

ISSA Board Meeting
September 29, 2011
7:00 pm CDT

Attending: Andrew Nugnes, Wayne Cutler, Malinda Crain, Don Shea, Steve Gay, Burke Thomas, Chuck Sinks, Mike Segerblom, Sharon Garber, Tom Monkus, Tim Hogan

Don called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. He welcomed everyone and added that the season appeared to be in full swing for all districts. He mentioned two issues that had been brought to his attention over the last several months: Eligibility (for which there had been several calls) and Behavior.

A behavior issue at a MASSA event last Spring was elevated to a national/ISSA level with very serious charge about behavior and harassment. After approaching Andrew Cole, a phone call was made to Don Shea. After much discussion Don asked Sharon Garber (MISSA), Bill Campbell (ISSA Director at Large) and John Faudree (Coach, MASSA) to act as a task force to investigate the incident. After interviews with several regatta participants, the committee determined that the behavior of two students created a situation that was uncomfortable and the person complaining was wronged. The student sailor involved was advised by his coach and ISSA that if he wanted to sail in MASS or ISSA events he would need to write a letter to ISSA demonstrating a recognition of why his actions were wrong and explaining how his behavior will change. That letter has been received. Don asked that future regatta organizers emphasize the expectation of proper behavior at the competitors meeting.

It was noted that ISSA does have a procedure in place to deal with these issues, starting with the regatta organizers. Parents should not be allowed to jump to the top of the ISSA administration with their issues. Don thanked the task force for their efforts and a positive outcome to the situation.

Great Oaks 2010: After the 2010 committee issued its ruling on a scoring issue, the decision was appealed to US Sailing. The US Sailing Appeals Committee heard the evidence and sent it back to the regatta protest committee. They will be reopening the request for redress.

District Reports:

MASSA - Don reported for Bill Schneider. 54 checks have been received and another 17 are pending. The NOR for Atlantic Coast Champs will be posted shortly. Dates: November 12 - 13. Allocations are posted.

NESSA – Andrew N reported that they have 30 teams registered to date and are hoping to hit 100 teams this year. They are looking forward to hosting the Baker at MIT in the spring and are in the nominating process for a future Cressy.

SAISA - Tom M reported 56 teams paid and 11 pending. Their Great Oaks qualifier will be this weekend and their Cressy Qualifier was last weekend. Light wind.

SEISA - Malinda reported approximately 5 checks received and another 3 pending. Slow start. Cressy Qualifier is scheduled for Oct. 15-16. A US Sailing Development Team training camp has been scheduled for the same weekend so several sailors from the district have chosen to skip Cressy Qualifier this year.

MISSA - Sharon reported 48 schools have registered so far. They had their Cressy Qualifier last weekend.

NWISA - Burke reported that their Cressy Qualifier was over Labor Day. Two or three more regattas scheduled for the fall. The Mallory venue will be South Lake Union at the Center for Wooden Boats - same venue as the Hinman. So far 14 teams have registered and 3 are pending.

PCISA - Mike reported that 75 teams have registered and they are hoping to hit 100 teams this year. Their Cressy Qualifier had 39 Radials and 9 Full Rigs participating and they are sending an excellent team to nationals. Mike mentioned lots of new teams forming. He reminded everyone about the Hawaii High School Invitational over Thanksgiving and the Women's Event at San Diego Yacht Club Oct. 22-23. The NORs are online.

Cressy Update - All going well. Eric Schneider, Dick Schweers and Frank Ustach are serving as PROs. The SIs have been drafted and will be circulated later this week. Don asked all District Directors to remind their qualifying sailors that this will be a green regatta and to bring a refillable bottle. Also, please remind your Cressy sailors that they must have a conforming life jacket. It must be a Type III or a Type V that has **sailing** in the label. No exceptions.

Great Oaks Update - Chuck Sinks reported that NOR is posted. In light of an increased number of slots, he will confirm allocations.

AGM – Don acknowledged that he had “dropped the ball” setting the date. Three suggestions for dates/locations are on the table:

Oct. 15 at Tabor – while this had been the original intent, it was deemed too soon for attendees to schedule travel;

Oct. 29 at Chicago YC – It was discussed that it would be difficult for coaches who had sailors qualify for the event to attend

Dec. 3 at Chicago YC – Don noted that this date would require a vote for the date since the bylaws indicate that the meeting is to be held between September and December 1. It was generally thought that this date too late to deal with some pending issues

It was agreed that the AGM would be held beginning Friday night, October 28 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Chicago Yacht Club and reconvene Saturday from 11:00 - 2:00. Don will issue a notice confirming this date and time.

Eligibility - Don mentioned several eligibility issues coming in from most districts. He reminded all directors to focus on the spirit of our by-laws/procedural rules. That is: Sailors on a team must (1) attend the same school, (2) be eligible to represent the school, and (3) there can only be 1 organization (team) representing the school.

The goal is to have more high school sailing. Many districts have their own rules regarding 8th grade participation. In general, it was agreed that 8th graders may participate locally but may not move a

team forward in a qualifying or ladder event for a National/ISSA event. Mike suggested looking at the PCISA supplemental rules posted on their website.

Tim asked about **ISSA database status**. Will discuss on the next call and at the AGM.

Schedule of ISSA Board Conference Calls for 2011-2012:

Call - October 13

AGM October 28 - 29

Call - November 17

Call - December 15

Call - January 5 - back to first Thursday of the month

Before adjourning, Mike Segerblom advised Don that the Nominating Committee should be constituted 30 days before the AGM. Don said he needed to confirm with one more person and that the committee members would be announced with the publication of the Meeting Minutes. [See below.]

A motion was made to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Malinda Crain
Director, SEISA

NOTE to the Meeting Minutes:

Announcement of Nominating Committee:

Mike Segerblom, Sharon Garber and Malinda Crain have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

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