



US SAILING Executive Committee
June 27, 2005
Telephone Conference Call
Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time

Present were Janet C. Baxter, Dean Brenner, Ruth Creighton, Susan Epstein, Louise Gleason, Fred Hagedorn, Dick Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Patty Lawrence, Leslie Keller, Rich Jepsen, Bill Sandberg and John Siegel. Also present were guest Director Hannah Swett, IT Consultant Serge Jorgensen, Executive Director Charlie Leighton, and James Appel, Budget Chair. Absent were directors Jim Capron, Bill Munster and Joni Palmer.

Action Item: A motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee telephone conference meeting of May 23, 2005 was made, seconded and carried.

Information Technology Consultant Serge Jorgensen presented a progress report on the program approved at the Newport R.I. meeting that increased the Capitol Purchase Budget from \$50,000 to \$162,500 in order to facilitate implementation of a new IT initiative. He noted that extra projects have set the schedule back by about 10 days, but said the stop/go decision will be made in mid-August. That decision will determine whether the development should continue in-house or be turned over to vendors.

President Baxter reported that she has been representing US SAILING at events around the country including the Chicago NOOD, Etchell NAs, Youth Champs, 29er Worlds and the Snipe NAs. In July she'll participate in the Chicago-Mackinac Race.

In his report, Executive Director Charlie Leighton noted that the May financial report indicates a surplus, with revenues up 3% and expenses down 6%. He also noted increased revenues from the insurance programs, the receipt of a pledge and large first payment of an Olympic Committee contribution from Roy Disney, and the large amount of positive feedback US SAILING has been receiving from the offshore racing community for our work with measurement programs. His report included individual updates from each department head.

Treasurer Leslie Keller commented that the staff was doing an improved job of working within budget and that positive progress was being made in financial reporting.

General Services Chair Ruth Creighton noted that staff member Janine Ahmed has assumed the additional responsibilities of Membership Director. The department is in the process of reviewing all programs, revising letters, rethinking priorities and conducting e-mail sweeps to lapsed individual and club members. These sweeps are proving an effective means to generate renewal income.

The committee received a draft proposal from ISAF representative Cory Sertl, proposing the creation of an ISAF Athlete Commission to be made up of current “elite” status athletes who would be independent of MNA nomination and support. The Commission would be modeled after the Athlete’s Commission established by the IOC. The committee will consider the proposal after it has been redrafted in the format needed for an ISAF submission.

The committee also received proposals on Racing Rule/Prescription changes from Jim Capron who was traveling and unable to attend the meeting. One is potentially important for the OSC and the 2006 Rolex Miami OCR. The second involves housekeeping and an internal debate about Rule 75.3. Neither requires ISAF submissions and both will be considered at the July Excom meeting.

Vice President Tom Hubbell reported that Attorney Clay Mock was working with a New York based lawyer to obtain an opinion that the proposed By-laws are in compliance with New York Law.

Olympic Sailing Chair Dean Brenner announced the launching of a fund raising campaign for the 2008 Games. He noted that the USOC had granted the OSC \$430,000 for distribution to the top American contenders. He also noted great US success at the Kiel Week, with Mikee Anderson-Mitterling and Dave Hughes taking 1st in the Men’s 470 and Amanda Clark and Sarah Morganthaler taking 8th in the Woman’s 470 event. Paige Railey finished 2nd in the Laser Radial Class and George Szabo and Eric Monroe finished 2nd in the Star event.

Sailor Athlete Council Chair Louise Gleason presented an initial draft of a SAC proposal top include ISAF Grade I events in the criteria that defines “sailor athlete.” The SAC will refine the proposal for presentation at next month’s Excom meeting.

A current US Senate proposal to limit availability of citizens to receive US Weather Bureau reports directly, has been under discussion with Past President Jim Muldoon, who is working with the US Coast Guard in opposition to the proposal.

Action Item: A motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize President Baxter to issue a press release that expresses the opposition of US SAILING to this Senate proposal on the US Weather Service.

An Executive Session followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m., E.D.T.

Dick Hanneman, Secretary