

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, May 19, 2008

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, President Jim Capron, Susan Epstein, Amy Gross-Kehoe, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Gary Jobson, 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 8:02 pm EDT.
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 April 22, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors as corrected.
  - b. The Board accepted the resignation of Alan McMillan as the Chair of the Safety at Sea Committee, Approved the appointment of Gino Bottino as Chair and Alan McMillan as a member of the SASC.
  - c. Kathy Webber was approved as the Chair of the Audit Committee.
4. Secretary Hagedorn reported a summary of drafting language discussions regarding the draft Prescription to RRS 46. Most of the Board in interim e-mail votes supported the use of the term “specifically”, the Board was unanimous in its support of the prescription being gender neutral, and most of the Board was leaning away from using the term “local races.”
5. 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 with representatives of the USODA, US Club 420, the GYA, the ISSA and the Southern California Sailing Association regarding the evolving drafts of the Prescription to RRS 46. President Capron discussed that a new site “look-up feature” is in development for the new database which will return the member’s name from a valid US SAILING membership number.
6. Executive Director Leighton reported that things are generally good. Training and Offshore are ahead of Budget. The concern is Membership in April, but this could be a timing issue, as May is tracking with the year prior. Olympic Fundraising is on track. The Association should be entirely transferred onto the new Database by the Fall of 2008! Leighton described the process that was being developed with Amy Gross-Kehoe to effectively recognize and name US SAILING Centers. It was also announced that to-date, over 20 Sailorships have been awarded to sailors to assist them with attending competitive events, and there are discussions to develop “Officialships” by next year to assist Officials in gaining experience. Finally, the Ballot distribution process for the upcoming year was described by Leighton.
7. Treasurer Keller agreed that we are in a good place financially. She also wanted the board to recognize that \$45 out of a \$60 membership fee is tax deductible. The Staff is looking to see if there is a good way to share this membership benefit on the member card.
8. Olympic Chair Dean Brenner reported that everything is on schedule for August 2008 in China. The 85% of the OSC is focused on 2012! The search for a new High Performance Director to pick up the role after Gary Bodie leaves it later this year is accelerating and they now have 5 very strong candidates. In addition, Brenner and Bob Billingham have already done a site visit to

Weymouth, UK, site of the 2012 Olympic Sailing Events, a full year earlier than has historically been able to happen!

9. Old Business. The Board discussed the status of the drafting of the prescription to RRS 46. It was agreed that the Future Vision of US SAILING needs to be better described to the membership and that a roll-out plan for what ever is finally approved needs to be defined. Capron, Brenner, Patty Lawrence, Tom Hubbell and Bill Stump agreed to work on this as a small working group of the Board.
10. Old Business. The ballot distribution process was described in detail for the coming year. The election will be announced in the Association's Annual Report that will be mailed to all members of the association. In this announcement will be instructions on how to obtain a ballot as of the date the candidates will be announced, including on-line and by mail.
11. New Business.
  - a. Nations' Cup. The Match Racing Committee will submit a new application on behalf of the Carolina YC and the College of Charleston to host the regional qualifier.
  - b. Windsurfing Task Force. The Board received a written report from Susan Epstein on the status and thinking of this group as it grapples with the challenge of re-invigorating this part of our sport.
12. The Board recessed at 9:48 pm to convene as the Corporation of the US Sailing Foundation for the purpose of electing Jack Caldwell a Trustee of the Foundation. The Board Reconvened as the Board of the United States Sailing Association at 9:51 pm.
13. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn  
Secretary