

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2009

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

Observers and Guests included Walt Chamberlain, Charlie Cook, Sandy Grosvenor, Bruce Cook and Robin Wallace.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:01 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 July 20, 2009.
 - b) Approval of the Deed of Gift of the Gene Hinkel Trophy for the 3-person Division of the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championships (see Attachment 1).
- 4) President's Report – President Capron reported US SAILING continues to drive progress in correcting the USOC Hearing Panel's decision in the Hall grievance. In addition to working on next steps with our attorneys we also continue to reach out to Farrah Hall's Attorney to see if we can provide the USOC with a jointly agreed solution for their consideration.

We know that the USOC Hearing Panel met again recently. Given the very long delays in hearing anything from the USOC or its Hearing Panel, we think an acceptable decision between the parties would be the best result, and would preempt a less favorable ruling from the HP.

As discussed last month, Capron looked into seeing if we needed a full ISAF delegation attending the Korea meeting. After speaking with Dave Irish on potential issues that might arise in Korea, Capron contacted 5 members of the delegation about not attending the meeting if the business on the agenda does not warrant a face to face meeting. At this time, at least 2 delegates will not be going to Korea. Three more are looking at not attending the meeting. Capron made it clear that attendance is their decision and if they needed to go, we would reimburse expenses.

One member of the delegation has recently accepted another ISAF appointment. Stan Honey has been added to the Sailing Technology Working Party. Stan's work with GPS and tracking hockey pucks will add strength to that WP. Stan will be attending the November meeting unless there is a

good Jules Verne departure weather window for the circumnavigation record attempt on Groupama 3. Stan reported that on his recent TransAtlantic record attempt aboard Groupama 3, "our fastest 10 minutes was at an average of 47 knots, and the fastest 24 hours was at 37 knots.

Unfortunately Banque Populaire, a 30 foot longer trimaran was making an attempt at the same time and beat our times at both the '24-hour' and 'TransAtlantic' records."

- 5) Executive Director's Report - Executive Director Leighton reported that US SAILING is continuing to achieve its financial goals for FY 2009. Membership is 20% ahead of last year both in terms of Gross and Net financials. Fundraising, as previously reported is on a very good trajectory. IT priorities are based on a projects impact on Membership and then on its ability to assist in Revenue Generation.

Financially, we do not have many fixed assets, we are not dependant on an endowment that has disappeared in the stock market, and our growth in fundraising is helping us greatly. Our latest gift from Tom Neil was for \$50,000. Half to support disabled sailing efforts in the association and half for new initiatives in the area of recreational sailing (Tom Hubbell and Janet Baxter will be assisting with this new initiative). The association staff continues to be very focused, and this is allowing us to be increasingly efficient.

- 6) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Keller reported that we continue to be on track to submit the Form 990 to the Board for its review and approval at the September 21, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors. The Audit is also on track to be ready for that meeting as well. Keller also noted that our investments in the US Olympic Foundation have grown 8.09% in the last quarter!
- 7) Olympic Report – Director Jobson shared that he had recently been up to the US SAILING Center in Sheboygan, WI, to see the first Eliot 6mR clinic in the US, and "we are off to a good start!" Jobson also noted that the USA finished 1 and 5 at the recently completed Star World Championships. The cohesiveness of our team is being noted by our sailors as a great asset to them!
- 8) ISAF Nominations/Endorsements

It was **MOVED**, seconded and APPROVED to submit to the following Nominations to the ISAF:

- (1) International Judge:
 - (a) Angelo Buscemi
 - (b) Douglas Sloan
- (2) International Umpire:
 - (a) Jeff Borland
 - (b) Gary Shoemaker
 - (c) Douglas Sloan

9) Draft Regulations 12.03 and 12.04 were disseminated to many of our committees for comment and discussion. Many ideas and suggestions, along with thoughtful questions have been collected. We are now in a waiting mode to see how things break with the USOC Hearing Panel, before we begin to move toward more final language of either Draft Regulation.

10) Update on AGM

The Board of Directors discussed the possibility of pulling the final Board meeting, the Governing Meeting and the Board Meeting to elect officers into Saturday evening. A **MOTION** was made seconded and APPORVED (with one abstention by Director Montgomery) to make this move if legal counsel agreed that this was possible and if the requirements for executing such a move were feasible.

11) Old Business

a) Secretary Hagedorn noted that the ballots and back-up information on the Herreshoff Nominees would be sent to the Board Members the following day and that the Board would have until the following Tuesday to vote. If one of the 3 nominees receives a majority of the votes on the 1st ballot, it is done. If none receive a majority of votes, the nominee with the lowest vote total will be dropped and a new ballot will be issued (No Award will be an option on all ballots). The winner will be announced by the President at the first meeting of the Board of Directors at the October Meetings in Houston.

12) NEW BUSINESS

None

13) The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Appendix A

DEED OF GIFT GENE HINKEL TROPHY U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship

[insert photo of trophy here]



Shumway Marine, the Sonar Class and Ontario Yachts give to the United States Sailing Association a perpetual trophy to be named the Gene Hinkel Trophy, described as **a half model of a Sonar sailboat mounted on a cherry wood plaque measuring xx" by xx". Sixteen(?) 1" x 3" engraved plates are mounted below the half model.** This trophy will be presented annually to the team that is declared the winner of the triple handed division of the U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship.

This award is dedicated to Gene Hinkel (St. Petersburg, FL) for his unselfish dedication to disabled sailing and disabled sailors. Gene has invented many adaptive aids which have enabled numerous disabled sailors to get out on the water. Gene served at the highest levels of the sport as Measurer at the Sydney and Athens Paralympic Games but he is most known as an advocate for disabled sailors.

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.

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, 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 may 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 \$3,000. This sum will be sent to the US SAILING Trophy Fund designated specifically for the care of the Gene Hinkel Trophy.

Donors:

Shumway Marine, Skip Shumway, President

Date: _____

Sonar Class, Rick Doerr, President

Date: _____

Ontario Yachts, Don Oakie & Dirk Knuelman

Date: _____

US SAILING:

Charles M. Leighton, US SAILING Executive Director

Date: _____