



Minutes

November In-Person Board Meeting

📅 Thu November 14th, 2019

🕒 8:30am - 4:00pm EST

📍 Chicago Yacht Club - Commodore's Room

I. Introductions/Housekeeping

II. Call to Order, November Board Meeting

III. Minutes of October 21st meeting for approval

Vote #1 Motion to approve, unanimously approved.

IV. President's Update

Cory Sertl welcomed incoming new board members and shared updates regarding the WS Annual Meeting and NSHOF induction ceremony. She shared looking ahead she would like to expand the leadership team concept in order to work more broadly as liaison with the association. During the USOPC Annual Meeting, she was inspired by the keynote "Journey towards Excellence". She hopes we can adapt and move forward with this theme in every aspect of our sport.

V. US Sailing Foundation/ Fundraising Discussion

1. Jack Gierhart and Bill Ruh led a discussion on the vision for the Foundation in the future.

The highlights:

1. Refining Foundation Mission
2. Professional money management,
3. 100% of donations would go into a permanent endowment focused on the mission,
4. The focused proposed is Olympic and youth,

Decision: BAR2019111 - Foundation Board Members: Vote #2 Motion to approve, unanimously approved.

VI. Association Discussion: One Team - 2020 Plan and Priorities

Highlights of the 2020 plan and priorities were shared including aligning with the strategic plan to drive revenue growth, operational efficiencies, customer and volunteer engagement. New initiatives were presented around membership, the next version of skill-up, ODP/new disciplines, & marketing and communication.

VII. **Treasurer's Report**

VIII. **Lunch Break**

IX. **Compliance Office Update (SafeSport / Bylaws & Regs)**

X. **World Sailing Report from Delegation**

XI. **Secretary Update**

- a. **Board Guidebook Review**
- b. **Boardable Call Overview**
- c. **Herreshoff Nominations due December 3rd**

XII. **Board Strategic Discussions**

- a. **Pro Sailing**
- b. **Volunteer Engagement and Activation**
Cory proposed a board subcommittee that would be 2-3 board members that would act as liaisons to the association.
- c. **Olympics Alignment within the Organization**
Discussed looking at the next leadership to be through 2028.
- d. **Offshore**
- e. **Board Schedule for 2020**

XIII. **Old Business**

- a. **BAR20191018 A - Race Officials Background Checks**
Decision: Vote #3 Motion to approve, unanimously approved.
- b. **Gender ID Policy Update**
Vote moved to the next board meeting - Jack Gierhart to write a formal letter to World Sailing asking for guidance.

XIV. **New Business**

- a. **Committee Chairs / Division Chairs Approval**
Decision: Vote #4 Motion to approve, unanimously approved.
 - 1. **Spreadsheet with overall Committee Lists**
- b. **Championship Policy**

XV. **Executive Session**

XVI. **Adjourn**