

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2013
Teleconference

In attendance: Ed Adams, Vice President Bruce Burton, John Craig, George Hinman, President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Patty Lawrence, Ben Richardson, Dawn Riley, Treasurer Taran Teague, Dave Ullman, Jim Walsh and non-voting Ex Officio members, Managing Director Olympics Josh Adams, Executive Director Jack Gierhart. Regrets: Maureen McKinnon, Susan Epstein

Guests: Shannon Bush, Brain Hawboldt, Cory Sertl, Hank Stuart, Jim Tichenor

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm EDT by the President using GoToWebinar. The roll call established a quorum.

1. The minutes from the January 25, 2013 meeting were approved.
2. The committee list was approved.
3. President's Report: Tom requested that Board members send their sailing traveling schedules to Lee Parks and when they are traveling to reach out to the local venue's leadership. Dave Ullman is canvassing the west coast clubs about US Sailing and plans to report during our March or May meeting.
4. Jack Gierhart submitted a written report and highlighted that we are continuing on with 2012-2013 goals associated with financial responsibility. The fundraising goal of \$175,000 Medalist contributions is making headway. The membership department added 2000 members last year and has good momentum for the current year. Jack and Tom will be at the Rolex Awards Luncheon in San Francisco February 25, 2013.
5. Treasurer Taren Teague reported that our budget variance to date is positive. The Windfall Fund was moved to Windhaven and transfer has been smooth sailing.
6. Olympic Report: The Sailing World Cup is the biggest Olympic event for the year and Josh Adams thanked the leadership team for running a top-notch event. The new medal race format was tested in all classes, but received mixed reviews. The experimentation with the medal race format will end by 2014.

While in Miami there was a team meeting with Olympic and Paralympic sailors. Charlie McKee set a positive, inclusive tone. Grant Spanhake is the first technical director to assist with tuning and standards for all classes.

The Youth Championship Committee is aligning equipment to match the World Championship by adding high performance equipment which brings the total classes to seven. Free coaching is available to all participants and private coaching allowed. This premier youth event will serve as a qualifier to the World Youth Championships.

The Olympic Committee will meet the in March in Portsmouth for their annual strategic planning.

7. Division Reports

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Small Boats: The One Design Sailing Symposium, held in Cleveland, OH January 12-14, was very well received and one of the best attended in recent years.

Championships Division Report: There was a discussion about regatta fees for match racing. The Board will defer to Shannon Bush to manage the Match Racing Championship. A working group has been formed to evaluate the championship business model. NORS for junior championship events Int'l Women's Keelboat, Offshore and Championship of Champions are posted online and the remaining adult championship will be posted in the near future. Charlie McKee will be attending the Youth Sailing Championships to do a presentation on the Olympic pathway. We are partnering with the OSC on our junior events to develop a clear path forward for our young athletes.

8. Old Business

The Adams Cup Deed of Gift requires four trustees and we have two vacancies. After an energized discussion by various sailors close to the Adams Cup, two nominees emerged from a very strong slate of candidates.

Motion from Women's Championship Committee was made, second, and approved to place Karen Smith and Sue Miller as Adams Cup Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Lawrence
Secretary