

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, President Jim Capron, Susan Epstein, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Gary Jobson, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Dawn Riley, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor and non-voting Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn.

Observers and Guests included Walt Chamberlain, Rob Overton and Bobbi Warren.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:00 pm EST.
- 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 January 11, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors
- 4) Rob Overton, Chair of the Racing Rules Committee, discussed the issues surrounding RRS 18.2.c. Although the Racing Rules Committee initially believed that this issue required immediate, emergency action, they have since decided that while they still support their conceptual change, the rest of the world may not agree to the emergency nature and so obtaining the 75% super majority of the ISAF Racing Rules Committee and the ISAF Council is unlikely. The Racing Rules Committee will continue to work on their draft proposal and intend to bring it forward for submission in the fall to the ISAF.

During the discussion a **MOTION** was made, seconded and APPROVED to authorize the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association's request to experimentally change RRS 18.2 in accordance with RRS 86.3 through the end of its racing calendar in the fall of 2009.

- 5) President's Report – President Capron submitted a written report prior to the meeting. Of particular note is that we are looking for a new Chair for the Legal Committee. Also, an ad hoc committee will meet on 7 March at the Annapolis Yacht Club to determine what US SAILING's input should be to the ISAF regarding In-House Certification (IHC) of sails, and the impact of IHC on both the sail-makers and on our athletes and their new sails. Offshore Director Dan Nowlan will attend that meeting along with two members of his staff.
- 6) Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Leighton was unable to attend, but Bobbi Warren (CFO) shared that we have started off 2009 well! We are also beginning to see more rapid progress in Information Technology as we get closer to final implementation of the new database. Charlie also wanted the Board to know that so far the OSC and the USOC have both approved the Olympic Committee Budget.
- 7) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner shared that the Rolex Miami OCR was a record breaking year for a first year in a quad – 440 sailors from 41 countries competing in 13 events. Of the 39 medals, 13 were won by USA sailors! It is clear that the efforts, by Gary Bodie and the OSC over the past 7 years, to strengthen this event by developing additional events around the OCR are clearly working. Brenner was also pleased with the impact our new High Performance Director, Kenneth Andreasen is having on the program.

Brenner then brought up the OSC FY 2009 Budget for discussion. He reported that he would not be presenting it for approval as it needed to be vetted by the US SAILING Budget

Committee. However, Brenner did want to discuss the potential use of funds from the "Olympic Windfall Fund." The Draft OSC Budget calls for the use of up to \$200,000 from the Fund in FY 2009.

After a wide-ranging discussion, a **MOTION** was made, seconded and APPROVED, by a vote of 8-4-0, to suspend Regulations 4.02 and 8.09 to permit the withdrawal of up to \$200,000 by the OSC in FY2009. As this was an incidental motion, it required a two-thirds majority to pass.

Next, a **MOTION** was made, seconded and APPROVED, by a vote of 8-4-0, to authorize the OSC to withdraw up to \$200,000 in FY 2009 from the "Olympic Windfall Fund."

8) OLD BUSINESS

i) The US SAILING Center task force will be meeting in Denver.

ii) Gary Jobson reported that he and Championships Committee Chairman Wrigley are making progress with plans to revitalize our championships. He anticipates a report being ready to be presented in Denver at the end of March, 2009.

9) The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm EST

Respectfully submitted,
Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary