

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, October 24, 2009
League City, Texas

Present: Dick Allsopp, President Jim Capron, John Dane, Susan Epstein, Vice President Tom Hubbell, Gary Jobson, Leslie Keller, Patty Lawrence, Jerry Montgomery, Dawn Riley, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor, and non-voting Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton.

This was an open meeting with many observers, including Janet Baxter, Walter Chamberlain, Morgan Collins and Dave Rosekrans.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Capron at 6:00 pm CST.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) The Consent Calendar was approved:
 - a. Minutes from October 21, 2009
- 4) Report of the US Sailing Foundation – President Rosekrans announced that \$27,000 of grants in support of international competition had been made by the USSF.
- 5) Report of the House of Delegates – Chairman Walter Chamberlain reported that the House had met and had had some spirited discussion over some proposals that would be coming to the Board later in this meeting. Chamberlain also took this opportunity to thank those assembled for the honor of serving as the inaugural Chair of the House and for being put on the ballot to serve on the Board of Directors by the House. He also announced that Jim Walsh had been elected to serve as the next Chairman of the House of Delegates and that Stan Betts was selected as the vice-Chairman and Paul Ansfield was elected as Secretary.

The following Requests for Action were brought forward from the House of Delegates to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

- a) The Council of Sailing Associations, through the House of Delegates, strongly supports continuation of a differential [membership] fee between RSA Members and non-RSA Members to US SAILING. This was **MOVED**, seconded and REFERRED to the Membership Committee for its comments and recommendations.
- 6) Reports of Councils – House of Delegates Chairman Walter Chamberlain invited any councils to make a report to the Board that may wish to do so. The Community Sailing Council brought forward two related Requests for Action, based on its referred request from the March meetings of the Board of Directors.

- a) Based on the presented Business Plan, the Community Sailing Council proposed the approval of a Community Sailing Center Sanctioning and Exchange Program for US SAILING. This proposal was **MOVED**, Seconded and REFERRED to the Budget Committee for a Report at the November 16, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors, which might need to be delayed to the December meeting based on the shortness of time available.
 - b) Based on the previous proposal to approve the referenced business plan, the Community Sailing Council proposed the creation of a Committee charged with implementing the business plan as it is approved. It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED to create such a committee and to amend the US SAILING Regulations as necessary to effect this decision.
- 7) Reports of Committees and Requests for Action – President Capron invited committees to make any verbal report they may choose and to bring forward any requests for action.
- a) Greg Norwine reported on the activities of the Commercial Sailing Committee
 - b) Dan Nowlan, on behalf of the Safety at Sea Committee, presented a Request for US SAILING to propose new wording of the US SAILING Prescription to Offshore Special Regulation 5.01.2 (b):
“US SAILING prescribes that 5.01.2 (b) shall not apply but recommends that the lifejackets have crotch straps or thigh straps. This prescription shall expire in 2012.”

The Safety at Sea committee believes that using lifejackets with crotch or thigh straps is a sound practice. However, currently there are no USCG approved lifejackets that do so, thus the need to make this a recommendation rather than keep it as a requirement of the Special Regulation. The expiration date alerts US Sailors that we believe that these straps are an important safety feature for lifejackets and provides manufacturers with a target date to get USCG approval.

A **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to adopt the proposed prescription effective immediately.
- 8) Report of the Nominating and Governance Committee – Chair Janet Baxter thanked all who had voted for participating in our association’s election process. As we approach the end of the voting period, we are on the verge of our largest vote count, approximately 1,200. Baxter also presented the Board with a copy of the NGC’s 2009 Performance Review of the Board of Directors. The Review was received and a **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to defer discussion of it until the November Meeting of the Board of Directors, providing the Board with some time to read and digest the Review.
- 9) President Capron Presented the proposed list of Chairmen of Committees for the Board of Directors Approval (see Appendix A). A **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to accept the Nominations listed in Appendix A and to extend the terms of those Chairs listed at the end of the Appendix per Regulation 6.01.

10) Announcements

- a) Secretary Hagedorn reminded those assembled that the Annual Meeting of the Association would be held at 6:45 pm this afternoon, and that Retiring Chars would be recognized and thanked during the Annual Meeting.
- b) Director Montgomery thanked the association for the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years. He also wanted to specifically thank President Capron and Secretary Hagedorn for their commitment and efforts.

11) OLD BUSINESS

12) NEW BUSINESS

13) The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary

APPENDIX A

Appointment of Committee Chairs for 2009-2010

The President nominates the following Committee Chairs for 2009-2010 for appointment by the approval of the Board of Directors:

<i>Division</i>	<i>Committees:</i>		CY2009 Nominee
Administration Division Chair			Jim Muldoon
Administration		Budget	James Appel
Administration		Development	Sarah Alger
Administration		Government Relations	Jim Muldoon
Administration		Mktg and Communications	Sarah Alger
Administration		Membership	Morgan Collins
Administration		Risk Mgmt	Means Davis
Administration		Site Selection	Joy Siegel
Administration		Technology	Open
Administration		Web Liaison	Chris Luppens
Competition Division Chair			Jim Walsh
Competition	inshore	Match Racing	Deborah Schoenherr
Competition	inshore	Team Racing	Steve Wolf
Competition	offshore	ORC – Formerly IMS	Committee Retired
Competition	offshore	ORR	Peter Reichelsdorfer
Competition	offshore	PHRF	Bruce Bingman
Competition	offshore	IRC	John Siegel
Competition	offshore	Portsmouth	Darlene Hobock
Competition	offshore	Offshore Teams	OPEN
Competition	offshore	Safety at Sea	Gino Bottino
Competition	Champs	Championships	Steve Wrigley
Competition	Champs	Trophy Committee	Tom Fendler
Competition	Champs	U.S. Championship of Champions Rolex Int'l Women's Keelboat	Andrew Daugherty
Competition	Champs	Championship	Taran Teague
Competition	Champs	U.S. Disabled Sailing Championship	Debra Frenkel
Competition	Champs	U.S. Match Race Championship	Bruce Cook
Competition	Champs	U.S. Men's Sailing Championship	Bob Counihan
Competition	Champs	U.S. Multihull Championship	Kevin Rejda
Competition	Champs	U.S. Offshore Championship	Bruce Bingman Martine Rawlings
Competition	Champs	U.S. Singlehanded Championship	Zurinkas
Competition	Champs	U.S. Team Racing Championship	Glenn Oliver
Competition	Champs	U.S. Women's Match Racing Champ	Suzu Leach

Competition	Champs	U.S. Women's Sailing Championship	Linda Epstein
Competition	Champs	U.S. Junior Championships	Vicki Sodaro
Competition	Champs	Junior Women's Championships	Carolyn Amarante
Competition	Champs	U.S. Youth Championship	Shannon Bush
Competition	Champs	U.S. Youth Multihull Championship	John Lovell

Competition	race adm	Race Administration	Dick Rose
Competition	race adm	Appeals	Dave Perry
Competition	race adm	Judges	Don Becker
Competition	race adm	Race Mgmt	Robin Wallace
Competition	race adm	Rules	Rob Overton
Competition	race adm	Umpires	Bruce Cook
Competition	race adm	Classification	Jim Thweatt

Education Division Chair			Rich Jepsen
Education		Training	Rich Jepsen
Education		Commercial Sailing	Greg Norwine
Education		Sports Medicine	David Jones
Education		Sportsmanship	Clark Chapin

Olympic Division Chair			Dean Brenner
Olympic		Olympic Sailing Committee	Dean Brenner

Recreational Sailing *currently no committees in the Recreation Division*

Audit	Open
By Laws	Clark Chapin
Nominating and Governance	Jim Capron
Legal Committee	Joseph Melino
Compensation Committee	Open
Investment Oversight	Open
Review Board	Open

Of the above appointments, the following are extensions of their Term Limits, and require Board of Directors approval for the extensions per Regulation 6.01:

Budget	James Appel
Government Relations	James Muldoon
Risk Management	Means Davis
Web Liaison	Chris Luppens
Race Administration	Dick Rose
Trophies	Tom Findler