US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting  
December 14, 2009  
Teleconference

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, Walt Chamberlain, John Craig, John Dane, Susan Epstein, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Dawn Riley, Bill Stump, 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, Charley Cook, Dave Perry and Cory Sertl.

1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 8:02 pm EDT.

2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.

3) Consent Calendar
   a) It was moved, seconded and approved, to accept the Minutes as corrected for the meeting held on November 16, 2009.
   b) It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the nomination of Mason Chrisman as Chair of the Investment Oversight Committee.
   c) It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the nomination of Sam Murray as Chair of the Sports Medicine Committee.
   d) It was moved, seconded and approved to approve the request of the Nominating and Governance Committee for the appointment of Bruce Cook as Legal Counsel for the Nominating and Governance Committee.
   e) It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the nomination of committee members as shown in Appendix A to these Minutes. Director Allsopp abstained.

4) President’s Report – President Jobson reported that he had just gotten off of a conference call with the House of Delegates (HOD) where he shared what he sees as a path to better communication between the Board and the HOD, and better utilization of the resources of the HOD. It was a good start! Jobson is looking forward to a full and productive in-person session with the Board of Directors on February 6, 2010 at the Houston YC. Finally, Jobson and Director Riley will be meeting with the staff in Portsmouth this coming week regarding the website and technology.

5) Executive Director’s Report – Executive Director reported that the Association is headed toward its fifth straight year of positive financial results. Of particular note is the strengthening of the association’s balance sheet, where our Current Ratio has improved by nearly 50% over last year. Fundraising continues to do well, not only for the Olympic/Paralympic Program where the Medalist Program has topped the $1 MM mark, but also for our annual fund. Membership will begin to be tracked by 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 Report noted that borrowing is down $140,000 from last year, and that receipts continue to come in, assisting us with this improved cash position.

7) Olympic Report – Chairman Dean Brenner reported that he and the staff are fully focused on completing the Budget, and that it would be provided to the Budget Committee along with the other parts of the US SAILING Budget at the same time. He also noted that ISAF has hired a consulting firm to look at the World Cup events and with the intent of making the series more profitable for ISAF. It is unclear what, if any, impact this will have on the RMOCR, but we are keeping a weather eye on the goings-on. Finally, the OSC will be having a Team Awards Dinner for the first time this year a few nights before the RMOCR, providing the athletes with clear visibility to our team’s sponsors, and giving all of the sailors an opportunity to share in each other’s successes!

8) International Relations Planning – President Jobson shared with the Board that he will be meeting with many of the key US sailors who are heavily involved in the ISAF to begin to formulate a more cohesive US position relative to where we, US SAILING, wants to see the sport of sailing move in the coming years. More to come….

9) Board of Directors reports on areas of interest –
   a) Susan Epstein reported that the proposed Yacht Club Summit will be held in Chicago, tentatively April 2-3, 2011. This will be the place for yacht club leaders, Flag and Staff, to come and see what is happening around the country in all sizes of yacht club.
   b) John Craig, Bill Stump and Jim Tichenor reported that so far they have identified 8 areas of potential action to help simplify race administration in US SAILING:
      i) Have the Race Officials Committees state what each committee has as its goal in terms of the number of officials at each level both nationally and within each area;
      ii) Have the “tricky” (gotcha) questions removed from all of our Race Officials Tests;
      iii) Add a Re-test feature in Race Management Testing, similar to that in Judges;
      iv) Have the Judges Committee implement a Club Judge Certification program;
      v) Learn the value of the Essay in the Race Management Test and see if there is a better way to accomplish it;
      vi) Provide the Handy Guide to the Rules to all Members;
      vii) Ensure that the Course Feedback is in fact reviewed and implemented back into the instructional process;
      viii) Look at the travel requirements placed on officials who are seeking an appointment.

       One suggestion that came out of the discussion was to put the Handy Guide into software so it comes up on a PDA like an iPhone.
Another suggestion was to look at how we can provide a service for small clubs that don’t have a judge where the club can call a judge and have a senior judge provide a hearing over the phone.

c) Dawn Riley reported that she has been working with Nancy Lush and that she was finding the IT department to be very responsive and helpful. After the meetings this week in Portsmouth, Dawn shared she will begin looking at her other area of interest, External Relationships with other organizations.

d) Dick Allsopp reported that training is moving along. Of particular note is the advent of a Presenter Feedback tool that will be utilized at this upcoming NSPS. It should help us further develop not only our presenters at the NSPS, but will be able to be used to assist our Trainers to improve their presentation skills.

e) The remaining areas of interest will be reported on at the January meeting of the Board.

10) Secretary Hagedorn reviewed the 5 items that the Bylaws committee is currently working on with an expectation that a report for action will be available to the House of Delegates and to the Board of Directors in time for the March meetings in RI.
   a) Proposal 2009-03 Voting Rights of the Secretary
   b) Proposal 2009-04 adding the Chair of the HOD as a non-voting member of the Board.
   c) Proposal 2009-05 Removing the term limits on the Vice President
   d) Recommendations as to the separation of nominating, governance and ethics.
   e) Recommendation regarding the approval of the Minutes of a meeting of the general membership.

11) President Jobson introduced Charley Cook who provided background to the Board regarding the Farrah Hall and USOC Hearing Panel issues; and Dave Perry, who then led a discussion regarding a proposed agreement with Ms. Farrah Hall that would result in her dismissing her complaint against US SAILING with the USOC.

As a result of the discussion, a MOTION was Made, Seconded and Unanimously APPROVED to accept the proposed agreement and authorize the President to execute said agreement with Ms. Hall at a mutually convenient time and place.

12) Old Business
   a) President Jobson noted that he and Director Walt Chamberlain have been working on a letter to send to the Nominating and Governance Committee regarding the actions taken by the Board as a result of the annual review of the Board’s performance. This letter will be ready for Board review over the next month.
   b) Secretary Hagedorn announced that he will be posting the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association in DRAFT form.

13) New Business
   a) Director Stan Honey presented an emergency request by the Safety-at-Sea Committee regarding the Offshore Special Regulation 5.02.1.
A MOTION was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to implement the following prescription to the Offshore Special Regulation 5.02.1:
“US SAILING prescribes that the words “is not permitted” in OSR 5.02.1 be changed to “are not recommended in the US.”

b) Secretary Hagedorn, on behalf of Kevin Rejda, Chair of the U.S. Multihull Sailing Championships Committee, presented the committee’s request for the distribution of $7,000 from the Hoyt-Jolley Fund in support of the 2010 U.S. Multihull Sailing Championships. It was noted that this request will use roughly $3,000 of the principal in the fund, and that the committee was meeting to discuss ways to build the fund in the future.

A MOTION was Made, Seconded, and APPROVED to authorize the withdrawal of $7,000 from the Hoyt-Jolley Fund in support of the 2010 U.S. Multihull Championships. And further, that the Board is gratified that the committee is concerned with the health of the fund, and the Board looks forward to learn the ideas that the committee develops to help build back and grow the fund over the next year or two with an eye toward further strengthening this U.S. Sailing Championship.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary
Appendix A
Committee listings Approved by the Board of Directors

Disabled Sailing Championship
Debra S Frenkel           Chair
Marc Robert De Jong       Classification Committee Chair
Joseph Del Vecchio        Member
Donald E Backe            Member
Matt Chao                 Member
Kerry Gruson              Member
Mark Le Blanc             Member
Charles Rosenfield        Member
Sarah Everhart-Skeels     Member
Kevin Wixom               Member
Matt Chao                 Member
Jeff Reinhold             Member
Liz Ferenbach Walker      Member
TBD                       under 40 Rep

U.S. Match Racing Championship
Bruce A Cook              Chair/ Area B
Gregory Kiely             Area A
Christopher W Petracco    Area C
Donald Griglack           Area D
Gary A Shoemaker          Area E
Deborah Willits           Area F
Bruce J Stone             Area G
TBD                       Area H
Glenn Oliver              Area J
Clifford Black            Area K
Rick Hatch                Area L
Taylor Canfield Collegiate

U.S. Women's Match Racing Championship
Suzanne Leech             Chair
Charlie Arms              Member
Clifford Black            Member
Katy Pilley-Lovell        Member
Elisabeth C Emory         Member
Kathy Lindgren            Member
Deborah Schoenherr        Member
Elizabeth Finn Baylis     Member
Alice Manard              Member
Genny Tulloch             Member
Sandra Anne Svoboda       Member
U.S. Junior Women's Championship
CarolAnn Amarante  Chair
Vicki Sodaro       Jr Champs Chair
John Strassman     Member
Frederick H Hagedorn Member
Gail Bernstein     Member
Amanda Callahan    Member
Barbara Grove      Member
Susan Dennis       Member
Allie Blecher      Member
Carrie Rohde       Member
Pamela Brady Keefer Member
Jill Urban         Member
Shannon W Bush     Past Chair

U.S. Multihull Championship
Kevin Rejda        Chair
Gordon Isco        Member
John E Williams    Member
John C Lovell      Member
Sarah Newberry     Member
David Ingram       Vice Chair
Jamie Livingston   Youth Multihull Chair

Youth Champs
Shannon W Bush     Chair
Vicki Sodaro       Jr Champs Chair
CarolAnn Amarante  Jr Women's Champs Chair
Allison B Jolly    Member
Elizabeth Kratzig  Member
Richard Provensal  Member
Cory Sertl         Member
Genny Tulloch      Member
John Strassman     Member
Frederick H Hagedorn Member
Forrest Gay        Member
Kenneth Andreasen  National Coach

Youth Multihull Champs
Jamie Livingston   Chair
John E Williams    Member
Gordon Isco       Member
John C Lovell     Member
Sarah Newberry    Member
David Ingram      Member
Kevin Rejda       Multihull Champs Chair
U.S. Singlehanded Championship
John C Bentley Area A Rep
James E Koehler Area B Rep
Jon Deutsch Area C Rep
Tom Vickers Area E Rep
Doug Peckover Area F Rep
Tracy Usher Area G Rep
Scott Melander Area H Rep
Gerald R Martin Area J Rep
David Abbott Area K Rep
TBD Area L Rep
Martine R Zurinskas Chair/ Area D
Josh Putnam Collegiate
Robert Howe Military Rep
George H Griswold Past Chair

U.S. Junior Championships
TBD Area A Rep
Paul W Risseeuw Area B Rep
Bob Morrow Area C Rep
Danielle Richards Member
Loretta Sherry Rehe Area E Rep
Jennifer Draheim Area F Rep
Forrest Gay Member
TBD Area H Rep
Chris Wright Area J Rep
Ross Siemers Area K Rep
George Yioulos Area L Rep
Vicki Sodaro Chair
Carolen Amarante Jr Women's Champs
John Strassman Past Chair
Shannon W Bush Youth Champs Chair

Championship of Champions
Andrew Daugherty Chair
Matthew G S Burrige Member
B L Thurman Member
August R Barkow Member
Jeff H Johnson Past Chair
TBD Under 30 Rep

International Women's Keelboat
Taran Teague Chair
Jo Ann J Fisher Member
Kaitlin Storck Member
Sandy Grosvenor Member
Charlie Arms Member
Cory Sertl Ex Officio
Chris Howell Ex Officio
Barbara B Farquhar Member
Gayle Finster Member

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### Offshore Championship

- **Robert M Thomas**: Area A, B, C
- **James H Tichenor**: Area D, F
- **Paul J Ansfield**: Area E, K
- **John Siegel**: Area G, J, L and H
- **Bruce Bingman**: Chair
- **Jahn Tihansky**: Member
- **TBD**: Under 30 Rep
- **TBD**: Under 40 Rep

### U.S. Men's and Women's Championship

- **Gretchen Curtis**: Area A
- **Alix Hahn**: Area B
- **Melissa Thompson Currier**: Area C
- **William D Bogardus**: Area C
- **Amy Kleinschrodt**: Area D
- **Michael Merganthaler**: Area D
- **Steven G Harris**: Area E
- **Brian Hawboldt**: Area F
- **Vicki Sodaro**: Area G
- **TBD**: Area H
- **Peter Fischel**: Area J
- **Kathy Lindgren**: Area K
- **Andrew J Kiener**: Area K
- **TBD**: Area L
- **Robert J Counihan**: Chair
- **Linda F Epstein**: Chair
- **William B Ross**: Past Chair

### Team Racing Championship

- **Glenn Oliver**: Chair
- **Kenneth W Legler**: Member
- **Ted Ferrarone**: Member
- **Frank Ustach**: Member
- **Bryan McDonald**: Member
- **Martha Carleton Glenn**: Member
- **Brit Bischoff**: Member
- **Joel C Hanneman**: Member
- **Danielle Richards**: Member
- **Bruce A Cook**: Member
- **Thomas Duggan**: Member
- **Jenn Lancaster**: Member
- **Holt Condon**: Member
- **Edward Padin**: Vice Chair
OLYMPIC Sailing Committee

Dean Brenner Chair
Katie Kelly Staff Director
Kenneth Andreasen High Performance Director
Dan Cooney Commercial Director
Luther Carpenter Coach
Betsy Alison Coach
Leandro Spina Coach
Marni Lane Media Director
Gary Bodie RMOCR Event Chair
Jerelyn Biehl
Josh Adams
Carol Cronin USOC AAC Rep for Sailing
Bob Billingham
Ben Richardson
Jim Tichenor
Tim Wadlow
Serge Jorgensen
Louise Gleason
Zack Leonard

TRAINING
Don L Glasell
Sheila McCurdy
Larry Ledgerwood
Jo Mogle
Rich Brew
Nancy H Richardson
Peter M Durant
Cappy Capper
Richard Jepsen Chair
Hart Kelley
Dick Allsopp
Kimberly Hapgood
Holly Wolford O'Hare
Charlie Arms
Jak R Wilberscheid
Kevin T Kavanagh
Lynn M Walls

Commercial Sailing

Greg Norwine Chair
Rich Jepsen
Doug Sparks
Mette Segerblom
Matt Meadows

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Jim Tichenor Chair
John Lovell Athlete
OPEN BOD Member
Leslie Keller Treasurer – Ex Officio
Bobbie Warren CFO – Ex Officio