



## US SAILING Executive Committee

August 23, 2005

Telephone Conference

Minutes

President Janet Baxter called the Executive Committee meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight 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, Joni Palmer, Bill Sandberg and John Siegel. Also present were Executive Director Charlie Leighton and Budget chair James Appel, and Racing Rules chair Dave Dellenbaugh.

**Action Items:** A motion to approve the Minutes of the Executive Committee telephone conference meeting of July 25, 2005 was made, seconded and carried.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Board of Directors telephone conference call meeting of August 16, 2005, was made, seconded and carried.

President Baxter announced that a self evaluation questionnaire is being developed for committee chairs to help insure that multiple tasks are being regularly reviewed. The process will start with the Championships Committee. She also announced that Athlete Director Hanna Swett has resigned from the Board because of conflicts in her schedule. The Athlete Council will elect her replacement.

Executive Director Charlie Leighton's report focused on monthly financial statements, which are distributed to the Board. He announced that Katie Kelly (nee Richardson) has been named Olympic Director for US SAILING. He noted that the computer conversion project is closer to being on schedule, and that IT Consultant Serge Jorgensen will be invited to the next Excom meeting to give a full report.

Budget Chair James Appel discussed plans to improve the budgeting process, and pointed out that many budget overages and shortfalls are more the result of poor budgeting rather than over or under spending.

Treasurer Leslie Keller presented initial year-end projections that indicate a negative variance caused mainly by unrealistic membership revenue budgeting.

Race Administration Chair Jim Capron, joined by Racing Rules Chair Dave Dellenbaugh, made the following recommendations:

**Action Items:** A motion for US SAILING to approve the nomination of Kirk Brown to ISAF for appointment as an International Judge, was made seconded and carried.

A motion to rewrite the US SAILING Prescription RRS 86.4 was made, subject to final approval of the Prescription Committees final review. The motion was seconded and carried. The proposed Prescription to RRS 86.4 is:

“US SAILING prescribes that proposed rules may be tested only in local races. However, proposed rules may also be tested at other events if the organizing authority obtains written permission for US SAILING.”

After discussion, the committee accepted a recommendation to postpone any revisions to RRS 7.3 until the 2009-2013 Rule Book is issued.

**Action Item:** A motion to approve the appointment of George Fisher as the new Chair of the Sportsmanship Committee was made, seconded and carried.

General Services Chair Ruth Creighton remarked that IT improvements in process will improve the membership renewal process. She agreed to look into problems that have been reported involving checks not being deposited on a timely basis.

Structure Taskforce chair Tom Hubbell indicated that final Bylaw revisions are on a fast track to completion.

President Baxter indicated that efforts would be made to “lighten up” activity at the Annual General Meeting with “buddy breakfasts” and a sailing T-shirt contest at the ice breaker reception.

An Executive Session followed.

The Meeting adjourned at 10.23 p.m., E.D.T.

Dick Hanneman, Secretary