

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting  
January 14, 2012  
Long Beach, CA

Present: Dean Brenner, Bruce Burton, John Craig, Susan Epstein, Secretary Fred Hagedorn, George Hinman, Stan Honey, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Dawn Riley, and non-voting Ex Officio members, Executive Director Jack Gierhart and House of Delegates Chair, Jim Walsh.

Regrets: Ed Adams, Walt Chamberlain, Maureen McKinnon-Tucker

Call-in Guests for Item 5 included Gary Bodie, Charley Cook and Cory Sertl.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 8:18 am PST.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) Announcements
  - a) A Board Photo will be taken after Lunch outside the hotel.
- 4) Consent Calendar  
The approval of the Consent Calendar was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED. The following were therefore approved:
  - a) Minutes from December 20, 2011
- 5) President's Report – President Jobson has been to Protsmouth, RI, quite a bit. The staff is doing very well. Membership has experienced a real growth of 3% in members. The big reason for all of us taking the time to come to California is the discussions we will have this afternoon, considering where we should lead the organization in the future.

The Task Force assigned to work on the succession of leadership for the Olympic Program is in full swing. They have begun drafting a job description for the Associate Executive Director for Olympic Programs – when is it complete, it will be brought to the Board for its consideration, comment, adjustment and approval. This Staff position will be publically advertized, as all such positions must be. The next step will be the update of the role of OSC Chair and how it will support the new staff position.

The Governance Review Working Party has a kick-off meeting planned for 1/30/2012. It is a 3 person panel (David Elwell Chair – Newport, RI, Mason Chrisman – Charleston, SC, and Bruce Monroe – San Francisco, CA), with Lee Parks providing staff support. We hope to have an interim report available at our April 20 meeting that will be held in Newport, RI.

ISAF SAILING World Cup (this is the part of the meeting our guests called in for). US Sailing is both an MNA Host of one of the World Cup Events, and also a National Team Holder. At the 2011 ISAF Combined Worlds, in December, the National Team Leaders from around the world began to discuss the fact that a number of the ISAF Selected Host Locations were not easily (both logistically and economically) viable for their teams to attend. In addition, US Sailing has not signed the Host Agreement with ISAF, as it

requires too many give-backs from the host, and the loss of significant income from the event – which is what pays for the event. The Board discussed the implications of all of this, and it was decided to table the discussion until after the ISAF Working Party on the World Cup had its meeting near the end of January.

- 6) Executive Directors Report – will be given at the January 23, 2012 call.
- 7) Treasurer’s Report – will be given at the January 23, 2012 call.
- 8) Olympic Report – will be given at the January 23, 2012 call.
- 9) Old Business –
  - a) It was MOVED, Seconded and APPROVED to name the following members to the Membership Committee:
    - a. Randy Draftz
    - b. Dana Marnane
  - b) Report of the Spring Meeting Task Force – Jack Gierhart shared that 4 of the 5 members are strongly in favor of identifying alternatives. A motion will probably be ready for discussion by the February Board Call.
  - c) Update on Handicap Rating Rules discussions in North America – Stan Honey reviewed the pyramid of Rating Rules with the Board and suggested that as an association we need to continue to see how we can best help PHRF grow and be easy for our members to participate in, particularly by investing in the Universal Measurement Form (UMF) and in developing other rating tools for local measurers to use.

10)New Business –

- a) Dean Brenner reintroduced the idea of environmental awards that the sailors on Team McLaren have suggested. President Jobson named a Task Force to look into all of our awards (Susan Epstein Chair, with members Bruce Burton and Fred Hagedorn).
- b) The Judges’ Committee Recommended the following two individuals be appointed as Judge Emeritus:
  - (1) Tom Allan
  - (2) Burton Howell

It was MOVED, Seconded and APPROVED to make the above appointments.

11)The meeting went into Executive Session at 10:35 am PST

12)The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am PST.

Separate notes will be prepared regarding the discussions of the rest of the day's sessions, as they were relatively free-flowing and not actual votes were taken or decisions made.

In particular, the Board thanks Kelly Jordan for her assistance throughout the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn  
Secretary