



US SAILING Executive Committee

October 21, 2005

Phoenix, Arizona

Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the first session of the AGM Executive Committee meetings to order at 7:00 a.m., Mountain Standard Time on Friday, October 21, 2005.

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 and Serge Jorgensen. Bill Munster was absent. Others in attendance for Excom sessions included John Strassman and Jerelyn Biehl.

Vice President Jim Capron indicated that the Race Administration Committee would propose that the Board create a new Umpires Committee. The committee would add one member to the current Race Administration Committee, but would have no organizational financial impact.

Patty Lawrence, Inshore Chair, announced that a new Match Racing committee would also be proposed, reporting to Inshore.

Offshore Chair John Siegel noted that several Committees in that division had been inactive and that Offshore was reviewing the possibility of eliminating some of these inactive committees.

Vice President Tom Hubbell led a discussion on the status of the proposed By-laws, which will be voted on at the AGM later today.

The Meeting was suspended at 9:20 p.m., and will reconvene at 7 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2005.

Second Session, Saturday, Oct.22, 2005, 7 a.m.

Executive Director Charlie Leighton commented on the make-up and duties of the new Board of Directors which was created in the new By-laws as adopted yesterday. He encouraged Directors to concentrate on sponsorship and membership.

Action Item:

A motion to approve the Oct, 19, 2005 Executive Committee minutes, as amended, was made, seconded and carried.

Vice President Jim Capron reviewed proposed changes in ISAF regulations. The committee expressed its preferences on changes in the Advertising Code, grouping of National Authorities, and quick release harnesses.

Budget Chair James Appel reviewed the 2006 Budget, which will be proposed to the Board of Directors for Adoption.

President Baxter reviewed Committee Chair appointments, which will be presented to the Board for approval.

She noted the importance of using the opportunity to begin transition planning immediately, and recommended that committees and councils meet today to begin the processes. An early start is important for Division Chairs and Division Directors, and Councils which need to name delegates to the House of Delegates and to the Nominating and Governance Committees.

Jim Capron reviewed discussions with the Racing Rules committee concerning proposed changes to the Prescription in RRS 86.3. He noted that while it is undesirable to make changes, there is increasing interest in ISAF to use experimental race formats at international events. This could affect events in the U.S. like the Rolex Miami OCR. After discussion, action was taken to change the current Prescription.

Action Item:

A motion to change RRS Prescription 86.3 to read as follows was made, seconded and carried:

“US SAILING prescribes that proposed rules may be tested, but only in local races. However, proposed rules may also be tested at other events if, for each event, the organizing authority first obtains written permission from US SAILING and the proposed rules are included in the notice of race and sailing instructions.”

The meeting was adjourned at 8 a.m.

Dick Hanneman
Secretary