

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting  
August 21, 2012  
Teleconference

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

Guests: Bruce Cook, Chris Petracco, Cory Sertl, Brian Hawboldt, Josh Adams, Kevin Wixcom, Martine Zurinskas, Rich Jepsen, Sarah Ashton and Steve Wrigley. Listening to the call were Glenn Schmidt, and Paul Ansfield.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 7:35 pm EDT.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) Announcements
  - a) None.
- 4) Consent Calendar  
The approval of the Consent Calendar was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED. The following were therefore approved:
  - a) Minutes from July 23 and 26, 2012, as corrected;
  - b) Appointment of Kevin Keogh as Chair of the Legal Committee
- 5) Endorsement of Race Officials' Application
  - a) The Umpire Committee Recommends that US Sailing endorses the application of Christopher Petracco as an International Umpire – This was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED.
- 6) President's Report – President Jobson attended the 2012 Olympic Games for Sailing in Weymouth and reported that our team worked very hard. Jobson has been on the waterfront a lot recently, Nantucket, and he is currently in San Francisco for the next America's Cup event. In closing Jobson challenged the Board to consider if US Sailing should, or should not, be in the event management business.
- 7) Executive Director's Report – Jack Gierhart shared that his report stands as written. We are working hard to keep the business in a positive Cash Flow position. The good news is that membership continues to grow.
- 8) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Leslie Keller reported that we are financially in good shape. We hope to see the Audit Report in September.
- 9) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner reported that the 2012 Games ended with no medals for Team USA – the first time since 1936. This result came as a surprise. There will be a study group to help Josh Adams see his way into the upcoming quad, but we should not lose sight of our improvements over the past years – Improvements in

Funding, culture and pathway. It is possible that our athletes were too tired, maybe personal expectations were too high and created higher levels of personal stress. As Treasurer Keller pointed out, our angst over this result may be too much and that we need to keep perspective on the results. In the end, our sailors worked hard and we need to let them know how proud we are of them – to this end, President Jobson will send a note to the team on behalf of the Board.

At this point, we need to turn disappointment into positive action – to help us with this, an independent review Panel will look at the entire program:

Josh Adams, Chair, Ed Adams, Andrew Campbell, Jay Cross, Andy Kostanecki, Bill Martin, Jack Mathias, Jonathan McKee, Cory Sertl and Tim Wadlow.

Now the focus is on the Paralympics that will begin at the end of August.

10) Director Susan Epstein reported that the task force met with a number of leaders in the Windsurfing community and had a very positive conversation via a webinar that a number of Board members were able to attend. A similar conversation is being arranged for September with Kite-Boarders.

11) Old Business –

a) Big Boat / Offshore Racing – – Director Stan Honey reported that we had very fruitful conversations with the ORA and thanked President Jobson, Secretary Hagedorn, Director George Hinman and Executive Director Gierhart and Offshore Director Dan Nowlan for their support and counsel. Honey then presented a proposed Term Sheet for a formal agreement with the ORA.

The proposed Term Sheet outlining the proposed agreement with the Offshore Racing Association was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED.

b) Awards Task Force – Director Epstein shared that the Community Sailing Council is reviewing all of their awards at this time in support of this effort.

c) Reorganization – President Jobson reported that all of the Past Presidents he has been able to speak with on this subject (6 of 7) are all very supportive of this effort. Meetings with the HOD, the CSA, the Community Sailing Council and the One Design Class Council are on-going – the work with the offshore community is being used as a template with the other councils.

12)New Business –

c) A **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to appoint the following five individuals as MNA level measurers for the A-Cat Class:

- (1) Andrew Burdett
- (2) Andy Kolb
- (3) Ian Lindahl
- (4) Matt Struble
- (5) Bob Hodges

13)Executive Session – The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 9:15 pm EDT. Josh Adams, Olympic Managing Director-designee for US Sailing was invited to participate in this conversation.

14)The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm EDT.

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.

