

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2007
Teleconference

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:00 pm Eastern Time.
2. Secretary Hagedorn called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.
3. A **MOTION** to approve the Consent Calendar was made, seconded and approved.
 - a. Minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors;
 - b. Approved the addition of check-writing capabilities to the AG Edwards Account that holds the deferred membership dues;
 - c. Endorsed the applications by the St. Petersburg YC to host the 2009 Nations Cup Finals, and to host the 2008 Nations Cup Regional Qualifier; both in match racing.
4. President Capron reported on a number of issues of interest. Capron joined the call from London between his commitment as the Chair of the International Jury at Kiel Week, and as a member of the International Jury at the 2007 ISAF Combined World Championships in Cascais, Portugal. The **2007 ISAF Team Racing World Championship** – only one proposal to host a qualifier was presented to the US SAILING Team Racing Committee and it was determined that it was not feasible; therefore the President has named a Resume Review Committee that will accept submissions from any of the 6 qualified teams from the 2006 US National Team Racing Championship. Capron has not had any success in finding funding for the **Junior Big Boat Program**, and asked the Board members to think of who else we should approach. Capron has met with the **National Sailing Hall of Fame** Managing Director, Lee Tawney and President, Dick Franyo. US SAILING will introduce the organization to the appropriate staff leaders at the USOC; US SAILING will assist the Foundation in finding historical material on sailing Olympians; and when their website is fully functional US SAILING will provide a link to it from our website. Capron has agreed to serve on the NSHoF Advisory Committee. The **transition to the new US SAILING member database** has been delayed from April to July to avoid teething issues during our two biggest membership transaction months. Capron reminded the Board that we still need to step up our collective efforts to collect more data and to ensure it is “good.” Finally, Capron shared that **Strictly Sail Chicago** in February, 2008, will be providing US SAILING with a larger space and that we will be highlighting sailing as an Olympic Sport – the timing is such that all of our Olympic Staff and sailors will be at either the Rolex Miami OCR or in Australia for their respective 2008 World Championship, but we will bring an Olympic Class Boat and a past Olympian or two who are closely aligned with our current program to assist us with this opportunity.
5. Executive Director Leighton reported that the association is continuing to perform well financially at this point in the year. Leighton also shared that the Annual Report had just been sent out – members of the Board all agreed that it was an excellent report. Leighton also confirmed that membership to date is flat year over year.

6. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Keller reported through the Secretary that we are in good financial shape at this time.
7. Olympic Report. Chairman Brenner who is also in Europe reported through the Secretary that the ISAF World Championships start next week for all Olympic Classes. These events are the most important of the year for our athletes, in many ways. The Trials are clearly critical as well, but the Worlds will have major funding implications, 75% of the Olympic country spots will be determined, many countries will use these events as their Olympic Trials (as will we in the Yngling), and there is major performance bonus money available as well. There will be more than 1600 sailors in the 11 classes competing.

We will have 77 sailors and a total of 110 people at the event, including coaches and our PET (Performance Enhancement Team) staff.

8. Old Business
 - a. The Board reviewed the schedule associated with the Notice Of Election for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Association and determined that no additional action is required other than to support the efforts of the Nominating and Governance Committee and those of the staff in implementing the schedule and its associated tasks.
9. New Business
 - a. Director Montgomery asked for feedback on the new draft that had been circulated to the Board of the Ethics agreement. Capron and Hagedorn will provide specific thoughts to Montgomery who will liaise with the NGC and help to bring this to a conclusion.
10. A **MOTION** to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 8:59 pm, Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary