

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2008

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, President Jim Capron, Susan Epstein, Amy Gross-Kehoe, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Gary Jobson, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor, and non-voting Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton.

Guests: Charley Cook and Dave Perry

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 8:00 pm EDT.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. Director Tichenor reported that the Houston YC is OK, but the Harbor is “in trouble,” as a result of Hurricane Ike. It is anticipated that it will take another week to restore power down near the HYC.
- 3) A **MOTION** to approve the Consent Calendar was made, seconded and approved.
 - a) Minutes of the August 18, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors, as corrected.
- 4) President’s Report. President Capron just returned from Weymouth, UK where he had the honor of serving on the Protest Committee of the event that will, in 2010, become the Test Event for the 2012 Olympics. It is a beautiful location for the Olympic Sailing events, and the facility is already very good, four years in advance of the Games. Capron also reported that OSC Member Bob Billingham has already forged very strong and positive relationships with the local sailing community in Weymouth for Team USA!
- 5) Executive Director Leighton began his report by reviewing four of the FY2008 Goals and our progress toward them.
 1. Achieve the FY 2008 Budget.
 - i. Good news, we are on or ahead of track to accomplish this.
 2. Achieve an increase in net membership revenue in 2008.
 - i. We are getting closer, off by \$43,000 at this point.
 3. Grow non-Olympic fundraising revenue to \$140,000 in 2008.
 - i. We should make this goal this year, but the financial realities in the environment may make this a more difficult task.
 4. Make the new US SAILING Database accurate, relevant, and effective, with the necessary in-house technical capability to maintain it.
 - i. We are making progress. Brown University is lending us their IT developer for their fundraising arm to evaluate and suggest additional steps to us. We are beginning to search for an IT Director, as we need to bring this expertise in-house.

At the AGM, the Staff presentation will cover:

1. What the staff is doing to create value for the association,
2. What is being done to create a “WE” organization,
3. Changes that have occurred over the past 4 years, and
4. What changes we need to embrace going forward.

Leighton announced that Dan Cooney will be transitioning to support Olympic Sponsorship on a full-time basis. To assist in this transition, Dan Eagan, creator of our Pod-Casts, will be working

in the Marketing/Communications Department 3 days a week through next June. It was also announced that Marlieke will be moving to California in January and will be leaving US SAILING at that time. A replacement is being sought at this time.

- 6) Olympic Report. Chairman Brenner reported that the OSC is collecting all of the lessons-learned from the 2008 Games, and will begin to apply them to the preparations for the 2012 quad. Looking at the youth of the team and our medalists in 2008, as well as who has committed to continue campaigning for 2012, Brenner shared that “we are in a good place.”

At the Paralympics our athletes and their coach Betsy Alison did a phenomenal job! Gold in the SKUD, (Nick Scandone and Maureen McKinnon-Tucker) Bronze in the 2.4mR (John Ruf). Going forward, the OSC intends to continue to further integrate the services for the Able and Disabled sailors in our program.

- 7) A **MOTION** to file motions with the AAA to recover costs from Ms. Hall as previously ordered by the arbitrator (which Ms. Hall has ignored three times) and as may be additionally determined by the arbitrator as a result of Ms. Hall’s failure to comply, under the rules of the AAA, was made seconded and APPROVED by a vote of 6-4-1.

A subsequent **MOTION** to apply all funds recovered through the previous motion to the Olympic Sailing Committee for the direct benefit of athletes was made, seconded and APPROVED by a vote of 10-1-0.

- 8) A **MOTION** to initiate a change to Bylaw 522 with the purpose of changing the number of members of the Appeals Committee from 6 down to 5 was presented by Dave Perry, Chair of the Appeals Committee. After discussion of voting procedures that are or could be contemplated to be used by the Appeals Committee the MOTION was made, seconded and APPROVED by a unanimous vote to initiate said change.

- 9) Old Business.

- a) It was agreed that the Board of Directors will meet in person at a time and place near to the NSPS in early January 2009.
- b) Director Epstein shared that the Windsurfing Task Force has been instrumental in developing an expanded schedule of events for young windsurfers and seeks to make it easier for them to have access to both information and equipment. There is an effort being made to have the Youth World Qualifier for windsurfing in Florida rather than in Southern California in order to attract a greater number of competitors. The Task Force is discussing this with the OSC.

- 10) New Business.

- a) Capron shared that the opportunity to have a U-21 Team Racing Team attend the ISAF World Team Racing Championships had become clearer over the past month. After discussions with the Team Racing Committee, it was determined to have a resume selection process. At the end of the time period, only one team had applied, they are well qualified and will be named as our entrant to the World Championships. Congratulations Point Loma High School!

- b) It was MOVED, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-2-2, to extend the nomination period for the Herreshoff Award until October 1, 2008.

11) The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

Appendix A

Title: Eligibility and Role Definition for SKUD 18 Sailors

Subtitle: Clarify roles of TPA and TPB Rated Sailors and Intent Behind Classification of SKUD teams

A submission from the USA

Proposal:

- A. To add new Section 2.3 to state: “TPA must be an active part of sailing the boat, ie. helming the boat or trimming the sails.”
- B. To add new Section 6 to state: Each SKUD team must declare a specified helmsperson and a specified trimmer. Once declared, that sailor shall function solely in that capacity except in an emergency situation, and then only for a brief period of time.

Current Position:

****Appendix K – Classification System for the Two-Person Keelboat**

1. The crew of the Two-Person Keelboat shall include a female.
2. One sailor shall be rated as TPA (Two-Person System Classification A), which is defined as follows:
either
 - 2.1 The sailor is rated as FCS 1 on the FCS 2005 (IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2005 – 2008
 - or
 - 2.2 If scoring above FCS 1 on the FCS 2005, the sailor shall have an Upper Limb Functional Anatomical Rating in FCS 2005 (ULFA) of 80 points or less in both arms combined, together with a loss of 30 points in the better arm.
3. One sailor shall be rated as TPB (Two Person System Classification B), which is defined as having at least minimal disability.
4. Foot steering shall not be allowed unless as determined by the classification committee, the sailor has no other way to function in the boat or otherwise must use chin or sip and puff steering.
5. Adaptive aids shall be shown to the classification committee.’

Reason:

Current position and rule definition in the FCS 2005-08 provides a loophole where a sailor can both trim and drive a boat simultaneously while the second sailor becomes, in effect, a “rider” with minimal (if any) physical contribution to actively sailing the boat. The intent of the SKUD 18 discipline was to expand opportunity for severely disabled sailors in Paralympic competition, primarily in the capacity of helming through active participation. This loophole needs to be closed.

Declaring the dedicated position of helm and trimmer will insure that a SKUD team will demonstrate pairings of sailors that function as a “team” and be equal active participants in the sailing and performance of the boat.

Title: Classification Eligibility for SKUD 18 class

Subtitle: Broaden the scope of TPA Rating for Helmspersons

A submission from the USA

Proposal:

To change current Appendix K to the following: Section 2.1 definition of TPA rating in the FCS 2009-2012 system to include sailors that have been classified as FCS 1 and FCS 2.

Current Position:

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2.1 The sailor is rated as FCS 1 on the FCS 2005 (IFDS Functional Classification System & Procedures Manual 2005 – 2008
or
2.2 If scoring above FCS 1 on the FCS 2005, the sailor shall have an Upper Limb Functional Anatomical Rating in FCS 2005 (ULFA) of 80 points or less in both arms combined, together with a loss of 30 points in the better arm.
3. One sailor shall be rated as TPB (Two Person System Classification B), which is defined as having at least minimal disability.
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Reason:

By expanding TPA classification band to include FCS 2s particularly as helmspersons, the number of viable SKUD teams would undoubtedly increase. In the 2 ½ years since its inception, the number of active SKUD teams in training and competition has stagnated, mostly due to the limited number of skilled FCS 1s that are available to participate, particularly in the helm position. It is our belief that with the inclusion of FCS 2s in the TPA classification band the number of active, viable teams would markedly increase worldwide. This inclusion is reasonable and justifiable in that both FCS 1s and 2s are severely compromised in the areas core stability and mobility.