



US SAILING Executive Committee
March 31- April 3, 2005
Mid-year Meeting, Newport, R.I.
Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the first session of the Newport R.I. Excom meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time

Present were Janet C. Baxter, Dean Brenner, Jim Capron, Ruth Creighton, Susan Epstein, Louise Gleason, Fred Hagedorn, Dick Hanneman, Tom Hubbell, Patty Lawrence, Leslie Keller, Rich Jepsen, Bill Munster, and Joni Palmer. Bill Sandberg was absent. Also present were Charlie Leighton, Executive Director, and James Appel, Budget Chair.

The Executive Committee met in four sessions over the course of the Spring Meeting, with the first session taking place at 7:00 p.m. E.S.T on Thursday, March 31, 2005 and other sessions taking place at 7a.m. on April 1, 2, and at 8 a.m. on April 3, 2005.

Action Item: Minutes of the March 21, 2005 Executive Committee telephone conference meeting were approved as corrected.

There was a lengthy discussion after a presentation on Technology Information needs.

Action Item: A motion was made, seconded and carried to refer the Technology Information proposal to increase the budget by \$115,000 to the Budget Committee with the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the proposal be approved by the Budget Committee and brought to the Board of Directors for Approval.

After discussion of the Structure Task Force proposal for new Bylaws, the meeting was suspended until 7 a.m. April 1.

Session Two:

After discussion, the 2005 Priority Goals and Strategic Plans were approved. A copy of the document is attached.

Action Item: A motion to submit the Strategic Plan and 2005 Goals to the Board of Directors for ratification was made, seconded and carried.

Action Item: After discussion, a motion to approve revision #11 of Proposed Bylaws 2005 in principal was made, seconded and carried.

Action Item: A motion to approve recommendations of the Article 14 Working Party, and to distribute the recommendations to others for review and comment, was made, seconded and carried.

Session Three

There was general discussion on the progress of Proposed Bylaws 2005 and an indication that there was progress toward compromise with some who had been opposing all change, and the introduction of Revision 12.

It was noted that the Budget Committee had approved the recommendations for a budget increase to improve Information Technology, and that the recommendation would be made at the Saturday session with the vote delayed until Sunday to afford Directors the opportunity to review the proposal.

Session Four

Vice President Hubbell reported on changes in Proposed Bylaws 2005 that had been negotiated with delegates from the Council of Sailing Association, and on plans for introducing these changes in the Board meeting with follows.

Other new proposals which will be presented at the Board meeting are from the Championship Committee, the Training Committee and the Offshore Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m., Sunday, April 3, 2005.

Dick Hanneman, Secretary