



Minutes

Board Call - April 8th

📅 Wed April 8th, 2020

🕒 10:00am - 12:00pm EDT

👤 In Attendance

Charlie Arms, Henry Brauer, Bruce Burton, Clerc Cooper, Jack Gierhart, Rich Jepsen, Russ Lucas, Dave Perry, Briana Provancha, Tony Rey, Bill Ruh, Cory Sertl, Martine Zurinkas

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Excused: John Sangmeister

Guest: 2

II. **Announcements - President's Report**

Cory Sertl thanked everyone for being available for this weekly meeting as we are in a critical time. She shared we need to be aligned and focus on the priorities. Additionally, she gave an update on the World Sailing Town Hall and the measures they are taking to tighten their belt and how the event schedule will be impacted. She has asked Tony Rey and John Schoendorf to help Fred Hagedorn to help with the analysis of the Miami event.

III. **Consent Calendar**

IV. **CEO Weekly Update**

Jack Gierhart gave an update on the two loan application process, athlete engagement and shifting core programs digitally. Cory suggested to the Board to take the new online programs so we are able to be the best advocates to encourage others we know to engage with these new opportunities. Jack shared that John and Betsy are meeting with their championship committees over the next couple of days to continue to review the event schedule. Additionally, Jack gave an update regarding the CFO search.

V. **Foundation**

Bill Ruh updated the Board that discussions continue on the structural relationship between the Foundation and US Sailing. He is working to come to a resolute business plan on how to grow the Foundation.

VI. **Pro Sailors Assoc Update (email sent 4/7)**

Tony shared an overview regarding the purpose of the association of sailing professionals. He recently engaged via email with a small group of sailing professionals and coaches some basic

information to assist during this time. So far he has received positive feedback; this disruption has presented an opportunity to start engagement with a currently non-existent relationship. The next step is to set up an advisory board to help push this forward and to begin to look at a feasibility & cost study.

VII. **Nomination Committee (update)**

The Nomination Committee consisting of Bruce Burton, Gary Jobson, Elizabeth Kratzig, Lou Sandoval and Martine Zurinskas are meeting every two weeks. Their timelines to have a slate to the Board for approval is July though they hope to wrap it up by June. Please reach out if you have any candidates you would like to recommend.

VIII. **Old Business**

a. **Fall Meeting - In person in Bristol**

We will not have a stakeholder summit this year. We have decided to hold the Annual Meeting in Bristol. Please be patient regarding the dates, we would like to wait and see what happens with World Sailing's Annual Meeting. But according to our bylaws we are required to hold the meeting in October or November.

b. **Regular Scheduled Night Call April 20th 7:30 (Open Call)**

IX. **New Business**

X. **Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn at 11:31 am