

**US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Saturday November 18, 2006**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Newport, RI**  
**Minutes**

President Janet Baxter called the meeting to order at 8:06 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.

The Approval of the November 17, 2006 Board of Directors Minutes was delayed until tomorrow's meeting to allow the Board to review the changes that were submitted.

Cory Sertl gave a report for the ISAF Delegation. Sertl reported that David Sprague of Canada who is one of the three delegates from North America has been attending US SAILING meetings for several years. She thanked Sprague for his efforts to further the ties between US SAILING and the Canadian Yachting Association. Sertl also reported that US SAILING hosted a breakfast for the other delegations from the Americas during the meeting to discuss matters of mutual interest. The Next ISAF Meeting will be in Paris next spring.

**Committee Reports**

- Government Relations Committee – Jim Muldoon reported on the activities of the Committee. These activities include lobbying for the interests of US SAILING, liaison with USCG programs and operations and various other Government agencies. Muldoon also reported that USCG has recognized the US SAILING training model as the standard for all other boating organizations. The Committee also looks after US SAILING interests to prevent undue regulation of sailing interests.
- Web Liaison Committee – Chris Luppens reported that near-term enhancements will include a new page template, updated site map, and a US SAILING Google search button. In the longer term, Luppens said that the total number of pages on the site will be slimmed down. Luppens promised that “we will clean up this site.”
- Rolex International Women's Keelboat Championship Committee – Karen Reisch reported that the regatta will have a two year run at each venue starting with the 2007 event that will be held in Houston.
- U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship Committee – Karen Reisch reported that the Independence Cup will be held in Chicago again this year. The event is seeking bids from other venues.
- U.S. Junior Championships Committee – John Strassman reported that the Committee met and discussed the coaching and the proposal from the Club 420 class to co-sponsor Area events.
- U.S. Match Racing Championship Committee – Debi Schoenherr reported that 34 grading applications were forwarded to ISAF. She was pleased to announce that there are several grass-roots match racing programs starting up at local yacht clubs. The Committee also is considering a nation-wide match racing tour.

- US Women's Match Racing Championship Committee – Debi Schoenherr reported that Debbie Capozzi won this year's event at Newport Harbor Yacht Club.
- Offshore Championships Committee – Outgoing Chair Ken Morrison was greeted by a standing ovation as he approached the microphone in acknowledgement of his many years of service as Chair of the US SAILING National Offshore Council. The Bi-Coastal format will continue using the Naval Academy's 44 footer in Annapolis and Catalina 37's at Long Beach Yacht Club in alternating years.
- Commercial Sailing Committee – Doris Colgate reported that the Committee had a successful meeting discussing topics ranging from the Keelboat certification programs that bring in many new members into US SAILING to the presentation from the RYA Yachtmaster Programs.
- Sports Medicine Committee – Dr. Sam Murray reported that the Committee had presented recommendations to support measures to help sailors prevent skin cancer, add a broad rimmed sun hat at the US SAILING on-line store and recommending AED's at every Yacht Club. Murray also invited everyone to visit the Sailing Injury Survey website and take the survey.
- Legal Committee – Chair Larry Brown reported that there are no pending cases or assignments for this Committee.
- Nominating and Governance Committee – Dave Rosekrans reported that the Committee successfully performed the three duties of the Committee: the election of the Board of Directors, evaluation of the BOD and development of a code of conduct and ethic standards. Rosekrans submitted a Board Action Item that would allow a variance of Robert's Rules of Order that would not allow the results of the election for the Board of Directors to be recorded into the minutes.

**Action Item:**

Resolved, that the results of the election for the Board of Directors shall not be recorded into the minutes but shall be maintained in confidence records at corporate headquarters. The resolution was seconded and defeated. (This will reverse the action item approved by the Board during the November 15, 2006 meeting.)

- Risk Management Committee – Alan McMillan reported on several initiatives the Committee was taken. He also reported that the insurance industry is reporting a good to better than average year in terms of loss experience. McMillan reported that the Committee had agreed on their Terms of Reference and That Joe Melino will be the new Chair.
- US Singlehanded Championship Committee – George Griswald reported that the 2006 event in Milwaukee was a success. Griswald also thanked the Sponsors and announced plans for next year.
- IRC Committee – Bruce Bingman continued his report from a previous day. His written report lists the several IRC championships scheduled for this coming season.
- ORR Committee - Dick Hampikian reported that the ORA certified an additional 160 boats this past year. He also mentioned a number of products available to offshore sailors from ORA.

Patty Lawrence gave a summary of the progress of the several Councils to ratify updated Bylaws. A full list will be circulated to the Board for review and will be voted upon at the Sunday meeting.

President Janet Baxter recognized James Stevens, the RYA Training director. Stevens thanked US SAILING for their hospitality. Stevens reported that he had interesting and fruitful discussions with the US SAILING Training Committee and Commercial Sailing Committee. Stevens then presented President Baxter with a RYA burgee as a token of thanks from the RYA.

Bill Waggoner of the United States Sailing Foundation gave the Foundation report. The Foundation has distributed over \$800,000 to sailors since its inception.

Walt Chamberlain urged the Board to reverse the action of November 15, 2006 that provided for not disclosing the total number of ballots cast in the election until some later date.

**Action Item:**

It was moved to rescind the November 15, 2006 motion regarding the announcement of the total votes cast for the election of the Board of Directors.

Motion was seconded and passed with two abstentions.

Meeting adjourned 9:22 AM CST

Respectfully submitted,

John Strassman  
Secretary