

Minutes of the ISSA Board Meeting corr/2-6-04
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The meeting of the board of directors was called to order at 12:15 by Vice President Tim Hogan. The attendees to the meeting were Kathey Miersa (SAISA)*, Ted Kaczmarek (MASSA), Guy Fleming and Scott Melander (PCISA), Tim Hogan (PCISA), John Vandemoer (MWISA), Steve Gay (SEISA)*, Kevin Baker (NESSA), Deb Sullivan (NWISA) and Joey Harris (MWISA).

Tim briefly described the change of course in the procedural rules, the digital N. All agreed it was a good change and they will take it back to their districts. Ted K. brought up the new changes in the upcoming 2005 RRS to include rule 42. Ted explained that our procedural rules, that alter rule 42, will no longer be allowed because ISAF changed Rule 86.1 (a) so that rule 42 could not be changed by sailing instructions or prescriptions. The board agreed that ISSA should comply with rule 42 and that we should govern our races as such. Guy Fleming then brought up the point that if we are to govern 42 to the extent it is described in the RRS then we should run more quality light air races. John Vandemoer then suggested a light air minimum and that the regatta committee come up with something that the board could vote on. Ted K. also suggested that we make sure that each host is properly equipped to monitor the breeze strength.

Next Tim briefly brought everyone up to date on the online registration project and said there were some growing pains but it was going well. Everyone agreed that the online registration was a great thing and was working well. John Vandemoer talked about the transition plan stating that he had been slowly taking on the mailing and other duties to ease the burden on Larry White. The directory was brought up that it is a big project. There then was discussion started by Kevin Baker about our publications, while everyone agreed that the Newsletter was very valuable, they did not feel as confident about the Directory. Most everyone agreed that the directory should be online rather than in paper form, it would be both cost and time saving. Instead it was suggested by Ted K. that we look into making a press kit which would contain some info of the directory that would benefit the recruitment of schools. The thought was also to who would take on the newsletter because that was a valuable tool, everyone agreed that we need to know what taking on the newsletter would entail.

Tim then led us in a discussion about fundraising. For fundraising John and Tim were charged with coming up with a letter which would give levels of participation and have rewards for each level. It was also decided that we name each level with a term tied with School Sailing like presidents names. Tim discussed the two targets of fundraising as individual and corporation. The group decided that we would still look for that perfect corporate sponsor but focus on the individual members of ISSA. The thought was that we should get the "Friends of ISSA" on the website as soon as possible.

John then gave a brief description of the upcoming championships. The Baker and Mallory look to be in good shape, the 75th anniversary event looks to be progressing with Larry's lead. The only trouble spot was that we still do not have a venue for the 05 Mallory in the northwest district. Deb Sullivan who is from that district said she would get in touch with Scott Boye and see about having the event at Sandpoint.

The meeting was then quickly adjourned to go to OCSC for the afternoon and enjoy some great talks and a little sailing.

Respectfully submitted,

John Vandemoer