

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
June 25, 2012
Teleconference

Present: Ed Adams, Dean Brenner, Bruce Burton, Walt Chamberlain, 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: Maureen McKinnon

Guests: Gino Bottino, Charley Cook, Rich Jepsen, Jerry Montgomery, Rob Overton, Cory Sertl, Eric Tulla.

- 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) Announcements
 - a) none.
- 4) Guest speaker, Eric Tulla of Puerto Rico, who is running for the office of President of the ISAF, spoke with the Board of Directors about his ideas, observations and concerns with our sport on a world-wide basis. In particular Mr. Tulla shared his desire to see a change in the organizational culture of the ISAF.
- 5) Consent Calendar
The approval of the Consent Calendar was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED. The following were therefore approved:
 - a) Minutes from May 29, 2012, as corrected;
- 6) President's Report – President Jobson commented that he is having some very busy days. With two safety reports in draft on the west coast, the America's Cup event in Newport, RI, and the Bermuda race. In addition, local clubs continue to be threatened by the actions of their neighbors, the most recent example being the planed Dredging just south of the Houston Yacht Club and the environmental impact it will have on the epth of water where the sludge will be deposited, near to the HYC.
- 7) Executive Director's Report – Jack Gierhart reported that we are on or ahead of budget in each of our departments. Relative to the Membership Matters Campaign, 20 out of the planed 27 letters have been sent out by our partner clubs. The search for our next Membership Director is progressing, and we will be ramping up a search for a new Training Director, as Jeannine Connolly has announced that she will be leaving US Sailing in July. In addition, Gierhart informed the Board that he will be ready to bring a plan to the Board relative to the National Sailing Hall of Fame at the July Board of Director's Meeting.

- 8) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Leslie Keller reported the planned financial business review has been completed and that recommendations on software changes and/or upgrades will be coming forward in the near future..
- 9) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner shared that the Games (Olympic and Paralympic) are the singular focus as we are inside of 30 days to the opening ceremonies of the Olympics on July 27, 2012 in London, GBR. The entire Olympic Team will depart for the UK on July 15.
- 10) RRS 69.2(c) – The Racing Rules Committee reported that after further study, no prescription would be necessary relative to the subject rule and that that we are now ready to prepare the 2013-2016 Rulebook for US Sailing.
- 11) Director Susan Epstein reported that the task force of herself, Maureen McKinnon and John Craig will be speaking with leaders of Windsurfing and Kite Boarding and collect the pros and cons to each desired equipment choice in the face of the continuing conversation at the ISAF.

12) Old Business –

- a) Safety Reports – Chuck Hawley, Safety-At-Sea Chairman, is leading these efforts with two current investigations, reported President Jobson. The US Coast Guard is very pleased with our efforts, willingness to participate and our overall leadership.
- b) Handicap Rating Rule Update – – Director Stan Honey reported that the US Sailing Offshore Office is respected as a fair and competent ratings office that is providing even-handed services for IRC and ORR. The US Sailing policy of even-handedly supporting all rules but not owning our own rule is interpreted as US Sailing not being leaders in the development of new Rating Rules. This is an understandable observation given our policy. Director Honey summarized the situation that there is only one VPP that US Sailing uses, and this VPP is used to calculate ORR certificates, support USCG research, create Performance-Packs for members, support PHRF fleets, perform stability and safety investigations, and is made available for SYRF research. This is the descendent of the VPP for which US Sailing received a non-transferable license from MIT in 1987. Director Honey observed that this situation is satisfactory.
- c) National Sailing Hall of Fame and US Sailing – as reported under the Executive Director's report, an updated agreement will be brought to the July Board of Director's meeting by the Executive Director.

13) New Business –

- a) .President Jobson presented the need to update Regulation 8.06(E), regarding the amount of the per diem for international travel, as the costs have increased over the past few years. It was **MOVED** to INITIATE increase the amount of the reimbursement to \$200 per day, **SECONDED** and **APPROVED** – Director Honey abstained from this vote.

- 14) Executive Session – The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 9:20 pm EDT.

15)The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary