

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 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.

Guests: Serge Jorgensen, Dave Dellenbaugh, and Dick Rose.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:03 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 March 16, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Appointment of Clark Chapin as Vice Chair of the Sportsmanship Committee.
4. President Capron provided a written report in advance of the meeting outlining his activities relative to US SAILING over the past month. In particular he noted his conversations, both recent and planned, regarding the membership initiatives and in particular the proposed Prescription to RRS 46 regarding membership. One discussion of note was with the leadership of ISSA in which some positive ideas relating to insurance and reduced transaction costs were discussed and suggested.
5. President Capron invited Serge Jorgensen to discuss the continuing database project. A significant hole in the system was discovered and fixed in March. A new site "look-up feature" is in development, one will be able to put in a member's # and get the member's name back!
6. President Capron then invited Dave Dellenbaugh and Dick Rose to participate in a broad discussion regarding the continuing development of the Prescription to RRS 46. The Racing Rules Committee received some additional guidance from the Board as it continues to evolve the drafting of this prescription. It was noted and agreed that we still needed to wait for feedback from the CSA membership as the Board had committed to provide time for feedback from them until the 15th of May, 2008.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 12-1-0 to suggest to the Racing Rules of Sailing Committee that they look at dropping the "local race" exception, while keeping the safety exemption in the draft prescription.

7. Executive Director Leighton reported that things are generally good. We have been out of the banks for borrowing for more than one year. We are continuing to struggle with the requirements of our nominating process. As currently written the process will cost the association in excess of \$10,000. The Bylaws committee, along with the Legal Committee, is looking at our options. Leighton related that the IT transformation process is at times exhilarating but is also often very painful! Leighton hopes to add some in-house capability soon so we are not as dependant on Serge as we currently need to be. We continue to do RSA Outreach, not only via President Capron, but also via our staff and Executive Director. It was also noted that the Commodore of the IRC will be visiting the US in May.

8. Treasurer Keller is very pleased with the fact that our line of credit is only with ourselves, and not with any bank, as Executive Leighton reported earlier.
9. Olympic Chair Dean Brenner reported that the program is almost exclusively focused on the Games that will be held in August. How the USA would deal with the issue of re-visiting the ISAF Decision regarding the equipment for 2012 was discussed.

As a result, a **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved with a vote of 11-1-1 to provide the following direction to our delegation:

Vote YES to reaffirm the initial decision of the ISAF Council;
Vote NO if the proposal is to open only the MEN for discussion;
Vote YES to open all of the events up for consideration; and
Vote YES to have a 5-men/5-women events.

10. Amy Gross-Kehoe led a brief discussion regarding our current US SAILING Centers and their potential future use. It was MOVED that a “sense of the Board” be taken to demonstrate the Board’s general leaning in terms of permitting additional Centers to be named. This was unanimously approved. Kehoe will bring more concrete recommendations in the next few months.
11. Old Business. Gary Jobson reported that the Annapolis City Council voted 6-3 in favor of allowing the National Sailing Hall of Fame to be built as originally planned.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 pm Eastern Time Zone.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary