

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
September 20, 2010
Teleconference

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, John Craig, Susan Epstein, Secretary Fred Hagedorn, Stan Honey, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Bill Stump and non-voting Ex Officio members, Executive Director Charlie Leighton and House of Delegates Chair, Jim Walsh.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 7:02 pm ET.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) Consent Calendar
The approval of the Consent Calendar was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED. The following is therefore approved:
 - a) Minutes from July 19, 2010
- 4) President's Report – President Jobson has spoken with 89 groups/yacht clubs so far this calendar year. He has enjoyed sailing in a myriad of boats this past season and is happy to report that there is a minimum of angst and that the enthusiasm for our sport is high along the many waterfronts he has been a part of this year.

This past weekend, Jobson attended the 12 mR Reunion. In addition to seeing old friends and remembering the America's Cup of the last half of the 20th Century, Jobson was able to sit down with Goren Petersen, President of ISAF. Goren has agreed to attend our Yacht Club Summit meeting next April in Chicago, IL. They also discussed the proposed restructuring of the ISAF to increase the size of the Executive Committee and to bring more of the decisions into the Executive. To some extent, this is a result of the IOC pushing for what they are defining as "good corporate governance."

- 5) Executive Directors Report – Executive Director Leighton shared that the association is 30% ahead of Budget. The Olympic program is showing a positive cash flow. And IT is continuing to improve.

Leighton took a moment to look at how the association's finances and its staff have evolved and strengthened considerably over the past 5 plus years since he joined the association as our Executive Director.

Charlie Leighton then thanked the Board and the Staff for their support over these years and announced that he had informed President Jobson this past week that he intended to retire in the middle of October. He had intended to stay another year or so, but personal issues had developed that necessitated his making this move at this time.

The Board took a few moments to express its thanks and appreciation to Leighton for his leadership, friendship, and contributions to the association.

- 6) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Keller reported that our Cash Flow position is strengthening again. Keller also noted that the Audit Report and the Form 990 was ready for review once the Audit committee completed its review.
- 7) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner called in from the ISAF Women's Match Racing Championships. 17-18 of the top 20 teams in the world are present, including three teams from the USA. Brenner reported that the YC Speaking Tour is working very well, and is beginning to develop linkages to continued fundraising.

At an event for the team in July, the New York Yacht Club out did itself. The NYYC is now positioned itself to host two events for the benefit of the team in the current quad, up from one per quad for the past two quads.

Brenner announced that Marne Lane had decided to take some time for herself, and that the OSC had recently brought Dana Paxton on as the Media person for the program.

Brenner then shared that there were two siblings who had requested that they be considered US Sailors while they are processing for citizenship. It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED that US SAILING shall request recognition by the ISAF of Loonie and Stefan Schuurman as USA sailors per ISAF Regulation 17.5.4.

- 8) Offshore Rating Systems – President Jobson and Director Honey reminded us that we have not yet reduced the alphabet-soup of rules, and that we probably shouldn't, as we still need a Grand Prix Rule – one that is simple, published, type-forming and provides no credit for slow-features.

We see IRC is very good for Windward/Leeward races, while ORR is very good for One-Way conditions. US SAILING provides even-handed support of both rules, and we need to continue to do so.

The PHRF Rule is critical for sailing in the USA, it supports between 12,000 and 20,000 sailors in our waters. It is empirical and we should continue to find ways to make it stronger for the local sailor.

Finally, Director Stan Honey noted that a world-wide protocol for measurement might be helpful and facilitate movement around the world. We should be encouraging, but recognize that with the 4 rules above, we have a strong system of support for the sailors in the USA.

- 9) Sailing/Racing Simplification – Our committees are continuing to work on the process of testing and training Protest Committee and Race Management personnel. On-line protests are still a ways off.
- 10) Yacht Club Summit – Progressing well, as President Jobson noted in his report.

11)Old Business –

- a) The Board of Directors strongly encourages members to participate in the voting process to elect the next new members to our association's Board of Directors.
- b) Chairman Jim Walsh reported that the House of Delegates has nominated Brian Hawboldt as its next Vice Chair, and that Jim intends to ask Brian to focus specifically on supporting our Area Directors and their functions.

12)New Business – It was agreed that the topic of the Spring 2012 Meeting of the Association would be placed on the Agendas of the Board's October Meetings.

13)The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:50 pm

As a result of the Executive Session discussions, a subgroup was formed, to consider Executive Director Leighton's recommendation that Jack Gierhart be named as the Acting Executive Director, and make a recommendation to the Board over the next week, as to next steps regarding the process of determining a new Executive Director for the Association. This group included President Gary Jobson, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Olympic Division Chair Dean Brenner.

14)The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Please note, the next meeting of the Board will begin at 7 pm, PT, on 10/20/2010 at the Embassy Suites in Phoenix, AZ