

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting  
April 25, 2011  
Tele-Conference

Present: Ed Adams, Dean Brenner, Walter Chamberlain, John Dane III, Susan Epstein, Secretary Fred Hagedorn, Stan Honey, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Maureen McKinnon-Tucker, Dawn Riley, Bill Stump and non-voting Ex Officio members Executive Director Jack Gierhart and House of Delegates Chair, Jim Walsh.

Guests: Many members of the House of Delegates

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 7:00 pm EDT.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) Consent Calendar
  - a) Secretary Hagedorn explained that while in France he wrote the Minutes to the 4/1/2011 meeting, and then the save function did not behave properly and lost 5 pages of Minutes.
  - b) It was approved to distribute \$532 from the US SAILING Youth Multihull Fund in support of the 2011 US SAILING Youth Sailing Championships with the intent of reducing the entrance fee to \$200 per team.
- 4) President's Report – President Jobson shared how energized he was from the Yacht Club Summit and what strong and rave reviews he had been receiving! We need to build off of this, and find other such opportunities to energize the sport and our members.
- 5) Executive Directors Report – Executive Director Gierhart indicated that we are continuing to perform well relative to the FY 2011 Plan.

Gierhart indicated that the Staff Directors had a very productive and uplifting off-site discussion on 4/21/2011. More to follow, as the notes get developed and suggested actions are determined.

We are tracking to our goals, as noted in the ED Report.

- 6) Treasurer's Report – The Balance Sheet continues to be strong and the Audit continues.
- 7) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner noted that the European Events are in full swing and we are waiting to see the results of the ISAF Meeting in May.
- 8) Handicap Racing Rule Update – Deferred to May 23, 2011 Meeting.
- 9) Race Administration Update --
  - a) The course and test for the National Race Officer appointment have been separated and the candidate may request a conversation with one of the readers of the short answer questions, to further facilitate learning and to determine if the candidate actually know the answer and just had a block in the test.

10) Team/Crew of the Year Award –

- a) Some of our Match Racing Women (Team Tunnicliffe) have also added a few more ideas to the discussion.
  - i) A study group to be Chaired by Susan Epstein will take on this whole, growing topic. Other members will include John Dane, Fred Hagedorn and Walt Chamberlain.

11) Spring Meeting in 2012 – The Board is inclined to have a spring meeting, if it can be tied together with some other event to help draw members to it.

12) Oversight of Selection Process for non-Olympic Committee World Championships –

- a) A study group, Chaired by Fred Hagedorn, supported by Dean Brenner and Bill Stump will report back in May or July, depending on time.

13) Old Business –

- a) Windfall Regulation Proposal. This was based on the input from our 4/1/2011 meeting, but needs more work and the Board needs more time to consider how to say what we mean. This will be deferred to May 23, 2011 and any member of the Board is encouraged to share their ideas with Jack Gierhart and Dean Brenner.

14) New Business –

- a) Vice President Tom Hubbell brought forward a DRAFT Change to Regulation 6.05, dealing with campaigning for election as a Director of US SAILING. After considerable discussion, much of it positive, it was agreed that before it came to the Board that it should be reviewed by the Nominating Committee. Hubbell was asked to share this idea with the Nominating Committee and to invite it to make a recommendation to the Board at a later time.
- b) Treasurer Keller asked if the Board could review its practices regarding Electronic Votes. Currently, if an e-mail vote is taken, it is then placed on the next Consent Calendar to be affirmed, as our Bylaws do not explicitly permit balloting by email by the Board of Directors.
  - (1) President Jobson asked Walt Chamberlain to lead a study group with the support of Secretary Hagedorn and Treasurer Keller.

15) The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn  
Secretary