

Executive Committee Minutes, 4/15/03

1 The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. EDT by President Dave Rosekrans.

2 Executive Committee members present were: Janet Baxter, Jim Capron, Ruth Creighton, Bruce Eissner, Louise Gleason, Fred Hagedorn, Dick Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Stephen Jeffries, Jim Muldoon, Bill Munster, Joni Palmer, Dave Rosekrans, and Bill Ross. Not present: Don Durant, Paul Callahan. Guests present were BOD members Melinda Berge and Joe Melino, and US SAILING's USOC representative Hal Haenel, Budget Director Hortensia Hacker and Executive Director Nick Crow.

3 Hal Haenel reported on the recent USOC meeting in Fort Worth, Tx, where recommendations were discussed to reduce the USOC board from 129 members to 9. The USOC has been under scrutiny by the national press and by a U.S. Senate Committee. President Dave Rosekrans also attended the meeting.

Other discussions concerned the Pan Am games, the impact on the Stevens Sports Act, the relationship with IOC, and the need to cooperate with other NGB's with respect to upcoming US Senate hearings.

4 The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting, both held on March 16 in Cincinnati, Ohio, were approved as corrected.

5 President Dave Rosekrans reported that the "three stakeholders" (Bruno Finzi, ORC, Peter Rutter, RORC and Dave Rosekrans) of the Grand Prix Rule Working Party (RWP) had agreed on a questionnaire that will be posted on the US SAILING. ORG and RORC web sites as well as sent or hand carried to interested parties. The stakeholders will meet in Hamburg on May 26 to discuss the project. The RWP is meeting in Hamburg on May 26 and 27 to review the questionnaires. Prior to the Hamburg meeting, Dave will be attending the ISAF meeting in Oslo, where discussions will be held about the relationship of ORC to ISAF and other offshore jurisdictional matters.

6 President Rosekrans presented the completed committee lists for approval. After adding CDR. Gerard Vandenberg, USNA to the Government Relations Committee and deleting Dick Hanneman as a BOD Member at Large, the Committees were approved, unanimously.

7 Executive Director Nick Crow reported that membership is approximately 45,000 when family members are counted, and a computer system to do that is nearing completion. Negotiations are underway with Sailing World and Cruising World. The February financials will be distributed next week, and will be back on a regular schedule for March reporting.

There was no additional treasurer's report.

8 A Motion to adopt the Legal committee's recommendation that US Sailing Centers remove any requirements for sailors to sign any Indemnification and/or Hold Harmless Agreements was made, seconded and carried.

9 A Motion to ask the Bylaws Committee to work with our insurance broker to draft a formal Regulation that states US SAILING policy prohibiting Indemnification and Hold Harmless clauses in any sail race. When completed, the Regulation will be presented for adoption and incorporation into US SAILING Regulations. Seconded and Carried.

10 Jim Capron proposed that a Match Racing Task Force be appointed to develop an agenda to promote, support and coordinate Match Racing within the US. Seconded and Carried

11 Budget Director Hortensia Hacker announced that an action plan is in place to begin fund raising and development activities after registration with various states has been completed.

12 Vice President Janet Baxter announced that she is in contact with the Manhattan Yacht Club with respect to the Club's hosting an event billed as a World Championship without the consent of US SAILING.

13 Ruth Creighton announced that a Risk Management Committee and an Information Technology Task Force have been named and are in operation

14 The ExCom voted to sanction the Figawi Race.

15 After a discussion on the proposed Power Boat logo to be used by the Training Department for a Power Boat Course, it was moved, seconded and carried (not unanimously) that the logo be approved provided there is recognition of US SAILING in the Course materials.

16 Fred Hagedorn announced that US SAILING teams have been completed and announced.

17 Jim Muldoon announced that a data base program for community sailing was under development. It was recommended that the program be reviewed and coordinated with the Information Technology committee.

18 Bill Munster announced that 138 young sailors had participated in the annual CISA invitational clinic in Southern California. The clinic is one of the sailing programs sponsored by Roy Disney.

19 An executive session followed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Hanneman, Secretary