



2014-2015 US Sailing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2015
Teleconference

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

Guests: Harry Foote, Jim Tichenor

Regrets: Steve Benjamin, JJ Fetter, and Dave Ullman

1. Announcements: The last meeting of the 2014-2015 Board will be in Dallas, TX on October 22. The meeting will follow the traditional pattern of Board meeting, Annual Meeting including elections, and the new board meeting.
2. The Consent Calendar, consisting of the 2015 August meeting minutes was moved, seconded and approved.
3. President Tom Hubbell sailed in Maine and Chautauqua (NY) and will be at the Annapolis Boat Show in October. He is working on the agenda for the October meeting and the new board orientation.
4. Executive Director Jack Gierhart submitted a written report. Jack met with Roger Williams University officials to explore the possibility of an office move toward the end of next year. He and Bruce Burton met with Ken Read of North Sails. The staffs' health insurance plan was updated and now has lower premiums for the majority, improved benefits and potential savings. Jack will be traveling to NJ for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony in October. Overall the organization has a healthy variance to the budget, departments are running well and directors doing a great job.
5. In her report, Treasurer Taran Teague, remarked that we are tracking a positive variance to budget and this is an affirmation of US Sailing's financial stability. The financial team is preparing the 2016 budget and one change is that marketing and membership will be spread overall budgets which will reveal the working relationships between departments.

Windhaven transfer is scheduled to happen over the next few days.

6. Josh Adams reported that the Olympic program enjoyed a fabulous fundraiser at American Yacht Club in Rye, NY. The event included most of the US Sailing Team Sperry and several board members. Josh recognized the Olympic department staff for their help organizing the event. The final USOC funding numbers come in before the Assembly meets. The World Cup Miami will not be using the rowing club and is working with the City of Miami for new plan. Ideally participants will be able to walk between the clubs which is a long-sought consolidation of venues.

Ben Richardson is compiling the calendar of major events and the USOC will approve qualifying events. The OCS is doing a health survey with athletes and coaches about what worked at the Rio de Janeiro test event.



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7 Staff Connection and Division Reports

- Brian Hawboldt submitted the attached written report. It was noted by several on the call that while the US Sailing Team Race Committee does not have a chair, team racing is robust in terms of sailors and events.
- Venues chair, Jim Tichenor, submitted written report and highlighted that both high school and college sailing is doing very well. ISSA has record 502 registered schools. RSA chair, Harry Foote, noted that Jan Visser, Area L Coordinator, left a big hole when she passed away in 2014 and there are a few RSA vacancies; however, the main areas are functioning well. See the attached Venues and ICSA documents for the full report.
- US Offshore chair, George Hinman remarked that US Offshore had good meetings and is looking to improve relationships with rule owners, grow PHRF fleets and sailor benefits. He plans to have a full report at the November board meeting.

8. Old Business

Gary Jobson convened the Governance Committee to review the make-up of the Nominating Committee. Their recommendation must be vetted by the USOC and Amateur Sports Act. The board will have a proposal to review at the October board meeting.

9. Board shared thoughts and reflection about the organization and sailing.

The meeting was adjourn at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Lawrence