

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2008

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

A number of observers were present throughout the meeting. In particular, Dick Rose participated.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 7:15 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 February 19, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting;
 - b. Approval of the Deeds of Gift for the Chandler Hovey and Judd Goldman Trophies. (see Appendix 1).
4. President Capron shared that the bulk of his report would be made on Thursday morning at the first Joint Presentation Meeting of the House of Delegates and the Board of Directors. Capron did take the opportunity to introduce the membership initiatives from the January Board of Directors Strategic Planning session. The first step is to have the helm and “person in charge” of a boat that is racing be required to be a member of US SAILING. The Racing Rules committee has been asked to draft a prescription implementing this. Over the last month Capron has met or spoken with the leaders of the ICSA and the ISSA sharing the needs and reasons for this initiative and sharing the concept of special membership categories for high school students, collegiate students and others.
5. The Proposed Membership Prescription to the Racing Rules of Sailing. Dick Rose shared an overview of the process and discussions that the Racing Rules committee has had regarding this request from the Board. The Rules committee hopes to listen to interested persons throughout the weekend to better define “local races” and he hopes to provide feedback and receive further direction from the Board, based on discussions throughout the weekend, on Sunday morning.
6. Executive Director Leighton reported that we continue on good financial footings, although he is concerned with an apparent downward trend in membership renewals in January and February. This trend is being investigated for verification and appropriate action. Leighton then discussed a membership initiative for a new Associate member category (age 22-30, \$35 price).

It was **Moved**, seconded and agreed to **Postpone** this proposal for discussion at the Sunday meeting.

Leighton then raised the issue of how ballots will be distributed to the members as a part of the election process. It is very expensive (\$10,000) to mail out the ballots, and it has now been determined that electronic delivery is acceptable under New York law.

It was **MOVED**, seconded and **agreed to Postpone** the proposal to distribute the ballots only by electronic means while the bylaws are reviewed and any changes determined.

7. USOC 3-year Audit was reviewed by Treasurer Keller. There were no material issues, and 8 suggestions for long-term improvement, all of which management has developed good responses and/or action plans for the future.
8. Chairman Dean Brenner reported on the status of the Olympic Program. Brenner shared the appointment of a full-time, in-house, PR staff member, Darby Anderson. The Women's RS/X issues remain open – an arbitration hearing has been scheduled to be held in May. We look forward to China and how proud our athletes will make us feel at both the Olympics and Paralympics.

It was **MOVED**, seconded and **APPROVED** to submit an urgent submission to the ISAF to ensure that the Age Groups, Equipment, and Qualification System and Competition Format be determined at the 2008 ISAF Annual Conference (see Appendix 2).

9. It was **MOVED**, seconded to **APPROVE** the FY 2008 Olympic Department Budget.
10. Susan Epstein reviewed the results of the Member Survey regarding the Spring Meeting and is looking forward to getting reaction and input from the meeting participants this weekend. Susan especially wanted to thank Lee Parks and Katie Santos for their hard work and efforts with this survey.
11. The US SAILING 2008 Goals were discussed and will be presented for approval at the Sunday meeting on March 16, 2008.
12. **OLD BUSINESS.** Gary Jobson shared his planned approach to the Championships Committee to challenge the championship committees to think boldly, embrace change, and look toward the next 5-years.
13. **NEW BUSINESS.** Gary Jobson reported that the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Annapolis, MD, is facing some emerging opposition. The Board remains strongly in support of the development and opening of the Hall of Fame.

It was **MOVED**, seconded and **APPROVED** that a letter be sent to the Annapolis City Council in support of the National Sailing Hall of Fame.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 pm Eastern Time Zone.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

APPENDIX 1

**DEED OF GIFT
JUDD GOLDMAN TROPHY**

The Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation, 875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611, gives to the United States Sailing Association a perpetual trophy described as a trophy 14.5” high by 6.5” wide by 17” high with a pyramid shaped solid walnut base 5” high by 6.5” wide. Mounted on the base is a 12” high aluminum jib and main configured to resemble the sail plan of a singlehanded sailboat to be named the Judd Goldman Trophy. This trophy will be presented annually to the individual competitor that is declared the winner of the singlehanded class of the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship.

This award is dedicated to Justin “Judd” Goldman (1914-1989) who, despite his own physical disability, was an accomplished sailor and inspired the creation of the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program, Chicago, Illinois.

US SAILING is ultimately responsible for the care of the trophy and shipping case. These responsibilities will be carried out by the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship Committee Chair in conjunction with the Trophy Committee Chair. US SAILING’s philosophy is that trophies should get as much exposure as possible, whether on display at the winner’s home club or at the championship’s host club. The recipient will be responsible for the trophy and its shipping case and is required to sign the official US SAILING Trophy Accountability Form which outlines his/her responsibilities. If the winner is unable or not willing to display and care for the trophy per the Trophy Accountability Form, then the trophy may be displayed at the host club for the next championship event provided that the host club event chair is willing to take responsibility and sign the Trophy Accountability Form. If neither the winner nor the host club agrees to be responsible for the care of the trophy, US SAILING will assume responsibility.

We understand that this is a perpetual trophy which will be moved from place to place and will incur various expenses including insurance, engraving, shipping, “keeper” awards, general maintenance, etc. To offset these expenses, we gift the sum of \$2,500. This sum will be sent to the US SAILING Trophy Fund designated specifically for the care of the Judd Goldman Trophy.

By Donor:

By US SAILING:

Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing

US SAILING Executive Director

Witness

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Date:_____

Date:_____

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**CHANDLER HOVEY JR. TROPHY
For the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship**



Donated in 1994 to US SAILING by A.G. A. Correa and Company, the Chandler Hovey Jr. Trophy is a perpetual trophy described as a solid walnut plaque measuring xx” high by xx” wide. Mounted on the plaque is a stainless steel plate with a likeness of Chandler Hovey Jr. The plate is inscribed, “In honor of a true Corinthian yachtsman Buzz Hovey, who competed on race courses as a national junior champion, skippered J-Boats, and with his family, campaigned the 12 Metre *Easterner* through the 1964 America’s Cup Trials. Buzz Hovey moved beyond his disability to focus on his love for sailing, competition and family.” This trophy will be presented annually to the team that is declared the winner of the doublehanded class of the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship.

"Buzz" Hovey, for whom the trophy is named, was active in 12 Metre racing in the '50's and '60's. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1947, he continued, nonetheless, to sail and race actively, especially in his Shields Class boat, until 1981 when he retired from the racing circuit.

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Chandler Hovey III, _____ Date _____

Thomas Hovey, _____ Date _____

Nancy Hovey, _____ Date _____

Charles M. Leighton, _____ Date _____
Executive Director, US SAILING

Submission 000-

Title: Events for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games

An Urgent submission for US SAILING

Proposal

- 1. That the Events for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games be those Events previously selected by the ISAF Executive Committee and noted by Council.**
- 2. That the Age Groups for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games be chosen based on Submissions to the 2008 ISAF Annual Conference.**
- 3. That the Classes for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games be chosen based on Submissions to the 2008 ISAF Annual Conference.**
- 4. That the Qualification System and Competition Format for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games be determined based on Submissions to the 2008 ISAF Annual Conference.**

Present Position

The Executive Committee made decisions on Events and Age Groups that were reported to Council.

Reason

The ISAF Committees, the Member National Authorities of ISAF and the ISAF Council should have a discussion on the appropriate age groups and classes for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games. In particular, selecting 15/16 year olds will undoubtedly lead to the intensive coaching and training of 13 year olds. Additionally, since the Youth Olympic Games will occur only once every four years, many promising young sailors will never be age eligible (too young and then too old).



Jim Capron
President, US SAILING