



US SAILING Board of Directors

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Phoenix Arizona

Minutes

President Janet Baxter called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of US SAILING at 8 a.m.P.D.T.

Directors present were: Paul Ansfield, Charlie Arms, Janet C Baxter, Faye Bennet, Stanton W Betts, Jerelyn Biehl, Bob Billingham, Bruce Bingman, Dean M Brenner, Mitch Brindley, Craig W Brown, Bruce Campbell, Jim Capron, Robert Counihan, Ruth Creighton, Means Davis Jr, Susan Epstein, Fred Hagedorn, Richard Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Charles Ivey, Rich Jepsen, Patricia Lawrence, Dan Mangus, Clay Mock, Greg Norwine, Joni Palmer, Thomas Roberts, William Sandberg, Betty Sue Sherman, John Siegel, Karen Duay Smith, Bill Stump, Janice Visser, Charles R Zechel.

Absent were John Amos, Terry Bischoff, Mitch Brindley, Peter Durant, Joseph Harris, Leslie Keller, John Lovell III, Ken Morrison, Bill Munster, John Rudy, Cory Sertl, Nathaniel Siddall, Scott West, Adam Werblow.

CSA Chair Susan Epstein reported that Site Selection is being asked to examine the possibility of moving the Spring US SAILING meeting to late March or early April, and the Annual meeting to early November. Benefits from those changes would include a completed audit at the Spring meeting, and more accurate budgeting as well as lower cost hotel rates for the Fall meeting.

Action Item: Moved to recommend that the Site Selection Committee consider moving the Spring meeting to late March or early April and the Fall AGM meeting to early November. Seconded and Carried.

President Baxter commented that the real work in the transition to the newly approved Bylaws needed to begin immediately. Under the Bylaws Councils will work on policy issues and Committees will deal with products and services. If implemented properly, duplicate efforts will be mostly eliminated. She noted the importance of Council actions to name delegates to the new House of Delegates, which in turn needs to nominate BOD members. A special meeting to begin work on these issues will be held at 5:00 p.m. today.

James Appel presented the 2006 Budget. He noted that the Budget Committee would also recommend that the \$12,000 monthly set-aside approved a year ago be suspended for 2006. Both of these issues will be acted on tomorrow.

Executive Director Charlie Leighton noted that US SAILING needed to concentrate its efforts in the areas of Membership, Sponsorship, Program fees and Fund raising.

He announced that another US SAILING Olympic Medal contribution had been pledged during the meeting.

Ruth Creighton noted in the General Services Committee report the Committee's consideration of adopting a program to generate automatic renewals with stored member credit card numbers would require research into fraud and insurance issues. She also noted that customer service issues were continually being addressed.

Sara Alger reported that the Communications Committee was supporting an increase in marketing research efforts and that the next newsletter will be a Spring issue.

Government Relations chair Jim Muldoon noted that boating safety funds for the Coast Guard had been substantially increased and are available through the grant process. He also asked sailors to get involved with local port and harbor security committees to ensure that sailors have a voice when security issues are being established.

Greg Norwine reported for the Commercial Sailing Committee that a new International Certificate of Competency would allow graduates of the Bareboat Cruising Certification course to charter boats in EU waters. The committee has visited and inspected 14 schools this year and is on track to inspect all schools within a three-year period.

Carolyn Boersma reported that 25 youth and junior sailors competed in the Windsurfing Nationals in Hood River Oregon and that 23 competed at the Formula Experience World Championship where the US finished third. The Council supports the RSX as the new Olympic board, which was used for the first time in the US in September when 40 competitors raced at the St. Francis Yacht Club.

Legal Committee Chair Larry Bulman noted that the committee recommends that US SAILING reincorporate out side of New York and that Rhode Island, Delaware and Tennessee were being considered. After additional study, a recommendation will be made.

Charlie Arms reported that the Women's Sailing Committee proposes to make the Women's Match Race Committee and the Rolex Women's International Keelboat Committee independent groups reporting through the Championship Committee.

Community Sailing Council chair Charlie Zechel reported on the upcoming National Sailing Programs Symposium, scheduled to be held in Long Beach, CA. David Lumian will continue as CSC liaison to the NSPS.

Sailor Athlete Council chair Bob Billingham noted the Council was looking into finding ways to have big boat sailors recognized as Sailor Athletes. The Council also monitors US SAILING compliance with the requirements of the Stevens Sports Act.

Reporting for the Youth Task Force, James Appel noted that consideration was being given to require US SAILING membership for all youth sailing. The Task Force is studying the issue with the General Services committee.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Immediately following the US SAILING Board of Directors meeting, the annual meeting of the United States Sailing Foundation was held.

Dick Hanneman
Secretary