

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
November 16, 2009
Teleconference

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, Walt Chamberlain, John Craig, John Dane, Susan Epstein, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Dawn Riley, Jim Tichenor and non-voting Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton.

Observers included Jim Walsh – Chairman of the House of Delegates, and Cory Sertl.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 8:01 pm CST.
- 2) President Jobson called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. Secretary Hagedorn was not able to join the call until 8:45 pm, and Director Epstein took notes in the interim.
- 3) Consent Calendar

It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED, to accept the following Minutes as corrected:

- a) Meeting of the Board of Directors held at 6:00 pm on October 24, 2009
- b) Meeting of the Board of Directors held at 7:00 pm on October 24, 2009
- c) Meeting of the Board of Directors held at 7:45 pm on October 25, 2009

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting, held at 6:45 pm on October 24, 2009 required a little more research and will be taken up at the December meeting of the Board.

- 4) President's Report – President Jobson reported that it has been a fast three weeks since the election! He has spent a good amount of time in discussions with all of the parties associated with the USOC Hearing Panel Decision and the underlying issues raised by Farah Hall. He has also taken time to speak with the staff and let them get to know him better. President Jobson is looking forward to an exciting year!
- 5) Executive Director's Report – Executive Director reported that the Association is headed toward its fifth straight year of positive financial results. Fundraising continues to do well, not only for the Olympic/Paralympic Program, but also for our annual fund. Membership will begin to track both dollars and actual numbers of members beginning with December 2009 numbers that will be reported in January 2010. Information Technology continues to improve, albeit slower than hoped (at times).
- 6) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Keller was out of the country, but her report was contained within the Executive Director's Report
- 7) Olympic Report – Chairman Dean Brenner shared the exciting news that Anna Tunnicliffe had been awarded the ISAF Yachtswoman of the Year Award at the recently concluded ISAF Annual Meeting in South Korea. Brenner also celebrated the fact that the USOC had finalized its funding for US SAILING for 2010 with an increase year over

year, and coupled with our success in fundraising, it is now true that 6-10 of our campaigners are now full-time competitive sailors – this is a first in our program’s history!

- 8) ISAF Annual Meeting held in South Korea – President Jobson was unable to attend this meeting, but will have the ISAF meetings on his schedule going forward. Cory Sertl led the USA Delegation and shared the following verbal report with the Board of Directors:

Anna Tunnicliffe is an incredible ambassador for the sport and for US SAILING. Beyond being a talented sailor, she is a good speaker who is dedicated to giving back to the sport.

Once again, US SAILING hosted a Breakfast for the MNA’s from the Americas, co-hosted this year with the Canadian Sailing Association. It is an opportunity for all of the MNAs from South America, Central America, the Caribbean Islands and North America to share ideas and discuss issues of common interest.

Sertl shared that Ben Barger, USA Windsurfer at the 2008 Olympic Games, was elected Chairman of the ISAF Athletes’ Commission this past September. AT the IOC Meeting in October in Denmark, the IOC emphasized the importance of having athletes at the table where decisions are being made. As a result, ISAF invited Ben to attend the ISAF Annual Meeting, and though he did not yet have a vote at the Council, he was granted full rights and privileges of participation. Sertl further noted how well Ben represented the athletes and himself, and by extension the USA, with his articulate and thoughtful comments.

At the conclusion fo the report, Jobson asked if it would make sense for US SAILING to investigate hosting an Annual Meeting of the ISAF. All agreed this should be investigated, and if it works within our financial constraints, we should pursue it. President Jobson and Executive Director Leighton took this as an action item to be investigated further.

- 9) A proposed meeting schedule for the Board of Directors was discussed. A **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to adopt the following Schedule of Meetings:

December 14, 2009
January 25, 2010
February 6, 2010 (in Houston)
March 18-20, 2010 (in Rhode Island)
May 17, 2010
July 19, 2010
September 20, 2010
October 20-23, 2010 (in Phoenix, AZ)
November 22, 2010
December 13, 2010

- 10) The Term Limit on the Vice President of the Association of 3, one-year terms, given the fact that the role of the Vice President is to only manage a meeting if the President is unavailable, but does not include elevation to President if the President becomes incapacitated, does not seem to be needed.

It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED to initiate a change to Bylaw 311, Section 2, (b), to DELETE the concluding clause: “and may serve up to 3 consecutive one-year terms.” The vote was 9-1 with Vice President Hubbell abstaining, as well.

11) Secretary Hagedorn reported that Budget Committee Chairman Appel had requested an additional month before reporting back to the Board of Directors regarding the Proposed Business Plan for the Community Sailing Center Sanctioning and Exchange Program. A report will be made at the December 14, 2009 meeting.

12) President Jobson discussed his learning from the Nominating and Governance 2009 Performance Review of the Board of Directors. After discussion of the many things the Board agreed with in the report, including an extended forward looking plan for the association, our commitment to have the association track membership in terms of not only Net Revenue but also in terms of numbers of members beginning in December of 2009, it was agreed that President Jobson, together with Director Chamberlain, would draft a letter of response to the Nominating and Governance Committee. The goal is to be able to discuss the Draft at the December 14, 2009 meeting of the Board.

13) Old Business – None

14) New Business

President Jobson’s assistant, Kathy, will be sending a package of interesting materials to each member of the Board in the coming week or two.

15) The Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 9:22 pm EDT.

16) The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary