

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday November 19, 2006
Annual Meeting
Newport, RI
Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM EST.

Board of Directors members present were: Janet Baxter, 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. Absent were Jerelyn Biehl and Bob Billingham

Action Items:

A motion to approve the November 17, 2006 Board of Directors Minutes was moved, seconded and passed.

The approval of the November 18, 2006 minutes was delayed until a later date to allow the Board to review a corrected revision.

Baxter temporarily recessed the US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting and called to order a meeting of the United States Sailing Foundation.

After the business of the USSF was complete, Baxter re-convened the US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting.

President Baxter accepted the reports of the Division Chairs and Secretary Strassman asked that the Division Chairs submit electronic copies to the Secretary.

Patty Lawrence introduced the proposed Bylaws of the One-Design Class Council, the Cruising Sailors Council and Women's Council for ratification by the Board of Directors.

Action Item:

A motion to approve the Bylaws as submitted of the One Design Class Council, the Council of Cruising Sailors and Women's Sailing Council was moved, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

- Budget Committee – Leslie Keller reported that a draft of the budget was circulated and a final budget will be presented to the Board at the December meeting. Dick Rose commented that he would request that the budget process recognize that certain committees' budgets do not accurately reflect all of the costs and revenues that are associated with issuing publications such as the Rule Book.
- Offshore Committee – John Siegel reported that besides the various housekeeping chores the Committee discussed the issue of the duplication of efforts between the Offshore Committee and the Offshore Council. With the re-organization, it has

become even more evident that a redundancy exists. As a result of this the Offshore Committee has decided it would be appropriate to dissolve and Siegel presented an Action Request Form.

Action Item:

A motion to eliminate the Offshore Committee from the Competition Division was moved, seconded and passed. (Action Request Form 2006-11-02)

- Inshore Committee – The committee met and discussed their status and function under the new US SAILING structure. Virtually all functions have been transferred to other committees or councils. The Committee agreed unanimously to recommend to the Board that the Committee be abolished. An Action Request Form was submitted to the Board.

Action Item:

A motion to eliminate the Inshore Committee from the Competition Division was moved, seconded and passed. (Action Request Form 2006-11-03)

- Championships Committee – Karen Reisch reported that all of the Championships have submitted their reports and all of the Finals are scheduled for 2007. Tom Fendler has updated the trophy books for all of the Championships. Reisch finished her report by thanking the many sponsors for their continued support. Reisch then asked that Ken Morrison be recognized. Morrison reported that a potential conflict of interest was discovered for the newly nominated Chair of the Offshore Championship Committee. John Tinansky was previously nominated but it was discerned that there could be a potential conflict because Tinansky is the Sailing Director at the Naval Academy which has a permanently selected slot in the Offshore Championship and is the host of the event every other year. Therefore the Committee submitted an Action Request Form.

Action Item:

A motion to replace John Tinansky with Bruce Bingman as nominee for the Chair of the Offshore Championship was moved, seconded and passed. (Action Request Form 2006-11-04)

- U.S. Men's Championship Committee – Karen Reisch reported that Scott Young won the 2006 Championship at Boston Yacht Club in Sonars and the 2007 event will be held at Southwestern YC in San Diego.
- U.S. Junior Women's Championship Committee – Karen Reisch reported that Milwaukee YC did a splendid job taking the Ida Lewis regatta a year early to allow Pontchartrain YC an extra year to rebuild. Houston YC hosted the Leiter and the event will be in Pleon YC in 2007.
- U.S. Youth Championship Committee – Karen Reisch reported that the 2007 event will be held at Southern YC.
- U.S. Multihull Championship Committee – John Williams reported that the event will be held at Melbourne YC in 2007. Williams also submitted an Action Request form to request a disbursement from the Hoyt-Jolly Fund.

Action Item:

A motion to approve a disbursement of \$5,000 from the restricted Hoyt –Jolly fund to support the 2007 US Multihull Championship for the Alter Cup was moved, seconded and passed. (Action Request Form 2006-11-05)

- U.S. Youth Multihull Championship Committee – Art Stevens reported that Performance Catamarans have a two year contract to supply SL-16 cats which is the new ISAF Youth Catamaran for the event. Stevens also announced that the Committee wants to send the winning team to the French Championship and is seeking a funding process to accomplish that.
- U.S. Women’s Championship Committee – Betsy Beddow reported a successful first year experience with résumés. Vicki Sodaro won the 2006 Championship. Faye Bennet was selected as a Trustee of the Adams Cup replacing Glenn Lattimore who was named a Trustee Emerita.
- U.S. C of C Committee – Karen Reisch reported that Grand Maumelle ran an excellent event this year. The 2007 event will be in Snipes at Mission Bay YC.
- Judges Committee – Jim Walsh reported that there were 15 Judges Seminars held in 2006 and that there will be one scheduled in conjunction with the 2007 Spring Meeting.
- Development Committee – Sarah Alger reported that this new Committee is working to define its mission. It will be seeking wide participation at any level of support.
- Marketing and Communications Committee – Sarah Alger reported that the new logo and tagline will be tested and evaluated. The Committee also reiterates their support of a newsletter. Sponsorship is going very well and the Committee wants to thank the staff for doing a great job.
- Racing Rules Committee – Dick Rose reported that the Committee has been very active this year working on fine-tuning a proposed change to RRS 18. The Committee developed two versions that were tested by a number of US fleets in local races. The Royal Yachting Association became interested in the project and now the US SAILING Racing Rules Committee and their RYA counterparts are working on a joint submission to ISAF for the next round of rule changes.
- Membership Committee – Ruth Creighton reported that this new committee is seeking members.
- Site Selection Committee – Ed Theisen listed the new several locations and dates:
 - March 15-18, 2007 Newport, RI
 - October 24-28, 2007 Phoenix, AZ
 - March 14-17, 2008 Newport, RI
 - March 13-16, 2009 Newport, RI

Tentative dates and sites;

October, 2008 Miami or St. Petersburg, FL

October, 2009 Toledo, OH; Fort Worth, TX or San Diego, CA

Theisen also reported that he will be stepping down as Chair of the Committee and Bill Ross will be the new Chair.

- Portsmouth Rating Committee – Darline Hobock reported that the Committee did not meet at this meeting. Hobock continued that she will be stepping down as Chair and a new Chair will be announced soon.
- By Laws Committee – Clarke Chapin reported that the Committee did not meet at the meeting and that they had completed the review of the latest revision of the Regulations.
- Race Management Committee – Jim Tichenor reported that the Race Management Committee met in open and in closed session to review Race Officer applications. In the past year certifies Club Race officers increased from 480 to 564, Regional Race Officers increased from 73 to 80 and the number of National Race Officers remained the same at 29. An ISAF Race Management Course is being planned for this spring. In 2006 there were 31 Basic and 18 Advanced Race Management Seminars presented in ten different states.
- Training Committee – Rich Jepsen reported that the Committee took care of a lot of housekeeping during this meeting. The Committee and James Stevens from the Royal Yachting Association had a series of deep and fruitful discussions regarding cooperation of several training initiatives. The United States Power Squadron is also in conversation about partnering in its educational products.
- Appeals Committee – Tom Farquhar reported that it was a quiet year with nine appeals sent on the national level. There are currently two open questions. US SAILING submitted three cases to ISAF to be included in the ISAF Case Book and one was accepted.

An Action Request Form from Linda Merkle was presented. Merkle requests that the Board approve Gene Hinkel's nomination as IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee Chairman.

Action Item:

It was moved to approve the nomination of Gene Hinkel as IFDS Measurement/Classes Committee Chairman. Motion was seconded and passed. (Action Request 2006-11-06)

The House of Delegates submitted an Action Request Form (2006-11-07) originating from Bill Doegler that requested that the Organization develop a seed program to provide a low cost, turn key how-to-sail program for parks and recreation programs. The Board agreed that this was a worthwhile concept but the present Board decided that due to the timing of the pending transition this Board would defer this issue to the incoming Board.

President Janet Baxter then recognized and presented plaques to a number of retiring Chairs of Councils and Committees

Meeting adjourned 9:53 AM EST

Respectfully submitted,

John Strassman
Secretary