



In attendance: Board: Steve Benjamin, Vice President Bruce Burton, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, George Hinman, President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Patty Lawrence, Sheila McCurdy, Ben Richardson, and Treasurer Taran Teague.

Regrets: Josh Adams, John Craig, JJ Fetter Dawn Riley, Maureen McKinnon

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm and the roll call established a quorum.
2. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the Consent Calendar which consisted of the following:
  - Meeting Minutes Approval
  - 2014 RS:X Youth Worlds October 18-25 2014, Clearwater, FL
  - Classifiers Committee Additions: Will Siegel and Barbara Caplan
3. ISAF endorsements
  - Bruce Cook introduced the umpire applicants and a motion was made, seconded and approved to endorsement Susan 'Charlie' Arms & Greg Keily for International Umpires.
  - A motion was made, seconded and approved to endorsement Eric Baittinger as an International measurer for the IRC Class.
4. The Treasurer's Report consisted of two components:
  - Windhaven's Stewart Neff gave a report on the management change as, Steve Cucchiaro, founder and CEO, has retired. LizAnn Sanders is now the Chair of Investments at Windhaven. Stewart is confident in the process used to choose investments.
  - Diana Kareta presented the draft audit financials and draft management letter from Clifton Larson. A motion was made, seconded to accept the audit.
5. Due the length of the agenda, President Tom Hubbell made a brief report noting that he has been talking to constituents and sailing.
6. In his Executive Director's Report, Jack Gierhart noted the negative variance to budget as sponsorship behind schedule and the Training Department has experienced higher than expected travel, postage, and publishing expenses. He is looking to minimize the overages for next year including print on demand. Membership continues to make progress, although it is not attaining the budgeted aggressive growth. The 2015 budget process has begun with the newly installed budget software and input from committee chairs; it will be ready for our December meeting. While health care costs continue to rise, Diana Kareta and Lee Parks have done a great job researching insurance to minimize cost as much as possible.

As directed at the May strategic meeting, the office has been tracking sailing participation. Measurements include: One-Design classes' major regattas, class association membership, handicapped racing, and certificate holders. The office is working with Regatta Network and Yacht Scoring to review regatta participation for approximately thirty events over a five year period.



Jack presented an initiative called “Grow Sailing” which beginning of a national campaign to increase participation in sailing. The plan includes partnering with various organizations to create a single national plan to increase sailing participation.

7. Ben Richardson gave the Olympic Report for Josh Adams who is attending the IFDS/ISAF World Disabled Sailing Championships in Halifax. Negotiations for the 2016 World Cup Miami are underway as there are changes in the World Cup quotas. The Rio de Janeiro Olympic Test Event, which is designed to test the regatta mechanics and venue, went well. While this is not a performance goal event, six of our teams enjoyed top ten finishes and Ben is optimistic about the potential in this group.
8. Brain Hawbolt highlighted the written Small Boat Division written report that he and Lee Parks compiled along with the various committee chairs. It was noted that the Team Race committee needs a chair.
9. Old Business
  - Shannon Bush gave an update on the Area E qualifier NYC Youth event held in June. While a written report is to come, it was recommended that safety plans and weather protocols are incorporated into the club race official program and that the training department work with race management on this issue.
  - The strategy for the Offshore Project was distributed to the board and Steve Benjamin is please with the progress thus far.
  - Bruce Burton provided an update of the Regional Customer Service Representatives which is part of the 20014-2018 strategic plan. His group has written a job description and will look into how to pay for the position next.
10. New Business

A motion was made seconded and approved to add the word “directly” to Regulations 12.03.

A **Definition.** For the purposes of this Regulation, a Protected Competition (as discussed in the USOC Bylaws), is a competition held in the United States without an International Jury that US Sailing uses to directly select U.S. sailors to represent the United States in international competitions, directly qualify U.S. sailors to be a member of the US Sailing Team, or determine sailors who will receive funding from or through US Sailing. Specifically, an event that:

  - Selects U.S. sailors for the Olympics, Paralympics or Pan Am Games;
  - Selects U.S. sailors for the Youth Olympics;
  - Selects U.S. sailors for the ISAF World Championships for Youth, Team Racing and Match Racing (Women and Open), Offshore Sailing, or the Nations Cup;
  - Selects sailors for the US Sailing Team; or
  - Determines funding given or directed by US Sailing.



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- There was an additional motion which adds a new paragraph "D" to 12.03 to address selection events for international competitions but that motion was withdrawn for further review.
- Us Sailing's 2014 ISAF Rolex World Sailor of the Year nominations are due September 21. The board will have an email vote before our September 22 meeting.
- Dave Ullman provided an update on the new championship which was approved last year. The new event combines winners from all the championship regattas and some sailors selected by resume. Planning is underway with a December date and Florida venue and more information to come.

11. Board offered various reflections.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Lawrence