



2014- 2015 US Sailing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2015
Teleconference

In attendance: Board: Olympic Managing Director Josh Adams, Steve Benjamin, Vice President Bruce Burton, JJ Fetter, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, Chuck Hawley, George Hinman, President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Patty Lawrence, Sheila McCurdy, Maureen McKinnon, Ben Richardson, Cory Sertl, and Treasurer Taran Teague, and Jim Walsh.

Regrets: Dave Ullman

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm EST and the roll call established a quorum.
2. Announcements: the next in-person meeting is May 15, 2015 in RI. There is no April BoD meeting.
3. The consent calendar, consisting:
 - February 15 meeting minutes
 - February 23 meeting minutes
 - The annual Hoyt-Jolly Funds \$2000 Disbursement was moved, seconded and approved.
4. President Tom Hubbell reported that he had been devoting time to the Offshore project and Olympics. The Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman presentation at the New York Yacht Club was elegant and moving. Sailing has been good including Thistle Midwinters where Tom met with Olympian, Jen French, and discussed the Wounded Warrior project.
5. Executive Director's Report, Jack Gierhart submitted a written report and highlighted the following:
 - Overall financially we are on track. Summary sheets in financials continue to look confusing but Jack will keep the Board apprised of any unexpected variances.
 - The Grow Sailing Initiative the following leadership team in place: Peter Durant, Charlie Noble, Sally Helme, Lou Sandoval, John O'Flatery, Carl Blackwell, Juan Mauri, Wayne Burdick, Jack Gierhart and Amy Larkin.
 - Pat Crawford has joined the staff and is splitting her time between Race Management and Training departments.
 - On April 9th SAP will be sending three people to the US and US Sailing will be taking them to Charleston Race Week. The goal is for a product description by end of April and functioning program by January 1, 2016.
6. Treasurer Taran Teague noted that our liquidity is good. We need an audit chair, and that David Elwell plans to join us at our May Meeting. Our growth fund is up 3.32%.
7. Olympic Managing Director Josh Adams submitted a written report and highlighted the following:

There has been good communication with sailing community about Olympic Development Program. Richard Feeny, who is an experienced coach, has come onboard to help with the project pipeline. The four main elements to project pipeline include:

 - High Performance outreach
 - Training camps which include high level coaching



- Travel teams
- Youth World training that is tied to performance metrics.

Cory Sertl is chairing the Task Force to align youth sailing and the Project Pipeline. Youth Champs at Roger Williams this summer will include six classes.

Pan Am teams are shaping up well and with sailors expected to medal and young sailors gain experience.

Ben Richardson noted that the OSC is advisory group that supports the professional staff. He plans to work with the Bylaws Committee to clarify its role in our governing documents.

7. Staff Connection and Division Reports:

Charlie Arms submitted a written report of the Education Division and she and Stu Gilfillen were on the call to present it. Charlie noted that the Commercial Sailing Committee is significantly concerned about US Sailing school branding. The Sports Medicine Committee will be writing informative pieces to be posted on the US Sailing web site. The training department has deferred to Sports Medicine on the helmet issue but it should connect with Josh Adams for input for from the Olympic Department.

Shelia McCurdy noted that the Training Department is doing a great job with and gave kudos to Charlie, Rich, Stu and the training team.

Bill Lee was on the call for the Offshore report.

- Gary Jobson is talking to all parties vested in Offshore sailing and will negotiate a course of action. Ron White, from Chicago Yacht Club will be speaking for ORA. Jay Hansen has been in the office working on SAP.
- Safety at Sea is going very well.

8. Old Business

Regulation 10 was been carefully vetted by the Bylaws Committee group including vetting against the Ted Stevens Act and the Legal Committee. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt Regulation 10.

The meeting was adjourned 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Patty Lawrence
