



## US SAILING Executive Committee

October 19, 2005

Phoenix, Arizona

### Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time.

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

Serge Jorgensen gave an update on the US SAILING Information Technology Project that has been underway since last spring. Phase one, with a target of January 2006, incorporates event registration, membership, and financials. Staff is approximately 30-45 days from testing. This first stage is designed to be the foundation that will take the organizations through the next 12 years.

**Action Item:** After discussion a motion was made to ask General Services to have credit card date retained as a convenience for our members. Seconded and Carried.

**Action Item:** A motion to approve the Executive Committee Minutes of Sept. 26, 2005, was made, seconded and carried.

Budget Chair James Appel led a discussion of the proposed budget for 2006. The committee is still working on the final plan, which will be presented to the Board of Directors on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005. There was considerable discussion on the need to operate in such a way as to produce a surplus.

After discussion on the difficulty of having audits ready in mid-March and having the budget ready in mid-October, the following motion was made:

**Action Item:** Moved to recommend to the Board of Directors that US SAILING Spring meeting dates be moved to later March or early April, and that Fall AGM meeting dates be moved to early November. The motion was seconded and carried.

Executive Director Charlie Leighton announced that Rebecca Crawford of the USOC would be in attendance for our Oct. 21 Board meeting. He noted that Jim Teeters had been added to the staff to replace Dan DeWitt.

After discussing the nominees for the ISAF Rolex Sailors of the Year Awards, it was:

**Action Item:** Moved, seconded and approved that US SAILING support the nominations of Paige Railey as ISAF Rolex Woman Sailor of the Year, and Peter Gilmore as ISAF Rolex Male Sailor of the Year.

The report of a committee designated to review the 2004 Olympic financial situation was received. It will be distributed to the Board of Directors on Sat. Oct. 22.

Treasurer Leslie Keller noted that a previously approved decision to put the US SAILING audit out for bids next year cannot be fulfilled because of a contract with the current auditors for services through 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. P.D.T.

Dick Hanneman, Secretary