

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
July 23, 2012
Teleconference

In Attendance: 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, Maureen McKinnon, Dawn Riley and non-voting Ex Officio members, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, and House of Delegates Chair, Jim Walsh.

Regrets: Ed Adams, Dean Brenner

Guests: Bruce Bingham, Jim Capron, David Kellet, Joe Melino, Chris Petracco, Cory Sertl.

- 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) Guest speaker, David Kellett of Australia joined the call as he awaited the boarding of his flight from Sydney to London for the Olympics where he is the ISAF Technical Delegate. Mr. Kellet discussed his vision for ISAF and asked for our support in the election for President of the ISAF.
- 4) Announcements
 - a) None.
- 5) Consent Calendar
The approval of the Consent Calendar was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED. The following were therefore approved:
 - a) Minutes from June 25, 2012, as corrected;
- 6) Endorsement of Race Officials' Application
 - a) The Race Management Committee Recommends that US Sailing Endorse the application of A. Mark Townsend as an International Race Officer – This was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED.
- 7) Nominating Committee Chair, Immediate Past President Capron, shared that the committee had started with a pool of 70, cut it to 40 and then to twelve, and will announce the nominee for President and the three nominees for the Board of Directors on August 1.
- 8) President's Report – President Jobson shared that he has completed 67 speaking engagements for the association so far this year. He recently attended the Junior Olympic Festival in Annapolis, MD where over 200 youth sailors participated, with great energy and excitement. President Jobson was sad to report that at a Yacht Club in NJ this past Saturday, there was an incident with a cannon, when Colors were being Struck, and an individual was injured in the leg with a wad from the barrel – hopefully we will be able to get some learning from this experience so that other clubs will not have to go through this again in the future. This coming Wednesday the Board Task Force will meet

with some concerned Windsurfing advocates regarding the recent ISAF decision to drop boards and add kites to the 2016 program of equipment.

With 15 weeks left in his term of office, President Jobson sees the following 5 issues as having paramount importance...Bringing Josh Adams on as the new Managing Director of the Olympic Programs, a focus on Youth in our Sport, the proposed Reorganization of the association, the ISAF/IFDS nominations and elections, and our offshore/Big Boat approaches.

- 9) Executive Director's Report – Jack Gierhart reported that his Report stands as written. In addition, this fall the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing will be published. The iPhone App is being updated to integrate Dave Perry's examples into it.

The On-line learning platform is in testing already, a thank you to Boat US for sharing some of their experiences with distance learning. In addition, Gierhart announced that an offer has been extended to Kristen Urbach to be our next Membership Chair.

A proposal to hold the 2013 AGM at Captiva, FL will be sent out to the Board over the next week or two.

- 10) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Leslie Keller reported the planned financial business review (BPR) is complete and the recommendations on Software has been received by staff. A further report and recommendations will be brought to the Board in August. The Audit is late, but coming and the Form 990 is almost complete.
- 11) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner is in London with the Olympic Sailing Team. All eyes will be on Weymouth over the next few weeks. A number of members of the Board attended the send-off that was hosted by the Larchmont Yacht Club in NY on July 14. All shared how inspirational the gathering was for all of the young sailors in attendance and how positively engaged the Olympians appeared at the event. A big thank you to MacLaren and to Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream for making this possible, along with the Long Island JYA.
- 12) 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.

13) Old Business –

- a) Handicap Rating Rule Update – – Director Stan Honey reported that the HPR developed by the New York Yacht Club under the leadership of Benji is now looking for a home. It appears that it will come to rest in the arms of the Offshore Racing Association (ORA). Both the ORA and SYRF believe that they own aspects of the US Sailing VPP, but they are not legally able to do so, given the way the license from MIT to US Sailing is written. In addition, there are some in the ORA who would like to see the US Sailing Offshore Office be moved into the arms of the ORA – this is not a

likely outcome. President Jobson indicated that he would set up a small working party to assist Director Honey in his conversations with the ORA.

- b) National Sailing Hall of Fame and US Sailing – last month, an updated agreement was presented by Executive Director Gierhart – it was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED – See Attachment A.
- c) Reorganization – as it is getting late, and this is a large topic that is likely to take more than 30 minutes, this topic is deferred to Thursday, July 26, 2012, at 11 am Eastern Time Zone.

14)New Business –

- a) It was discussed that Unrestricted Gifts, in excess of the amount budgeted to be received in a given year, should require Board approval prior to their expenditure for any given need, including being deposited into the “rainy day fund.” No vote was deemed required, as this was how any good not-for-profit would operate.
- b) It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED to create a Standing Rule of the Board of Directors to have a Report of Action Posted within 15 days of a Board of Directors Meeting – and that once the Minutes from that meeting are approved, the Report of Action will be removed from the website.

15)Executive Session – The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 9:13 pm EDT.

16)The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 pm EDT. The meeting will be continued on 7/26/2012 at 11 am Eastern Time to discuss the planned Reorganization

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Attachment A

U.S. Sailing-National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame Affiliation

U.S. Sailing and the National Sailing Hall of Fame & Museum, Inc. (doing business as the National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame (NSHOF)), have agreed to an affiliation in order to raise the national visibility of sailing.

The NSHOF is dedicated to preserving the history of sailing and its impact on our culture, honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to American sailing, teaching math, science and American history through sailing, inspiring and encouraging sailing development, and providing a landmark for sailing enthusiasts. US Sailing's mission **is to provide leadership, integrity and advancement for the sport of sailing** by developing and executing programs to grow sailing participation, enhance competition, and provide the infrastructure, resources and support for sailing organizations in the U.S.

To formalize the affiliation:

- An annual meeting of the Presidents and Executive Directors of both organizations will be convened.
- A briefing by U.S. Sailing at the NSHOF Annual Meeting and a briefing by NSHOF at U.S. Sailing annual meeting will take place.
- The President of U.S. Sailing will be an Ex Officio member of the NSHOF Board of Directors.
- A member of the U.S. Sailing Board of Directors will be on the NSHOF Selection Committee.
- U.S. Sailing will be on the NSHOF web-site and the NSHOF will be on the U.S. Sailing web-site.
- The National Sailing Center & Hall of Fame will display lists on its web site sourced from U.S. Sailing database, including yacht clubs, community sailing centers and other sailing organizations.
- The NSHOF will hold all U.S. Sailing lists for public display.
- US Sailing will extend an invitation to the NSHOF to the Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswomen of the Year Awards
- US Sailing will be a member of the NSHOF's Learning Math & Science Through Sailing Consortium; US Sailing will provide a seat for the NSHOF on its Education and Sailing advisory panel.
- US Sailing will be able to display its Trophies and Awards at the NSHOF building.

