing. US SAILING will be entering into an agreement with Active Dot.com to operate the event registration system. Jorgensen reply to an answer that the web page can be improved in its current configuration but in the long run, a new structure could be needed.

Dean Brenner presented the report of the Olympic Committee. Brenner outlined the decision-making process the OSC employs in its administration of the Program. He also reported on the many successes of the program's fund raising programs and spending decisions. He reserved the highest praise for the athletes themselves. The current US Sailing Team is an average of 15 years younger than the team sent to Athens and has produced an impressive list of results over the last two years. Brenner is optimistic about the team's chances in 2008.

Leslie Keller presented the Treasurer's Report. The report was distributed and will be part of the permanent minutes

Charlie Leighton and several of the US SAILING staff presented the Annual Report to the Members. The presentation was enthusiastically received by the Members present. The excellent report will be posted on the website and copies may be requested from the office.

Meeting adjourned 10:03 AM EST

Respectfully submitted,

John Strassman
Secretary