

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
Teleconference

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, President Jim Capron, Susan Epstein, Amy Gross-Kehoe, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor, 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. Secretary Hagedorn Reviewed the **ACTIONS** taken by the Board of Directors between August 20, 2007 and September 25, 2007:
 - a. On August 30, 2007, the Board of Directors **ELECTED** Gary Jobson to a 3-year term as a Select Director. Jobson's term will end with the AGM of 2009.
 - b. On August 30, 2007, the Board of Directors **APPROVED** a submission to the ISAF regarding two Safety Issues in the IFDS Race Management Manual (see Appendix 1).
4. A **MOTION** to approve the Consent Calendar was made, seconded and approved.
 - a. Minutes of the August 20, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors, as corrected.
 - b. Endorsement of Paul Hemker to be renewed as an International Measurer for the Flying Dutchman and Flying Junior Classes.
5. President Capron shared that he had been out of the country a lot over the past month to attend sailing events as an official. Congratulations to Dean Brenner and the entire Larchmont YC Team for their success in winning the British-American Cup (the oldest Team Racing Trophy in the world) for the fourth time in a row! Capron Chaired the Jury at the Skandia Sail for Gold event that was held at the site of the 2012 Olympic Sailing event. He noted incredible media relations efforts at this event, and shared that he assisted in proposing a simplification to the penalty turn rules for the "Medal Race." Digital Rights Management Software has been purchased and is being implemented by the staff. Tom Hubble has been leading an effort to identify leadership for the Recreation Division and to help get this fifth Division of our association activated. Finally, Capron wanted to recognize Tom Niel for his contribution of \$5,000, joining Jim Tichenor's previous gift, to get the Junior Big Boat Program off the ground!
6. Executive Director Leighton reported that the association is continuing to perform well financially. Our "numbers are in the Green, with the exception of the Keelboat Prgram which is in the Yellow due to timing of invoices." Leighton is pleased to report that the reported Year-End results as compared to the Audited Results show very little change (about 1% in Revenue and 3% in the NET)! In meetings with representatives of the RYA director of Publications we have learned that the RYA sells the rulebook to its members at a large discount (rather than giving it out-right), and they sell 60,000 units of their version of the Rules Card. We are up to 48 Medalists, as our fundraising program continues to bear fruit. And finally, as the staff prepares for the AGM they have been asked to consider three questions by Executive Director Leighton:

1. Who are we (US SAILING)?
2. What do we do?
3. Where might we go?

7. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Keller reported that the Executive Director's report reflected well the financial well being of our business. Keller will be working with staff to first provide an analysis of the Auditor's Management Letter Recommendations and to then develop a time-line to implement those recommendations that make sense to the business.

A **MOTION** to receive the Audit Committee's Report was made, seconded and approved.

A **MOTION** to appoint Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co., Ltd. as our Auditors for FY 2007 was made, seconded and approved.

8. Old Business.
- a. A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approve to provide that for the Podmajerski v. Chicago YC Grievance, the Appeals shall be heard by the entire Review Board less those members who either heard the original hearing or who are otherwise forced to recuse themselves, and that the decision of this resulting panel shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for its endorsement.
 - b. A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved (with Dick Allsopp abstaining) to require only the members of the Board of Directors of the Association to complete the Ethics Acceptance Form.
9. New Business. It was previously agreed that a Strategy Session will be a part of the Board of Directors' Meeting on October 24, 2007, and to accommodate this we will call the meeting to order at 5 pm PT. Further, President Capron will circulate a set of possible (winter) dates for a full-day session, during which the Board will look ahead at the next five years.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm Eastern Time Zone.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Appendix 1

US SAILING submits to IFDS for consideration at the November AGM the addition of the following two safety related items to Part 1 Section 8 of the IFDS Race Management Manual. Both items are related to each other and directly affect the health and well being of the athletes on and off the water.

- Proposal: **To add two new safety parameters for IFDS sanctioned events to the Race Management Manual related to athlete health and well being.**
- Current Position: **None**
- Rules (if any) Considered to be Affected: **Part 1, Section 8 of IFDS Race Management Manual (RMM)**

8.3 Heating/Cooling Vests and Related Equipment

Athletes shall be allowed to use heating and/or cooling vests (or other related items) prior to, after and in between races to help regulate and maintain healthy body temperatures should conditions warrant as thermo-regulation of the disabled athlete has been well documented as a significant health and safety issue.

8.4 Medical Supplies and Equipment

Teams shall be permitted to use (on facility and/or in team containers) electrical appliances, such as refrigeration units to preserve and maintain medical supplies and athletic equipment.

- Reason for the Motion:

As thermo-regulation of the disabled athlete has been well documented as a significant health and safety issue, it is imperative that Paralympic sailors be allowed proper access to heating and cooling equipment and supplies. In an ever changing coastal environment and water based playing-field with unpredictable weather conditions, it is essential that proper medical equipment be allowed on the venue and be unrestricted. In addition, there are some medications and supplies that require specific temperatures for storage. All athletes should have access to proper storage of such medications within their own countries secure areas in order to avoid contamination and/or improper handling.