

US Sailing Association
Minutes of the
Meeting of the
Board of Director
Held March, 15, 2007
Newport, RI

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, President Jim Capron, Susan Epstein, Amy Gross-Kehoe, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor, and Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton. Guest, Serge Jorgensen.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 7:00 PM Eastern Time.
 - a. A **MOTION** to initiate a change to Bylaw 303 Section 6 was made, seconded and approved via an e-mail vote on March 6, 2007 with a vote of 12-0-0, to add the following sentence to its end:

This prohibition does not apply to committees of the Board such as the Compensation Committee or the Investment Committee or such other special committees of the Board as may be established by the President for specific tasks.
 - b. A **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors was made, seconded and approved via an e-mail vote on March 6, 2007 with a vote of 12-0-0.
2. Secretary Hagedorn called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.
3. A **MOTION** to approve the Consent Calendar was made, seconded and approved.
 - a. The membership of the Team Racing Committee: Senet Bischoff, Chair, Jeffery Condon, Bruce Cook, Fran Charles, Susan Daly, Timothy Fallon, Colin Gordon, Elizabeth Hall (web liaison), Charles Higgins, Jay Kehoe, Patricia Ann, O'Donnell, Gavin O'Hare, Corky Potts, Robert Richards, Stuart Saffer and Jonathan Singsen. Also the resignation of Steve Shepstone from the Umpires Committee and the appointment of Dave Pyron to replace him.
 - b. The Deed of Gift of the Clifford D. Mallory Trophy. (see addendum A)
 - c. The Nomination of Greg Buck to the ISAF as an International Measurer for the J/80 Class.
4. The President suggested, and the Board enthusiastically agreed, that we should ask each committee to consider if the association should require US SAILING membership for each product or service associated with that committee. The membership goal for 2007 was revisited and the board affirmed that the goal is to grow total membership by 6% (net) while meeting the total budget for FY 2007. Capron related that the Information

Technology efforts continue to make strides forward, and that he has asked the Community Sailing Council to test the ability of volunteers to build the data in the database. Finally, Jim noted that he has received many negative comments from the multi-hull sailing community regarding the Submission to the ISAF that the Board approved at its February meeting.

5. Executive Director Leighton reported that all departments are “in the green.” Even without the accelerated payment of one sponsorship and the early timing of training revenue, the association would still be ahead of budget. The Marketing department hosted a Sponsor Summit and 11 out of our 12 sponsors were in attendance! Later this month a Yacht Club Manager’s Symposium will be held in Newport led by US SAILING.

A **MOTION** to send the Executive Director’s Monthly Report to the Division Chairs and the Chair of the House of Delegates was made, seconded and approved. It was noted that as some information in the report is confidential, no further forwarding of the report may be made by any recipient.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to request a recommendation from the Legal Committee as to which state would be the best one in which the Association to be incorporated. Parliamentarian Chamberlain (and Chair of the House of Delegates) requested that prior to further action by the Board that a full and open discussion of the rationale for such a change be openly debated within the association.

6. Treasurer Keller reported that she will be making a presentation to the House of Delegates and that she, along with CFO Bobbi Warren and Budget Chair James Appel, will be making a full report to the Board on Saturday, March 17, 2007.
7. Olympic Division Chair Brenner noted that he too had received a lot of reaction from the multi-hull community regarding the Olympic Sailing Committee developed submission regarding the proposed events for the 2012 Olympics that was submitted to the ISAF. He pointed out that the submission left two of the 10 events un-named and that it was a narrowly constructed submission that focused on probable success factors at the games in 2012. Brenner asked that the Board help distribute the following message: that the proposal by the OSC, supported by the Board, should not be viewed as a proxy for US SAILING’s support of multi-hull sailing. US SAILING wholeheartedly supports the community of multi-hull sailors.
8. Serge Jorgensen reported on the progress to date of the association’s technology improvement initiatives.
 - a. Infra-structure is greatly improved and strengthened. (Spam filters, list serve capabilities, remote e-mail access, etc.)
 - b. Migration of the Web from the Vermont Servers to the servers in a Boston, MA, data center will take place between March 26 and April 2, 2007.
 - c. The “Active.com” relationship allows US SAILING to pull the “key data” that it values over time into our database while leaving the sensitive data that is time bound in the bonded data servers owned and operated by Active.com.

- d. The Beta version of the New Database is being tested at US SAILING at this time. The new database will go live on April 16, 2007. It is a “rules based” system allowing fine levels of data security and is “constituent” based, allowing individuals, boats, organizations, organizations of organizations, etc. to be defined as constituents. It is a US SAILING developed database that is built using stable, well supported IT Tools.
9. The process for holding and reporting votes that are taken between meetings was discussed. Votes shall be based only upon direct votes that are received. When voting, each Board member should send their vote to only the President and the Secretary. The results will be reported to the entire board.

Parliamentarian Chamberlain noted that the Bylaws do not explicitly permit voting electronically. The Board will consider wording for a change to the Bylaws to make the appropriate update.

10. Susan Epstein reported that the Bylaws Committee has issued its report on the Board initiated Bylaw and Regulation changes. The House of Delegates will receive them on Friday, March 16, 2007 for their consideration and action.

Epstein also introduced a Regulation to address the need of the association to fulfill a minuted action of the US SAILING Executive Committee from November, 2003, driven by the requirements of the Child On-line Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). After discussion, President Capron requested that Board Members send him any questions they would like answered about COPPA, and that in turn he would request the Legal Committee to consider them and to provide answers.

11. President Capron discussed the USAF Centenary Year, and the ISAF’s “Sail the World” weekend of September 1 and 20, 2007. Capron will share this opportunity for sailors in the USA to participate in this world-wide activity with the House of Delegates and ask their assistance in getting the word out and in involving sailors throughout the country in it.
12. A **MOTION** to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 9:15 PM, Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary