

US SAILING Board of Directors Meeting
March 26, 2012
Teleconference

Present: Ed Adams, Dean Brenner, Bruce Burton, Walt Chamberlain, John Craig, Susan Epstein, Secretary Fred Hagedorn, George Hinman, Stan Honey, Vice President Tom Hubbell, President Gary Jobson, Treasurer Leslie Keller, Maureen McKinnon-Tucker and non-voting Ex Officio members, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, and House of Delegates Chair, Jim Walsh.

Regrets: Dawn Riley.

Guests: Cory Sertl, Mike Leveque, Jerry Montgomery, Ron Schneider.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by President Jobson at 8:02 pm EST.
- 2) Secretary Hagedorn called the Roll and announced that a quorum was present.
- 3) Announcements
 - a) None.
- 4) Consent Calendar
The approval of the Consent Calendar was **MOVED**, Seconded and APPROVED. The following were therefore approved:
 - a) Minutes from February 27, 2012
- 5) President's Report – President Jobson commented that the Governance Structure Review Task Force has interviewed over 20 individuals; the Olympic Director Search has 15 applicants to date; along with the ISAF Delegation conversation, these will be the focus of our 4/20 meeting in Newport, RI. On April 3, we will have a gathering of our Race Administration Chairs. Jobson recently had lunch with past President Capron and chair of our Nominating Committee. Capron is very open to hearing ideas from individuals regarding who should be considered in the BOD and Presidential searches. Junior Programs appear to be doing very well. It is with regret that President Jobson shared that Jack King, passed away at the age of 84 after a long illness. NBC and NBC Sports Network will be covering sailing extensively during the 2012 Olympics, live via the internet.
- 6) Executive Director's Report – Jack Gierhart reported that we are on track to our goals. Our variances to budget are all due to timing issues. The "Membership Matters" initiative has contacted 30 clubs, with 10 agreeing to participate and only one, club saying no. It was reported that conversations with AC 34 continue a pace and that we have had some good conversations on how a US Team for the Youth America's Cup with Mike Leveque, Zack Leonard, Randy Smythe and Mitch Brindley. We have also been facilitating discussions with the Clever Pig Website and 8 interested groups all of whom see value in what the Clever Pig is providing our young sailors across the country.

- 7) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Leslie Keller shared that we should see the Audit Report in time for our July 23 meeting of the Board of Directors. Staff is also carefully considering an upgrade to our Financial Software.
- 8) Olympic Report – Chairman Brenner reported that we are making progress on a new Title Sponsor for the US Sailing Team. We hope to have an announcement by April 24 with a full roll out in June. The Olympic Games are 122 days away and 155 days to the opening of the Paralympic Games. It is also good to share that Farah Hall is on track for qualifying the country for the Olympic Games. We should know over the next two days.
- 9) ISAF – Charley Cook shared that many of the issues revolving around the ISAF World Cup beginning in 2013 have subsided thanks to the work of a lot of leaders. There appears to be one remaining open issue, who will own the rights to BIBS worn at the World Cup Events. National Teams believe that they should own them; ISAF believes it should own them, and the event organizers want a piece of the action....
- 10) Old Business –
 - a) Director Honey shared that the conversations regarding the licensing of VPP continue; and Steve Benjamin is making good progress in the development of the High Performance Rule.
 - b) Director Epstein shared that the Awards Task Force will be reporting at the April 20 meeting.
- 11) New Business –
 - a) It was **MOVED, Seconded and APPROVED** to select the US Team Racing Championship as the USA Qualifier for the ISAF Team Racing World Championships..
- 12) The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Hagedorn
Secretary