



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

President Rich Jepson welcomed attendees to the meeting.

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

Meeting was called to order 6:34 pm

Quorum present: Rich Jepson, Charlie Arms, Henry Brauer, Tony Rey, Laura Grondin, Sheila Tolles, Matt Gallagher, Stan Honey, Sarah Lihan, Brian Keane, Alan Ostfield

Late to join: John Schoendorff

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

## **III. Consent Calendar**

Approved, no opposed, no abstentions for all items.

### **a. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

1. Closed Session Nov 8, 2023
2. AGM Nov 8, 2023
3. Meeting of the New Board Nov 9, 2023

### **b. E-vote on BAR 2023 1115 Approve ISC Chair**

### **c. BAR 2023 1201 Request to Approve World or North American Championship**

## **IV. CEO Report**

Alan Ostfield spoke about membership updates, special mention of the Holiday Gill Dry Bag promotion (160 redemptions for renewal, raised \$30, 000).

### **a. High Performance Director Update**

Praise for the screening and search committees that worked on the HP Director hire. New HP Director, Marcus Lynch announced today, will officially begin early Jan. 2024.

## **V. CFO Report**

Heather Monoson spoke about the promising start with the new finance group, Callahan Investment Group; have already begun a deep dive into our portfolio and policy. John Schoendorff has drafted a response, look for a revamped/new policy to be presented in January. 2024 Budget will be ready for Dec. 11 meeting. Thank you to the Finance Committee for help on everything.

## **VI. Secretary Report**

### **a. 2024 Schedule**

Charlie Arms presented a draft of the 2024 meetings schedule. May in-person dates for meeting not determined, likely in Annapolis. In the future, the board will travel 2x/year to connect (Listening Sessions, Stakeholders Meetings) with sailors, etc. to different regions. In 2025 the Spring meeting will be held in Chicago.

### **b. 2024 Committee Approval**

Approved, none opposed, no abstentions for all items. Task Force Committee to meet mid-December.

## 1. BAR 2023 1204 Committee Member Approval

### VII. Reports

#### a. Olympic Update

Henry Brauer and Sarah Lynch provided general overview and updates: US Sailing announced Marcus Lynch as US Sailing's High Performance Director. Lynch will lead the US Sailing Team and all its associated high-performance programs, including the US Olympic Sailing Team, the Pan American Sailing Team, and the Olympic Development Sailing Program, for US Sailing, the sport's national governing body. Team effort at Pan Ams was great, kudos to the efforts and the enthusiasm of all staff and athletes. Alison Chenard continues to raise media awareness to new levels heading into Paris 2024. Athletes are training for trials.

#### b. World Sailing Meeting Report

Fred Hagedorn spoke regarding the successful World Sailing Annual Conference in Malaga, Spain: Items mentioned: Adoption of new Olympic vision, focus on results that are easier for public to understand our sport, to go into effect in 2032 with, perhaps, some as soon as 2028. IOC has added 5 new sports for LA28, 3 of them team sports. This will have implications on Athlete Quota and Medal Counts for some of the current sports. Sailing needs to be proactive in accelerating some of its contemplated changes for 2032 to 2028, if possible, to minimize any impact from these pressures.

Sally Honey led on Special Regulations Sub-Committee. One of the issues focused on Keel Safety will be further studied with the report and is expected in a year's time. Sally is also a Charter Member of the new World Sailing Safety Commission. Dick Rose received the Beppe Croce Award, celebrated for 30 years of outstanding contributions to the sport of sailing on the World Sailing Racing Rules Committee.

The Match Racing Committee is studying a potential change to Youth Events age requirements, from U23 to U25 and based on input from the US Sailing Match Racing Committee and others, any decision was deferred for further study. The impact of the USA voice was important and appreciated. Team Racing is a growing aspect of the sport, particularly the 2V2 format. Overall, The US Sailing Delegation had positive impacts across the sport, but in particularly in safety, Offshore Racing, Match Racing, Para Sailing, youth events, equipment and Regional Games. Board approved Team Racing World Championships for May 2025, to be held at NYYC. US Olympic officials named; Jeff Johnson, Kevin Hawkins, Becky Ashburn, Sandy Grosvener, Lynn Lynch, Dina Kowalyshyn. The following US race officials received initial appointments as international officials: Susan "Charlie" Arms, Craig Daniels, Bill Simon, Laura Donnelly, Shannon Bush, Lynn Lynch, John Busch, Katie Maxim.

### VIII. New Business

#### a. CRM Funding

John Schoendorff: discussions about seeking Donors to kickstart funding for new CRM; also, research into RI state bonds.

#### b. NSPS Update

Katie Oullette provided a document outlining NSPS background and logistics for attending Board members. John Schoendorff gave praise to Erik Krasnoo and team for increase in Sponsorship.

**c. Board Leadership**

In reference to BAR2023 0911 US Sailing Action Request Form ToR for Executive Committee and initiate bylaw change to memorialize ExCom: further discussion outlining the exact nature of the committee's role in governance and compliance guiding and supporting the Board: subordinate to the Board, to provide curation and guidance. The role is advisory. BAR will be sent to the Governance and Compliance committee to review and craft language to codify.

**d. Fundraising Update**

Senior Vice President of Development, Blaine Pedlow presented document outlining CYE closures and opportunities. Key points included questions for the next 45 days, the YE appeal, how to support fundraising efforts, and the results of Giving Tuesday (the most successful USSA GT ever).

**IX. Executive Session**

**a. USOPC Disciplinary Action**

**b. ISC Update**

**X. Adjourn**