



USSA BOD Meeting Monday, March 25, 2024

1. Welcome from President

Comments from Rich Jepsen, President's Report.

I. Welcome

a. Attendance

Charlie Arms, Richard Jepsen, Marie Rogers, Stan Honey, Henry Brauer, Sheila Tolle, Sarah Lihan, Pamela Healy, Laura Grondin, Matt Gallagher, Brian Keane, John Schoendorf, Judge Ryan, Marcus Lynch, Mary Allen, Heather Monoson, Alan Ostfield, Meredith Barry, Blaine Pedlow, Justin Sterk, Fred Hagedorn, Cory Sertl, Ed Huntsman, John Miller, Michael Moradzadeh, Martine Zurinskas, Joan Mollerus, Terence Fraser, Jane Pimentel, Stephanie Webb, Tarasa Davis, Edward Cesare, Wayne Balsiger, Blake MacDiarmid, Gail Turluck, Gino Bottino MD, Robert Whittredge, Donna Sue Marks, Mike Martin

b. Call to Order

Called to order by President Jepsen at 6:30PM

1. Conflict of Interest

None.

c. Consent Calendar

1. Minutes of January 31st meeting

January 31, 2024, minutes - Moved, seconded, and approved.

2. BARs with Electronic votes

1. BAR 2024 0314 Secretary/Treasurer

2. BAR 2024 0315 Olympic to HP

Both BARs were moved, seconded, and approved.

II. Committee Member Approval

BAR 2024 0322 was moved, seconded, and approved. Board Members, Stan Honey and Matt Gallagher abstained.

III. Reports

a. CEO/Executive Director

CEO Alan Ostfield gave a report (see Association Report).

1. Association Report

b. Olympics

Trials and Paris - HPD Marcus Lynch shared vision and work to optimize athlete's experience and performance. Provided updates are Trial results, Paris '24, LA '28. Pam Healy reported on Trials.

c. Financial Report

US Sailing CFO, Heather Monoson, reviewed revenue streams. See 2023 Dashboard and Financial Report.

d. Committee Reports and Updates

1. Finance Committee

Board Treasurer, John Schoendorf, reported on meeting with Gowrie Group.

2. Secretary's Report

Committee Chair onboarding

Annapolis meeting planning

Board Secretary, Charlie Arms, shared successful onboarding process for Committee Chairs.

Committee Members onboarding to come. Reviewed overview of May meetings logistics.

3. Nominating Committee

Board Treasurer, John Schoendorf, thanked Martine Zurinkas for her help streamlining the process.

4. World Sailing

Fred Hagedorn and Cory Sertl reported on plans for the upcoming Pan AM games. More information regarding Jr. Pan AM games forthcoming.

5. Committee Structure Taskforce

Ed Huntsman gave an update, thanked Charlie Arms and Sandy Grovesnor for their contributions.

6. Sailor Athlete Council

SAC Board Member, Judge Ryan gave report. Board Member, Laura Grondin, was elected as SAC Board Liaison. Seeking to expand membership, more information to come, pre-Paris.

IV. Old Business

a. BAR 2024 0325 Finance Committee

USSA Legal Consul, Justin Sterk gave outline of new bylaw.

b. BAR 2024 0324 Rule 69 Disciplinary and Grievance Proceedings

It was moved, seconded, and approved.

c. BAR 2024 0322 Olympic Director

This bylaw amendment was initiated in BAR 2023 0315. Bylaw Redline doc focuses on these changes. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

V. New Business

a. Announcement of Tony Rey's resignation

Board President, Rich Jepsen, is actively recruiting for a person to fill position for remainder of term (10/24),

b. Proposed Election changes

1. BAR 2024 0318 Board Eligibility Initiate Bylaw Amendment

It was moved, seconded, and approved.

2. BAR 2024 0323 Board Elects Secretary & Treasurer Amend Bylaws

This Bylaw amendment was initiated in BAR 2024 0314. The Bylaw Redline document focuses on these changes. Discussion was vigorous. Straw votes showed lack of support; more discussion and clarity sought. Conversation to continue at May meetings.

VI. Executive Session

a. Olympic Fundraising Update

b. USOPC Disciplinary Action update

c. Compensation Committee

d. Finance Committee

1. Report on Bank Newport

2. Update on Gowrie meeting

VII. Adjournment

Board President, Rich Jepsen adjourned the Open session at 8:23PM.