



**2014-2015 US Sailing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**August 17, 2015**  
**Teleconference**

In attendance: Board: Olympic Managing Director Josh Adams, Steve Benjamin, Vice President Bruce Burton, Chuck Hawley, President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Patty Lawrence, Sheila McCurdy, Cory Sertl, Treasurer Taran Teague and Jim Walsh

Guests: Hank Stuart, Shannon Bush

Regrets: JJ Fetter, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, Ben Richardson, George Hinman and Maureen McKinnon.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and the roll call established a quorum.
2. Announcements:
  - 2015 ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year nominations should be sent to ISAF by 19:00 UTC on 2 September 2015 using the Official Nomination Form, available at <http://www.sailing.org/40427.php>. The office would also appreciate suggestions if that is easier than filling out the form.
  - September 21, 7:30 pm EDT Conference Call: Division Reports: Management, Small Boat, Venues & 2016 Budget Planning Review & Herreshoff nominations due.
  - October 22, In Person Dallas, TX: Elections for 2015-2016 board; last meeting of the current board, elections and new board meeting.
3. The Consent Calendar, consisting of the July meeting minutes was moved, seconded and approved.
4. President Tom Hubbell remarked that things are generally going well and has had no complaints from constituents.
4. Executive Director Jack Gierhart was not on the call but submitted a written report. Bruce Burton noted that there is a budget surplus and Jack plans to speak with Taran about building our reserves.
5. Treasurer Taran Teague reported that the transition of Windhaven funds is going well. One million dollars will be moved to the aggressive fund by mid-September with the remainder by year's end. We have approximately 3.2M invested with Windhaven. US Sailing has a good balance position and our statement looks sound.
6. Josh Adams submitted a written report but also phoned in from the Rio where the Olympic Test event is underway. The Youth Travel Team used equipment that US Sailing owns and sailed to the podium. The team had very good National TV exposure a week ago.



7. Staff Connection and Division Reports

Shannon Bush presented the Championship Division Report which is attached. She highlighted:

- The inaugural US Youth Match Racing Championship at Balboa YC went exceptionally well with the club rolling out the red carpet and delivering outstanding RC work. The competitors were very happy.
- There is concern about the drop in participation for the women's singlehanded championship and this is under review. We need to have a serious discussion about keeping some of adult championships that are not as popular as they once were.
- The Rose Cup (youth match racing) did not have many women participating which is a concern.

Hank Stuart & Matt Hill submitted the attached Race Administration written report.

- A motion was made, seconded to endorse Rick Sullivan as an international judge. Motion carried.
- Hank and Jim Walsh will look into the renewal process for international race officials and report back to the board next month with a policy recommendation. There are concerns that renewals have not always come before the board.
- Matt Hill has been working on SOARS 2.0 and received a request from Sail Canada to collaborate as our interests are similar.
- Hank will look into holding more PRO and Judging seminars in areas that are underserved. The RSA survey was very helpful in highlighting areas in need.

8. Old Business:

Tom Hubbell and David Jones submitted a piece to Scuttlebutt about helmet use. The Sports Medicine Committee is investigating helmet types and collecting data about injuries. The data collection is complicated by HIPPA and medical and legal issues.

9. New Business

- Gary Jobson has convened a Governance Committee to review the nominating process. The committee members are: Clark Chapin, David Elwell, Bruce Munro, Mason Chrisman, Gary Jobson, chair.
- As the 2014 Audit is complete, Bruce Burton will oversee fulfilling Jack's contractual obligations regarding his bonus.

US Sailing is supporting Steve Penny as the USOC Council nominees. Jack has explored this.

The following motion was made:

Committees may move their meetings to the 2016 February meeting in San Diego if they opt not to meet in Dallas on October 22, 2015. The motion was seconded and carried.

10. Adjourn is adjourned 8:09.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Lawrence