

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
May 23, 2011
Tele-Conference

Present: Ed Adams, Dean Brenner, Walter Chamberlain, John Craig, Susan Epstein, Secretary Fred Hagedorn, Stan Honey, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Maureen McKinnon-Tucker, Dawn Riley 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 is still struggling with the Minutes from all three meetings in April. At this point his computer has been sent back to the manufacturer for repair. In addition, his business partner has suffered a serious back impingement, which has greatly reduced the time available.
- 4) President's Report – President Jobson shared the news that he became a grandfather earlier today; his daughter Christy had a baby-boy, Declan Michael. ESPNU will be showing the 2011 US College National Sailing Championships. A Multihull Summit will be held soon in California.
- 5) Executive Directors Report – Executive Director Gierhart indicated that his Report stands as written. Our Financials are on track – the Marketing deficit is a timing issue; we are seeing a decline in Publication sales, we are getting the Marketing Department involved to see if we can jump-start some activity; Offshore is seeing slower Safety-At-Sea enrollment than in the past. Membership is growing at a slightly faster pace than it did last year – we are ahead of plan. The Sailor profile in the membership renewal process is up and running – one action item in the goals is now fully completed. The Annual Fund plan is in place and the Medalist Program is doing very well.

The new Webmaster has been hired and is up and running in the office.

Gierhart updated us on US Coast Guard Grants. \$100,000 to gather the leaders and deliver a template for On The Water Training for Power Boating; \$260,000 to continue our Power Boat Training Program; \$20,000 Partnering Grant to help us get to know our partners in the training and safety world better.

- 6) Treasurer's Report – Our Investments have now grown 4.25% in the year.
- 7) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner shared that there is a lot of international sailing going on. So far we have received \$177,500 from the Medalist Program against our goal of \$250,000 for the year. We will be holding our annual Sponsor Summit in June, all but 1 of our sponsors will be in attendance.

The ISAF May Meeting Council Vote on the 2016 Slate of Events – we do not understand why Women’s Match Racing is being dropped, it is only making its debut in 2012? Olympic Sailing is now going to be a young person’s game, we will have fewer multi-quad and multi-event sailors. We will adapt to the reality, take advantage where we can, but we continue to be disappointed regarding the loss of Men’s Keelboat and Women’s Match Racing.

- 8) Handicap Racing Rule Update – The June issue of Sailing World will have an article co-authored by Stan Honey and Gary Jobson communicating our shared vision for the rule landscape. Director Honey also noted that ORC and IORC are communicating a little more than they once were.
- 9) Team/Crew of the Year Award –
 - i) Director Epstein shared that we have not yet been able to meet, and that it appears to be a big subject.
- 10) Non-OSC World Team Selection Review Committee.
 - i) Secretary Hagedorn indicated that no progress had been made but that it would be able to be done by July.
- 11) E-mail Voting Process for the Board of Directors
 - i) Director Chamberlain shared the committee’s Report and recommendation that a Bylaw change be initiated.
 - (1) It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED to initiate the following Bylaw Change:

“Bylaw 306, Section 3. Transaction Of Business Outside Of Meetings. The Board of Directors may take action without a meeting using electronic mail if all members of the Board consent in writing to this procedure. All consents, and any actions agreed to by electronic mail, including ballots cast, shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. For any proposed action, this procedure shall be suspended at the request of at least one member of the Board, and the proposed action shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.”
- 12) Windfall Regulation. This is still being discussed and should be able to be finalized by June and be placed on our July 25, 2011 Agenda.
- 13) Spring Meeting in 2012 – The Board will hold its annual Think Tank in Long Beach, CA during the NSPS (1/12/-14/2012). IF we hold a Spring Meeting, it will be held in Portsmouth, RI. In the meantime, the HOD will discuss this issue on its June call, including the possibility of moving their meeting to the NSPS in January as well.
- 14) 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.

15)Old Business –

- a) A Bylaw Change was proposed to permit the Nominating Committee to name 1 or more candidates per position. It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED.

16)New Business – NONE

17)The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm EDT. IT should be noted that the next call will be at 8:00 pm EDT on July 25, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary