

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, March 18, 2006
Spring Meeting
Chicago, IL
Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM CST.

Board of Directors members present were: Janet Baxter, Jerelyn Biehl, Bob Billingham, Dean Brenner, Jim Capron, Ruth Creighton, Susan Epstein, Tom Hubbell, Rich Jepsen, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Charlie Leighton, Dick Rose, Bill Sandberg, John Siegel, John Strassman, and Jim Tichenor.

President Janet Baxter opened the meeting by inviting past US SAILING and USOC president Bill Martin to address the group. Martin described the current state of affairs at USOC and recounted several anecdotes regarding his past Olympic experiences. Martin also talked about the United States' opportunity for a bid for the 2012 Games.

Leslie Keller then presented the unaudited Treasurer's report. (The complete report will be posted)

Walter Chamberlain then reported for the House of Delegates. Chamberlain reviewed the Friday, March 17th meeting by reporting that the bylaws were ratified, elections were held, and the following positions were filled:

Walter Chamberlain, Chair

Kim Hapgood, Vice Chair

Paul Ansfield, Secretary

Chamberlain went on to report that the Councils are doing well in organizing themselves.

Linda Merkle in her report said that the Sailors with Special Needs Council voted to be renamed the Council for Sailors with Disabilities.

Jerelyn Biehl reported that the Youth Council appointed Clint Edwards as Chair and Roger Baker as Vice Chair.

Clay Mock reported for the Legal Committee and said that it had completed cross licensing agreements with RORC for processing offshore certificates.

James Muldoon for the Government Relations Committee reported that the USCG had received a very large increase in the monies available from the Wallop Breaux ARTF for recreational boating safety. He urged the membership to take advantage of these grants. Muldoon said that all interested parties should be aware that the long-awaited NSTB's report on possible mandatory PFD wearage is due to be released soon. The data suggests that the wearage percentage is increasing for sailors and the USCG is very encouraged by this statistic. He also asked that all members contact him or Rich Jepsen to report problems with local authorities regarding Passenger for Hire rules. Finally Muldoon asked that US SAILING consider adding the concept of the promotion of safety to its bylaws under the purpose statement.

Sam Murray of the Sports Medicine Committee reported that the committee will recommend that all US SAILING certified race officers and judges have a current CPR certificate. Murray went on to urge that all local clubs and sailing centers have an AED on site. The Sports Medicine Committee will also issue a set of guidelines for protecting sailors' skin from excessive sun exposure.

James Appel reported for the One Design Council and the awards the Council presented the previous evening.

One Design Service - Nelson Weiderman
One Design Leadership – Linda Leader
One Design Club – Annapolis Yacht Club
One Design Regatta – Not awarded
One Design Creativity – Denise MacGilivay

Appel also reported on the progress of the National One Design and the National Sailing Programs Symposiums. Both groups are investigating combining the Symposiums.

Inshore Committee Chair Patty Lawrence introduced Debbie Schoenherr as the Chair of the new Match Racing Committee. Schoenherr reported that the Match Racing Committee adopted its roles and responsibility document and that the newly organized committee is eager to get to work.

Cory Sertl reported for the ISAF Delegation. Chairman Charles Cook previously supplied a written report and Sertl reiterated that the US delegation to Singapore had a successful meeting. The date of this year's US SAILING Annual General Meeting will present some difficulties because the ISAF delegation always has used the AGM meeting to prepare for the fall ISAF meeting. This year the US SAILING AGM is scheduled after the ISAF meeting. Sertl said that the delegation is studying options to review the large number of submissions expected.

Ruth Creighton reported that the General services Committee will be absorbed into the new Administration Division. She received a question regarding the difficulty many groups were having with the administration of the Golden Anchor Program. Creighton acknowledged the difficulties and pledged that the problem was getting the full attention of the committee and staff and that a favorable outcome was coming soon.

Sarah Alger of the Communication Committee reported that another newsletter was coming out soon and there would be at least one more this year. The newsletter is necessary for US SAILING to meet its notice obligations under Article 4 by permitting the Nominating and Governance Committee to announce the nominees for the US SAILING election of directors this fall.

Kim Hapgood of the Coaches and Instructor Council reported that the Council had made significant progress in writing its bylaws. Hapgood said that there are over 6000 certified instructors and trainers that would be represented by this new Council.

Bill Stump reported that the Safety at Sea Committee had approximately 1500 people attend their Seminars this year and there were still four more seminars scheduled. The committee is very pleased with the number of people participating. The Committee is working to provide hands-on training in the seminars to conform to ISAF standards. This training would include working with flares and inflatable devices. The Committee is working on a standardized answer for transporting

inflatable PFD's in airline language. Stump also thanked Glen McCarthy for his hard work on the website.

Ed Theisen reported for the Site Selection Committee and stated that the 2006 fall meeting will be in Newport, November 15 through 19. The next two spring meetings are also slated for Newport but no firm dates were announced. Theisen concluded his report by saying that Toledo, OH has requested the 2008 AGM. Toledo has put together an attractive offer and the Committee is seriously considering the bid.

James Appel presented the itemized 2006 Budget. He praised the work of Bobbi Warren and the Executive Director in producing the budget broken down by division. This revision maintains the break-even bottom line approved last fall

Action Item:

It was moved that Olympic Division budget be amended to permit a \$219,000 deficit in 2006.

Motion was seconded and passed.

President Baxter reminded the Board that the body will need to create a 2007 Priorities document before the next budget cycle.

In Other Business, Clay Mock, Chair of the Bylaws Committee requested that persons recommending changes to Article 2 - Purposes of the corporation should submit them to him. The purposes can only be changed by amending the Articles of Incorporation. He renewed the committee's recommendation that the place of incorporation be moved to Delaware from the State of New York.

Dan Nowlan got up was given the opportunity to thank everyone in the Offshore office for their good work over the past year.

Bob Billingham reported that the group representing kite boarding wished to investigate becoming part of US SAILING. The Board reacted positively to the expression of interest from the kite boarding group and it was recommended that the proposal be brought forward at the HOD meeting to find the location within US SAILING for this group. Billingham will contact the kite boarding group to identify a representative and invite the rep to the AGM.

Action Items:

A motion to approve the March 16, 2006 Board of Directors Minutes was moved, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 AM CST

Respectfully submitted,

John Strassman
Secretary

