

US Sailing Association
Minutes of the
Meeting of the
Board of Director
Held in Newport, RI
March, 17, 2007

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, President Jim Capron, Susan Epstein, Amy Gross-Kehoe, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor, and Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:00 AM Eastern Time.
2. Secretary Hagedorn called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.
3. A **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors was made, seconded and approved.
4. The President reminded all assembled that the Board had agreed that we should ask each committee to consider if the association should require US SAILING membership for each product or service associated with that committee.

President Capron announced that the US SAILING Sportsmanship Award, the W. Van Alan Clark, Jr., Trophy is being awarded to J.D. Reddaway of Flowery Branch, Georgia. The presentation of the award is being made at the Thistle Orange Peel Regatta this weekend where this 14 year old is competing. J.D. is the youngest ever recipient!

5. Executive Director Leighton reported that his report to the House of Delegates stands as presented.
6. Treasurer Keller was joined by CFO Bobbi Warren and Budget Chair James Appel to present the results of FY 2006, the FY 2007 Budget, and a comparison of income sources and expense uses across similar sports.
7. Walt Chamberlain, chair of the House of Delegates, noted that the House met on the 16th of March where numerous presentations were made, and will be meeting again on Sunday morning.

8. The following Division Chairs made reports:
 - Ruth Creighton, Administration, noted that 9 committees and chairs are present and actively working for the association;
 - Jim Walsh, Competition, noted that most of his committees' Terms of References are with the staff and ready for Board review and approval, the division is on track with more meetings to be held this weekend;
 - Dean Brenner, Olympic, reported that the division and program are on track for a successful 3rd year of the quad.

9. The following Councils reported:
 - Stan Betts reported that the CSA had held one of its two scheduled meetings;
 - Ned Jones, for the Industry Council, will be bringing a few ideas to the House of Delegates;
 - Paul Ansfield, for the NOC, noted that it is half way through its meetings;
 - Bob Billingham, with the Sailor-Athlete Council, asked all committee chairs to please check to see if their committees are in compliance with the athlete participation rules via the SAC web pages on the US SAILING website. Billingham also indicated that the SAC endorses the proposed Change #2007-27 regarding Regulation 3.01 having to do with the designations of the labels used to describe the three levels of athlete.

10. The following committees reported:
 - US Men's Championship (Bill Ross) noted that all is on track for the 2007 championships and that bids to host the event have been received through 2012;
 - a. Bill also extended an invitation to President Capron to attend the Flying Scot National Championships for the class' 50 year celebration;
 - US Women's Championship (Betsy Beddow) that the 2007 event is going well, and that it is co-located with the US Men's Championship;
 - US Junior Championships (John Strassman) reported that all three events are being held in New Jersey this summer, and the two host clubs are combining most of their social events. Chicago Yacht Club will host all three events together in 2008;
 - Youth Championships (Chris Clement) reported that the minutes of their meeting were distributed. The 2007 event will be at the Southern Yacht Club in New Orleans, and the 2008 event will be held at the San Francisco Yacht Club.
 - Government Relations (Jim Muldoon) reported to the House of Delegates, but reminded those assembled that if the US Coast Guard becomes concerned about boats for hire, gently point out to them that our activities are governed by the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, and to then let the Government Relations Committee.
 - IRC, Bruce Bingham, reported that Dan Nowlan made an excellent presentation on customer service, our average score from our customers was 3.5 out of 4.0.
 - Marketing/Communications (Sarah Alger) met and received reports on the Sponsorship Summit that was held this past Thursday, media coverage of the association, discussed long-term planning of the communication strategy and agreed that e-USSAILING should be as broadly distributed as possible while utilizing teaser articles for members-only;

- Membership (Ruth Creighton) noted that the minutes of their meeting had been distributed, and that a listing of ideas for growing membership was also included – “Let’s keep thinking and bring ideas to the Membership committee!
 - Offshore Teams (Bruce Bingham) reported that the Commodore’s Cup will be held and that the 3 bands had been announced;
 - Risk Management (Joe Melino) reported that they are working on the draft regulation to incorporate the requirements of the Child On-line Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) with the Legal Committee;
 - PHRF (Paul Ansfield) shared that “no guidance” is being given on the new “Spinnoa” sails until there is more data available. New tools are available from the Offshore Office, and the appeal process for ratings has been improved to include Canadians under certain circumstances. Fleets are reminded that they are bound to comply with US PHRF Appeals Decisions.
11. The proposals for a Classifiers’ Committee and Program was deferred until Sunday after comment by the House of Delegates;
 12. There were no specific items of Old Business;
 13. New Business
 - a. The Jr. Keelboat Program (Don Glasell) presented an overview of the printed business plan.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to refer this proposal to the Budget Committee for its action.
 - b. Ombudsman (Noel Field) introduced himself to those assembled and explained that one of his roles in the association is to assist members in dealing with appeals and grievances.
 14. A **MOTION** to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 9:30 AM, Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary