



2015 US Sailing Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2015
Teleconference 7:30pm EST

In attendance: Board: Managing Olympic Director Josh Adams, Steve Benjamin, President Bruce Burton, JJ Fetter, Treas. Steve Freitas, Executive Director Jack Gierhart, Gary Gilbert, Ben Richardson, VP Cory Sertl, Jim Walsh, Ron White, Sec. Martine Zurinkas, Rich Jepsen, Shelia McCurdy

Regrets: George Hinman, Sally Barkow

Guests: Liz Walker, Dan Nolan, Shannon Bush, Nancy Glover, Brian Hawboldt, Fred Hagedorn, Lee Parks, 7 other guests unknown

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm EST and a roll call established a quorum.
 2. *Consent Calendar:*
 - a. *Motion #1 - Approve November 19, 2015 BoD Minutes, Approved*
 - b. *Motion #2 Read into minutes e-vote: BAR #112915 – National on the Water Standard Passed 12-3-2015, Approved*
 3. Presidents Report, Bruce Burton
Summarized the report – National conference and Leadership Forum reminder; US Offshore progress being made: US Sailing Center Coconut Grove update; Olympics: Administrative; Communication with Annapolis YC and update was given to Board.
 4. Vice President, Cory Sertl
Encouraged everyone to review the World Sailing (ISAF) individual reports on Dropbox. Attending the Youth Worlds over the holidays in Malaysia to support our US efforts.
 5. Executive Directors Report, Jack Gierhart
ED Performance Metric; Reviewed report on status of projects and focus for 2016. Working hard to obtain goal of 45k+ members by year end. Much planning going on for 2016 – FIRST Sail initiative to be released in San Diego.
 6. Treasures Report, Steve Freitas
Budget reviewed for 2016; Questions answered about the allocations of resources - Marketing – Membership – Administration being accounted for within each Division.
Motion #3 to approve the proposed 2016 Budget, approved.
 7. Olympic Report, Josh Adams
Josh summarized efforts in Rio, Recent results by Team Sperry; Funding Update – meeting internal goals on several items; Update on Olympic Development Program – recent training camp in Miami very successful. World Cup Sailing is end of January, all board welcome to attend.

7A – Pan American Survey Summary – Ben Richardson summarized; Olympic Committee to submit recommendations for review. Fred Hagedorn reminded the board that it is a survey only. Further BoD involvement would be necessary when proposal is presented.
 8. Staff Connection and Division Discussion
Small Boat – Brian Hawboldt
Summarized the report – One Design, Kiteboarding, Match Racing, Multihull, Windsurfing.
Recommendation on developing talent in 2016.
Management – No report – discussion under new business.
Championships – Shannon Bush
Summarized the report – Survey done on sailors from Youths in last 10 yrs. Results provided in the report.
 9. National Conference – Long Range Goals / Registration – reminder to register and clarify the need that National Conference and Leadership Forum are separate registrations. Need to spread the word for attendance.



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10. Old Business

Offshore Update Nov. 24th Meeting – Dan Nowlan

Review of pricing structure; Offshore report update; National Reference Ratings – moved forward with this.

Safety at Sea Update – Chuck prescriptions update – e-vote coming with recommendations from Offshore. Eric Baittinger is a International Measurer for the IRC Class.

Committee Member roster finalized – e-vote to be coming on 12-18-2015

Final Chair Recommendations – e-vote to be coming on 12-18-2015

11. New Business

Calendar for 2016 – with World Sailing dates finalized – on web – March date, October in meeting date & World Sailing dates added. Complete listing online: <http://www.ussailing.org/about-us/board-of-directors/schedule-agenda/>

World Sailing Update Gary Jobson

- Summarized the World Sailing (formally ISAF) early January there will be an announcement for new CEO. World Sailing World Cup update. Strong US leadership with World Sailing Council, positive representation at meeting in November.

Motion #4 to approve BAR Olympics - #1212015 – Motion Approved

Motion #5 to approve BAR - Measurers & Equipment Inspectors Committee #12142015 – Motion Approved

Motion #6 to approve BAR – Race Management Request to host IRO Seminar at Chicago YC #12162015 – Motion Approved

Future of Management Division – Jack and Sarah Alger Discussion to present recommendations at later date.

12. End of call sizzle: Board shared there reflections of sailing and US Sailing.

13. Reminders – Next meeting is in San Diego, CA for the National Conference followed by the Leadership Forum.

Motion #8 *The meeting adjourned at 9:42 EST*

Respectfully submitted, Martine R. Zurinkas, Secretary