Meeting of the Board of Directors Via Conference Call Saturday, October 31, 2009

Attendees:

Tim Hogan, Malinda Crain, Mike Segerblom, Tom Monkus, Don Shea, Chuck Sinks, Burke Thomas, John Wright, Bill Campbell, Bill Schenider, JP Fasano, Brett Gruchow, Randy Stokes, Matt Mikkelborg, Sherri Campbell and Jerelyn Biehl of ODM.

President Tim Hogan called the meeting to order at 5:00pm CDT.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the September 26, 2009 meeting made and approved.

President's Report:

- Tim reported that the deal with Laser Performance is in force and that the company sent ISSA the annual payment.
- He reminded all Districts to submit membership dues in a timely fashion

Treasurer's report

• No report submitted as there were no significant updates since the annual meeting.

Race Operations – Chuck Sinks

- Great Oaks all is on track and the sponsorship deal with AllState is in place
- **Baker Update** (2010, NWISA) Chuck noted that the drug and alcohol paragraph will be updated to comply with changes made to address Appeals. Chuck make the modifications following the direction in ISAF documents
 - Burke Thomas noted that the NOR is complete and posted
 - The regatta will be sailed in FJs and it was discussed that 24 boats are needed. Burke is looking for well matched sails, and is considering borrowing them or purchasing new ones.
- Mallory (2011, NESSA) No report submitted

Tim noted that this year's **Cressy** (2010) has been well run ("This has been a first class event") and gave acknowledgements to Sandi Carl (Regatta Chair), Mark Foster (PRO) and Malinda Crain.

- Malinda asked if a book or file detailing needs and requirements for the Cressy regatta. It was discussed that a book ought to be assembled for all three championship regattas.

• Cressy 2011 – Tom Monkus reported this event will be hosted by University of Southern Florida ("USF") and be held on October 30-31, 2010.

Vacant Slots at Nationals:

- The issue of how to fill vacant championship slots was discussed. The topic was raised because a sailor who qualified from NESSA became ill and unable to attend after the registration deadline. According to ISSA protocol the slot should have been awarded to the host district. Following procedure, SEISA awarded the slot to one of its sailors. NESSA, however, awarded the slot to one of its sailors who was able to make travel arrangements on short notice. This put SEISA in the position of having to take back the slot it awarded to a district sailor. The situation should not have occurred and the following was agreed:
 - If a District has a vacant slot, the district director must advise the ISSA president about the vacancy immediately.
 - If the vacancy occurs after the registration deadline, the slot shall go to the host district.

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Other Business:

- **PCISA's Hawaii Event:** Mike Segerblom reminded everyone that there are open slots for teams not in PCISA. Interested teams should send interest to Mike.
- Women's Event PCISA: PCISA will host an invitational event for high school girls at The San Diego Yacht Club. The event will be held on Memorial Day Weekend. Any school registered with ISSA is eligible. The NOR will be posted soon.
- **BSDRA**: US Sailing provided a \$4,000 grant for ISSA to send high school teams to the BSDRA. ISSA has two slots at this team race event. Tim suggested that the Baker National winner be one team and that the second slot be an At-Large entry.
- **ISSA Website:** Mike Segerblom, Malinda Crain and Don Shea are preparing a recommendation to contemporize the website. A company named FLOCAST has submitted an offer to rebuild the site at a cost of over \$4,000 but the organization has not moved on that offer.
 - Tim noted that CISA funds could be used to make the investment but Mike reported that more information is required before we make a change.
 - It was also discussed that the website database needs to either be updated or revised entirely. The cost to bring it up to current standards is initially projected to be \$500 - \$1,000 and could be done by Derek Webster, our current webmaster; the cost for an entire rebuild is much higher.
 - Sherri Campbell provided a preliminary analysis that showed costs escalating.
 - Brett Gruchow (MISSA) volunteered to help with the project noting that he runs a database software company and that he may be able to rebuild the database more cost effectively.
 - Tom Monkus asked that the committee provide the board with a detailed report on its recommendation before any changes are made.
 - Randy Stokes asked that any change anticipate how the districts could use or leverage the database/website at the local level.
- **Combined Schools:** It was noted that there were a number of inquiries about combining school teams to form a larger sailing team of high school sailors. The following was discussed:
 - Some districts and ISSA have allowed teams to combine as a development tool rather than as a means to enhance competitiveness. The requirements under which these combined squads were allowed were strict:
 - 1. The schools should already share educational facilities and teachers; and/or
 - 2. The schools should already combine students to form athletic squads for other sports: football, baseball or basketball

The motion was made to adjourn at 6:00PM CDT.