



US Sailing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2016

Conference Call to order: 7:30pm

In attendance: Board: President Bruce Burton, George Hinman, Steve Benjamin, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, Treas. Steve Freitas, Managing Olympic Director Josh Adams, Ben Richardson, VP Cory Sertl, Jim Walsh, Ron White, Sec. Martine Zurinkas, Rich Jepsen, Sheila McCurdy, George Hinman, Sally Barkow, Steve Benjamin

Regrets: JJ Fetter, Gary Gilbert

Guests: 17 guests on the call.

1. Announcements

2. Consent Calendar: *Motion to approve, unanimously approved.*

April 18, 2016 Minutes

Update Schedule of meetings: October 18<sup>th</sup> in person, Newport, RI

Updated schedule for call-in information

3. President's Report

Bruce Burton

Summary of the report as provided in pre-read

Topics of interest: Golden Spinnaker Gala with thank you to Dean Brenner for his work on the event; Olympics Team Meetings summary; American Yacht Club friend/fundraiser – thank you; America's Cup Viewing NY; Herreshoff Award at Larchmont YC presented to Mary Savage to honor her service; NYCC Commissioning; US Offshore Safety At Sea; Investment Committee Chair proposal under New Business; 2020 Tokyo Launch Review Committee ramping up end of 2Q

4. Vice Presidents Report & World Sailing Update Cory Sertl

Update on the Leadership changes; new non-discrimination policies; Sailing World Cup was a hot topic for the US delegation; Thanks to the efforts of the Executive meetings a contract for Miami for 2017. Youth Worlds 2016- Auckland, NZL December 14-20; Focus of Tokyo 2020 was discussed and report following included the World Sailing Council update. Details included in pre-read report of World Sailing Governance.

Gary Jobson, World Sailing Council – continue our strong US delegation for our new selection process; SWC Miami - important event for US and fought to get contracts for Miami 2017; Need to pay attention to the 2020 process with WSC desire for showcase event options.

5. Executive Director's Report

Jack Gierhart

Status YTD vs. Goal in good shape. Key objectives being measured includes: First Sail Launch, SAP, 2017-2020 RRS, US Sailing Foundation; Customer Connect, and success at International Competition. Youth Development Director search going well; Division updates included in Pre-Read Reports.

6. Treasurer's Report

Steve Freitas

Reviewed the financials overview; BOD Statements

**Schedule & Call in details:** <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/board-of-directors/schedule-agenda>

**Meeting Minutes:** <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/board-of-directors/meeting-minutes/>



7. Olympic Report

Josh Adams

Performance update and summary of the support teams at the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Funding update for the Olympic Medalist Program & Project Pipeline. Sponsorship update with Sperry/Famous Footwear Campaign and also Sunbrella's Unchartered Waters video project. Summary of other work of the Olympic Sailing Program.

8. Staff Connection and Division Discussion

Chair/Board Liaisons/Staff Director

Inshore/ Small Boat: Brian Hawboldt/ Lee Parks – Report verbally given

Sailing Venues: RSA – Good contacts with the RSA areas, updates provided. More active than in past.

Management: No report; in transition

9. Old Business

None

11. New Business

BAR 20160518 International Race Officer Certifications for 2016, Motion approved.

BAR 20160519 Investment Committee Chair Approval – Paul Ragheb, Motion approved.

BAR 20160519B Office Space Negotiations – discussion held in executive sessions. Motion approved.

12. Executive Session – session held.

13. Motion to Adjourn, 9:47 pm

Next meeting June 27

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