



In attendance: Board: Josh Adams, Steve Benjamin, JJ Fetter, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, George Hinman, President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Patty Lawrence, Sheila McCurdy, Maureen McKinnon, Ben Richardson, Treasurer Taran Teague, and Dave Ullman

Regrets: Bruce Burton, Dawn Riley, and Jim Walsh. There were numerous guests on the call.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM EDT and the roll call established a quorum.
2. Announcements:
  - May 1 Board Meeting in Rhode Island
  - Recommendations for the ISAF Youth Matching Racing selection procedures were approved in February.
3. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Consent Calendar.
  - February Meeting Minute Approval
  - Committee Members
    - Mike Dawson Vice Chair RSA
    - Jerry Montgomery Secretary RSA
    - Caroline Atwood, Sportsmanship
    - Committee for Entry in Protected Competitions: Ben Richardson, Josh Adams, and JJ Fetter
4. Josh Adams called in from St Francis YC to give the Olympic Report. Tomorrow is the STFY annual fundraising auction and Josh will be in attendance. The Olympic Department is using Goalscape to measure athlete performance and goals. This will provide a more accurate picture of athlete performance.

Other highlights include:

  - The medalist program has started off well in 2014 and they are reaching out to new members.
  - Martha Pitt is the new Commercial Manager and is working to increase sponsorship. Bill Lynn, a past sponsor, is also helping with this endeavor.
  - The ISAF Youth Worlds Team sports twelve athletes who are going to Portugal in July with Leandro Spina.
5. Division Reports
  - Jim Tichenor gave the Venues Report. The RSA is working with Georgia McDonald on MVP program. College and high school sailing events are moving ahead despite the weather and have been busy with winter meetings, attending the Leadership Forum and having the Nautical Channel to broadcast their regattas.
  - Race Administration submitted a written report that included information from six committees reporting in that division. Publications projects are going well and the *Race Management Handbook* has been revised and will be submitted for approval to the US Sailing board soon. Race Official Education and training continues to evolve with seminars, marketing, and online testing. They are working hard to develop the criteria for standardizing instructor training and



also make it easier to host a seminar. The Race Administration webpage is receiving an updated and the mobile app for RRS is received a few tweaks.

6. In his President's Report, Tom Hubbell noted that he attended the Rolex Award presentation in San Francisco, has been sailing twice in FL in March, and will be in Charleston next month for Race Week. US Sailing sent a letter to the CA Supreme Court about the Farallones Race lawsuit essentially asking the court to clarify whether by going aboard does an individual sailor assume some of the risk.
7. Executive Director's Report, Jack Gierhart submitted a written report that included 2014 goals that are what we built the budget around. There was a discussion about shared strategic initiatives for 2012 - 2014 that will be revised at the May in-person meeting. US Sailing is hosting a reception at Charleston Race Week and presentation on the REACH Program. Jack and Diane Karetta would like to invest some money that is not currently earning anything in CD.
8. Treasurer Taran Teague extended her congratulations to Jack and Diana Karetta for recommendations on investing small pools of cash from various places. She noted that the negative variation to budget is largely due to timing.
9. New Business
  - On behalf of the Offshore Department Steve Benjamin submitted both a long and short written version many offshore proposals. He gave highlights on the call. Tom asked that board members, Dave Ullman, Sheila McCurdy, George Hinman and Dawn Riley go through it with the Offshore division and come back with first round of priority items for our May meeting.
10. Old Business
  - The Adams Cup will not be awarded this year.
  - Susan Epstein continues to refine the Area map and will report at a later meeting.
11. Organizational Reflections

Tom asked what the board would like to see on the agenda for the May in person meeting. Suggestions included:

  - Membership
  - Reviewing the strategic initiatives
  - Examine takeaways from the Sailing Leadership Forum
  - Create a measurement strategy for achieving goals
  - Looking at new corners of the sport including Kiting and motor boating program

Adjourned at 930.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Lawrence