

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting  
February 5 and 6, 2010  
Houston, TX

Present: Dick Allsopp, Dean Brenner, Walt Chamberlain, John Craig, John Dane, Susan Epstein, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Leslie Keller, Dawn Riley, Bill Stump, Jim Tichenor and non-voting Ex Officio members, Secretary Fred Hagedorn and Executive Director Charlie Leighton.

Observers included Jim Walsh – Chairman of the House of Delegates

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 7:00 pm CDT.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) Consent Calendar
  - a) It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED, to accept the Minutes for the meeting held on January 25, 2010.
  - b) It was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED to approve the appointment of Walt Chamberlain as a member of the Audit Committee..
- 4) President's Report – President Jobson noted that the larger purpose of this gathering is to consider longer-term issues, and that he was looking forward to the discussions during the all-day session at the Houston Yacht Club.
- 5) Old Business

President Jobson asked Secretary Hagedorn to read a change to the Agreement with Farrah Hall that had been constructed by Dave Perry (for US SAILING) and Doug Smith (Hall's attorney). Effectively, it includes the athlete definitions as approved by US SAILING for the purposes of determining athletes on Protest Committees at Protected Events (like the Olympic Trials). A **MOTION** was made, seconded and APPROVED unanimously to adopt the recommended change to the agreement.

Further to the referenced agreement with Hall, as amended above, a **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and unanimously APPROVED to adopt three prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing. Two of these prescriptions impact Redress Procedures, allowing other boats in a race to voluntarily participate in another boat's request for redress. The third prescription impacts protest committee procedures, where practicable. All three prescriptions are designed to provide greater transparency to our events and protest/redress procedures.

Finally, a **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to adopt a policy, which will be printed in the Rulebook and referenced in the Regulations of US SAILING. This policy encourages Organizing Authorities in the United States to utilize competitive sailors (athletes) as members of all of their protest committees.

The details of the above motions may be found in Appendix A.

6) New Business

None

7) Executive Session

The board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:15 pm and adjourned until the following morning at 8:30 am at 8:35 pm.

The meeting reopened at 8:30 am on Saturday, February 6, 2010, with two additional guests, Chase Hogoboom and Jack Gearhart, of the US SAILING Staff. Only formal votes of business are being reported in these minutes.

- 8) During the discussions about membership, it was agreed that a specific target of actual members should be adopted, in addition to the Net Revenue target in the budget. A **MOTION** was Made, Seconded and APPROVED to adopt a target growth in membership on December 31, 2010 of 4%, or 41,600 members, without negative impact on Net Revenues from memberships.

- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn  
Secretary

# Appendix A

## Hall Agreement, December 15, 2009 Amendment, February 5, 2010

Section II, item 1:

Protest committees will include 20% "sailor-athlete" representation. "Sailor-athlete" has the meaning of "athlete" set forth in USOC Bylaw, Section 8.8.2 (the 10-year rule) or Level A or B Sailor-Athlete as defined by US SAILING Sailor Athlete Council Bylaws 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 as of the date of this Agreement (with the one proviso that the US SAILING member class referred to in Bylaw 3.3.2.3 shall be an international class recognized by ISAF at the time of the sailor-athlete's qualification) or as they are changed from time to time with the prior approval of the USOC.

### Newly Approved Prescriptions

Prescription to rule 60:

***US SAILING prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered, any boat may participate in the hearing provided she makes a written request before the hearing begins. When she does so, the protest committee shall act under rule 60.3(b) to consider redress for her at that hearing.***

Prescription to rule 63.2:

***US SAILING prescribes that when redress has been requested or is to be considered, the protest committee shall make a reasonable attempt to notify all boats of the time and place of the hearing and the nature of the request or the grounds for considering redress. Before holding the hearing, the committee shall allow reasonable time for boats to make written requests to participate.***

Prescription to rule 63.4:

***US SAILING prescribes that when practicable:***

- (a) no person who brings an incident to the attention of the protest committee or who will give evidence at the hearing shall be a member of the protest committee; and***
- (b) if a boat files a request for redress based on a protest committee decision, her request for redress shall be heard by a new committee that contains no members of the original committee.***

### Approved Resolution of the Board of Directors

Resolved: US SAILING encourages organizers of all races and events to appoint protest committees that are comprised of at least 20% active sailors (active sailors are individuals who compete in at least one (1) sailing event per year).

This will be printed in the Rule Book prior to the Introduction, and shall be incorporated in the US SAILING Regulations indicating where the Resolution will be printed in the Rule Book.