

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2009

Present: Dick Allsopp, President Jim Capron, John Dane III, Susan Epstein, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Gary Jobson, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Dawn Riley, Bill Stump, and non-voting Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton.

Observers and Guests included Walt Chamberlain.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:03 pm EST.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) The Consent Calendar was approved:
 - a) Minutes of the Board of Directors of its May 18, 2009.
 - b) The holding of the Moth World Championships in the USA in 2009.
- 4) President's Report – President Capron reported that an arbitration hearing had been held on June 12, 2009. An IOD sailor had alleged that US SAILING had denied the sailor a fair hearing, since the Protest Committee of an event had found his protest to be invalid, and both levels of Appeal had denied his appeal of the Protest Committee. The Arbitrator also ruled against the IOD sailor.

Capron also informed the Board that the Status Report/Request for Reconsideration of the USOC Hearing Panel regarding the Hall matter would be submitted on or before July 1, 2009, the day the status report is required by the USOC.

Finally, Capron noted that IHC's (In-house Certificates) are not being well received by the sail makers in the US. US SAILING warned that this would mostly add a layer of bureaucracy and increase the cost of the sails for the sailor with limited benefit to the sailor unless that sailor's chosen class requires IHC, and to date only Olympic Classes appear to be in this mode of thinking.

- 5) Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Leighton reported that US SAILING is doing better than many NGB s in this economy. We are "in the green," we are ahead of last year in Membership revenues (up 23% in gross and 18% in net), and we are continuing to have success in our fundraising efforts. The updated website using the new Content Management System will be released on July 1, 2009! And the 2009 Annual Report has been released and is being well received. Finally, the lease for our office space is able to be extended for 3 years with no increase in cost.

At the May 18, 2009, meeting of the Board of Directors, Leighton brought forward a motion to extend the lease for the office space the Association currently occupies. The negotiations have been completed, and so Executive Director Leighton presented a **MOTION** to approve the proposed 3 year extension of the office space lease with no increase in cost on an annual basis, per Regulation 8.031, which was subsequently seconded, and **APPROVED**.

6) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Keller reported that Form 990 will be submitted to the Board for its review and approval at the September 21, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors. Keller also noted that given the growth of our annual fund appeal, we are now having to register our fundraising activities in all 50 states.

7) Old Business

None

8) NEW BUSINESS

None

9) The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary