



## Minutes

### February Board Call

📅 Mon February 24th, 2020

🕒 7:30pm - 9:00pm EST

📍 Zoom Conference Call

#### 👥 In Attendance

Charlie Arms, Henry Brauer, Meredith Brody, Clerc Cooper, Jack Gierhart, Rich Jepsen, Russ Lucas, Dave Perry, Briana Provancha, Tony Rey, Bill Ruh, John Sangmeister, John Schoendorf, Cory Sertl, Martine Zurinskas

#### I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Excused: Bruce Burton

Guests: 4

#### II. **Announcements - President's Report**

Shared the compliments received from SLF and the Rolex/ US Sailing award ceremony. Reminded the Board that part of our role is to get behind fundraising initiatives and is excited about the Yacht Club Challenge. It will help build awareness during an Olympic year and close the gap for athletes and program funding. Additionally, Cory shared about the positive meeting she had with the staff at World Sailing looking ahead at future events. There was a willingness to work together in partnership that was encouraging and we need to take advantage of it. Bruce Burton cannot attend the meeting tonight and he has asked Paul Cayard, JJ Fetter and Brian Keane to discuss the Olympic strategy from the OSC.

#### III. **Consent Calendar**

**Decision:** Vote #1: Motion to Approve consent calendar unanimously approved

- a. **Minutes from January 27th Board Meeting**
- b. **BAR20200213 - RS Aero World Championships**
- c. **BAR20200214 - Melges 24 World Championship**

#### IV. **Olympic Update**

- a. **Olympic Update - Meredith**

150 days until the opening ceremony in Tokyo. We have confirmed 5 athletes. Athlete contracts are still pending with USOPC. Our Athlete reps, Joe Morrie and Briana Provancha are reviewing. We received a handful of redlines from USOPC that we are currently waiting to talk through. Cory questioned what does the USOPC consider to be arduous on the athlete part? Meredith highlighted a few including required appearances, ODP coaching & performance monitors were redline. She noted there were no comments just redline.

b. **Olympic Strategy - Paul Cayard & JJ Fetter**

Paul, JJ and Brian shared executive summary and recommendation of Olympic structure. The Board asked the OSC to continue to review and provide a comparative analysis from the previous quad plans.

V. **CEO and Association Report**

Full Association Report at this link: <https://www.ussailing.org/about/our-people/board-ofdirectors/association-reports/>

The report stands as submitted; review activities of February and shared updates regarding staffing.

VI. **Treasurer's Report**

2019 End of Year Financials, Updated Dashboard in Association Report

Financial report - Dashboard is included in the Association report. Reviewed end of year financials. Audit Committee will begin their work with the audit firm.

VII. **VP Report**

Gave update regarding strategic planning refresh. USOPC will be collecting data from the Board survey for March 12 & 13 meeting.

VIII. **Secretary Report**

March 27-29 Logistics

March Board logistics details were included in pre-reads. Please let me know if you have any questions.

IX. **Foundation Update**

Bill Ruh gave an update on the Foundation bylaws. Justin Sterk is working with the legal committee to review. Jack shared they will be interviewing consultancy firms that will help bring trusted strategy around fundraising, resources, and personnel. Cory stated we need to make an action item to evaluate the suggested changes from both the legal and fundraising space and assess implications with any changes.

X. **Old Business**

a. **Safe Sport Audit Update - email sent 1-29-2020**

Around 75% of race officials have completed or begun the process for background checks. Some questions and concerns have been raised that we continue to answer.

SafeSport audit was complete in December. Justin is working to ensure we are fully compliant in all areas. There are issues that part of this compliance could implicate our membership. Justin will map out implications and present during the March meeting.

b. **Membership Programing**

Moved to March meeting

XI. **New Business**

- a. **BAR20200223 Championship of Champions Conditions - update 2-2020**  
Many questions were raised regarding language in the BAR. Martine will follow up with Betsy Alison with questions and there will be an e-vote in the coming days.

XII. **Adjourn**

9:51 pm adjourn.



## Action Request Form

**Request No.** BAR2020011214 M24 Worlds 2020 **Date Submitted:** 2-14-2020

**Submitted By:** \_\_\_Randy Draftz, Event Organizer\_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:**\_\_\_2020 M24 World Championships\_\_\_\_\_

**Action Requested** (word this in resolution form):

Resolved, that the US Sailing Board of Directors gives its approval, pursuant to World Sailing Regulation.10.5(m), to the following world championship in the United States:

2020 Melges 24 World Championships hosted in Charleston, SC May 1-9<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Member Impacts:** Describe below the impacts (i.e. Will it be seen as a member benefit or not? Explain)

Any perceived positive effects:

No impacts on members.

Any perceived negative effects:

Will this proposal bring in new members?

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Number  No  Unknown

**Mission Impacts:** Describe below how and why this creates value.

Positive impact (be specific): Encourages high-level competition in the US.

No impact (be specific):

**Financial Impacts:** Describe below any expected financial impacts on US Sailing. Include figures.

No impacts

**Implementation Strategy:** None, email to class association and MYC.

**Summary:**

**This is part of our Strategic Plan V achieving American success – hosting World Championships is part of that American Success.**

**I certify that this proposal has been checked. Governing Documents affected:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Terms of Reference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Championship Conditions | <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Stephens Act             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations             |   |

**Submitted by** \_\_\_\_\_Martine Zurinkas, US Sailing Board\_\_\_\_\_



Action Request Form

Request No. BAR2020011213 RS AERO Worlds 2020 Date Submitted: 2-13-2020

Submitted By: Bill Symes, Event Organizer

Subject: 2020 RS Aero World Championships

Action Requested (word this in resolution form):

Resolved, that the US Sailing Board of Directors gives its approval, pursuant to World Sailing Regulation.10.5(m), to the following world championship in the United States:

RS Aero Worlds Championships at the Columbia Gorge Racing Association on July 31-August 7, 2020

Member Impacts: Describe below the impacts (i.e. Will it be seen as a member benefit or not? Explain) Any perceived positive effects:

No impacts on members.

Any perceived negative effects:

Will this proposal bring in new members?

- Yes, Estimated Number No Unknown

Mission Impacts: Describe below how and why this creates value. Positive impact (be specific): Encourages high-level competition in the US.

No impact (be specific):

Financial Impacts: Describe below any expected financial impacts on US Sailing. Include figures. No impacts

Implementation Strategy: None, email to class association.

Summary:

This is part of our Strategic Plan V achieving American success – hosting World Championships is part of that American Success.

I certify that this proposal has been checked. Governing Documents affected:

- Bylaws Committee Terms of Reference Championship Conditions Ted Stephens Act Regulations

Submitted by Martine Zurinkas, US Sailing Board



Action Request Form

Request No. \_\_\_BAR20200223 A (Age) Date Submitted: 02/23/2020

Submitted By: Betsy Alison, Staff Liaison; Shannon Bush, Chair of Championship of Champions Cttee

Subject: Conditions for Championship of Champions Regatta (an Adult National Championship)

Action Requested (word this in resolution form):

- 1. Move to approve changes to the Championship of Champions Conditions for the event. Changes/additions are related to Section 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

3.3 "Eligible competitors shall be 18 years or older at the time of the Championship of Champions event is held."

Member Impacts: Describe below the impacts (i.e. Will it be seen as a member benefit or not? Explain)

Any perceived positive effects:

- 1. The addition of an age requirement addresses issues that have arisen in recent championships when youth sailors apply for this event and do not have the maturity and/or adequate body size to compete in the selected boats. In addition, because this is an "adult" championship, it was deemed appropriate for this event to be held for adult sailors who are of legal age at the championship. Inviting minors to sail in the event eliminates opportunities for adult sailors who apply to the event and may not subsequently receive an invitation in favor of a minor. As the event has been oversubscribed in recent years and demand is high for applications and invitations, an age requirement is appropriate at this time.

Any perceived negative effects: None.

Will this proposal bring in new members? Not necessarily, but we believe that it will encourage sailors to apply for the event without the anxiety of feeling that they are competing in an event that is dominated by folks being paid to play.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Number No Unknown

Membership is required to compete in any Adult Championship

Mission Impacts: Describe below how and why this creates value.

Positive impact (be specific):

- 1. Supports the nature of an "adult" Championship
2. Supports the Corinthian spirit of our Adult National Championships

No impact (be specific):

Financial Impacts: Describe below any expected financial impacts on US Sailing. Include figures.

Positive effects

None directly, but it will encourage more applications by competitors in Adult fleets.



Negative effects: None

**Summary:**

**I certify that this proposal has been checked. Governing Documents affected:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws  | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Terms of Reference |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Championship Conditions (attached) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Stephens Act             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations                                   |   |

**Submitted by \_\_Betsy Alison on behalf of Shannon Bush, C f C Committee Chair**



Action Request Form

Request No. BAR20200223 B (Corinthian Spirit)

Date Submitted: 02/23/2020

Submitted By: Betsy Alison, Staff Liaison; Shannon Bush, Chair of Championship of Champions Cttee

Subject: Conditions for Championship of Champions Regatta (an Adult National Championship)

Action Requested (word this in resolution form):

- 1. Move to approve changes to the Championship of Champions Conditions for the event. Changes/additions are related to Section 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

3.5 "As this Championship is held in the Corinthian spirit of competition, no skipper or crew may be "paid" or compensated to sail in this event. Skipper and crew shall sign a declaration of compliance at registration check in."

Member Impacts: Describe below the impacts (i.e. Will it be seen as a member benefit or not? Explain) Any perceived positive effects:

- 1. The addition of a "no compensation" requirement is addressing the increasing practice of a participant to enlist the professional services of a sailor for hire to compete with them in this prestigious event. With Pro sailing growing in the USA, this additional requirement is not meant to prohibit those who may be Pro Sailors in the professional life from sailing, it is meant to prohibit any sailor from being compensated to sail in this event. This practice is being implemented very successfully in several classes including the Viper and VX One classes. This is to ensure that the Corinthian spirit of the event is maintained, and that it stays a friendly competition between sailors based on sailing ability and not the ability to pay for services rendered. It also addresses concerns expressed by past participants and from other interested parties.

Any perceived negative effects: None.

Will this proposal bring in new members? Not necessarily, but we believe that it will encourage sailors to apply for the event without the anxiety of feeling that they are competing in an event that is dominated by folks being paid to play.

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Number No Unknown

Membership is required to compete in any Adult Championship

Mission Impacts: Describe below how and why this creates value.

Positive impact (be specific):

- 1. Supports the nature of an "adult" Championship
2. Supports the Corinthian spirit of our Adult National Championships

No impact (be specific):

Commented [BA1]: Here is Viper 640 language: No helmsperson or crew member may be "paid" to sail in any race aboard a Viper. A signed declaration of compliance with this Rule 10.2 by all participants on Viper 640s at a Sanctioned regatta may be required at the discretion of the Executive Committee and in a form it specifies





**Financial Impacts:** Describe below any expected financial impacts on US Sailing. Include figures.  
Positive effects

None directly, but it will encourage more applications by competitors in Adult fleets.

Negative effects: None

**Summary:**

**I certify that this proposal has been checked. Governing Documents affected:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Championship Conditions (attached) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ted Stephens Act             |
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Submitted by   Betsy Alison on behalf of Shannon Bush, C f C Committee Chair