



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

In attendance: Board: Vice President Bruce Burton, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, Chuck Hawley, George Hinman, President Tom Hubbell, Secretary Patty Lawrence, Sheila McCurdy, Ben Richardson, Cory Sertl, and Treasurer Taran Teague, Dave Ullman and Jim Walsh.

Regrets: Josh Adams, Steve Benjamin, JJ Fetter, and Maureen McKinnon

Guests via WebEx included: Lee Parks, Brain Hawbolt, and Jim Tichenor

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm EST and the roll call established a quorum.
2. Announcements: The May 15 meeting will be RI.
3. The consent calendar, consisting of January meeting minutes was moved, seconded and approved.
4. President Tom Hubbell reported that he travelled to the Grow Sailing Initiative in Atlanta, GA and plans to attend the Rolex Sailor of the Year Award Ceremony in at NYC this week. Tom, along with Josh Adams, wrote a letter protesting the elimination of the Paralympics in 2020. ISAF is preparing a defense and is seeking statements from countries with Paralympic sailing. US Sailing wholeheartedly supports this effort.
5. Executive Director's Report, Jack Gierhart submitted a written report but made a few notes:
 - Jack, Josh Adams and Georgia McDonald met to discuss membership.
 - The Grow Sailing Initiative was well received and Jack is identifying key individuals to lead the project.
 - US Offshore consultant, Jay Hansen, was in the office last week. There are some ORA hurdles to work through. The Board had a discussion regarding the Regulation 4.05 and the authority of US Offshore.
 - Andrew Ewing, Jay Hansen and Jack fly to Germany next week to begin work on the SAP contract.
 - Jack added governance with an emphasis of recruiting volunteers and identifying needs to his goals.
 - The January financial states will be distributed to the board tomorrow.
6. Treasurer Taran Teague noted that accounting changes for 2016, especially pertaining to marketing and sponsorship within a nonprofit, is a topic for the Audit Committee. The first few months of the year US Sailing runs the Sailing World Cup Miami, the NSPS, receives donations and marks period for salary increases and bonuses. This affects the January and February monthly financials as they are not as informative as monthly statements later in the year. However, Taran reviews monthly statements, liquidity reports, and the monthly investment statements with Diana and if further questions, with Jack.

A Windhaven representative is due on to report at our May meeting. The audit is scheduled to begin in April.



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7. Ben Richardson gave the Olympic Report for Josh Adams. Sixty-four countries and over 800 athletes competed at World Cup Miami. He congratulated Rick Doerr, Brad Kendell and Hugh Freund for their silver medal podium finish in the Sonar Fleet.

The Olympic Committee met over the weekend. Agenda items included: youth development, strengthening the sailing base, broadening the coaching base, Paralympics, Olympic trials, and program metrics.

8. Staff Connection and Division Reports

- Jim Tichenor, Venues Division Chair, highlighted his written report which is posted.
- Brian Hawbolt, Small Boat Division Chair and staff liaison, Lee Parks, highlighted the Small Boat Division written report which is posted. Match Racing is doing many great things including reestablishing their newsletter, *Dial Up*.

8. Old Business

The Championship Division decided to suspend the requirement for a NRO for the Match Racing Championship for two years. More time is required to develop the training and certification.

9. New Business

There is a suggestion to eliminate the Terms for Reference from the Regulations. The requirement was recently added but all governance for committees is covered in the Regulations and by laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Lawrence
