

ISSA Conference Call
Thursday, November 17, 2011
Meeting Minutes

President Tim Hogan called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm EDT. A roll call was taken for those in attendance: Bill Campbell, Malinda Crain, Sharon Garber, Steve Grove, Rob Hurd, Tom Monkus, Andrew Nugnes, Bill Schneider, Becca Scoville, Don Shea, Mike Segerblom, Burke Thomas, Scott Wilson & Sherri Campbell. Chris Clement was also on the call.

Those unable to attend: Andrew Cole, Wayne Cutler, Matt DuBois, JP Fasano, Steve Gay, Sarah Helming, George Linzee, Chuck Sinks, Randy Stokes & John Wright.

1. **Minutes** from the October 13, 2011 conference call and October 28-29, 2011 AGM/Board Meeting were approved.
2. **President's report:** We had a good meeting in Chicago although it was not well attended. Welcome to the three new board members, Sarah Helming, Becca Scoville and Scott Wilson. We need to be sure that all districts are represented at all meetings and conference calls. I encourage all district representatives to coordinate with each other to be sure that they have someone who can participate. We need to concentrate on three goals for the upcoming year:
 - a) Website remodel
 - b) Database update
 - c) Scoring program update
3. **Membership report:** update since the AGM, SAISA has submitted their membership list and payment for 73 schools as noted during the AGM and NESSA has paid for 40 schools but has not submitted the list of members.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. Scoring program – Mike Segerblom has continued to pursue the use of the ICSA scoring program. We now have the downloadable version and the code. This can be programmed for use by ISSA. Mike is still waiting for an answer from ICSA about buying the code for the online version. Mike and Tim Hogan will continue to work on this with ICSA so that ISSA can own its own program.
 - b. Mallory boats discussion – Burke Thomas proposed the use of two fleets simultaneously to accommodate as many races as possible in a potentially light air venue. Seattle YC has offered a fleet of 20 Vanguard 15s and the district as access to an adequate fleet of 20 FJs as well. All boats within each fleet will be of similar vintage with new sails on the V15s and 1 year old jibs and new mains on the FJs. After some discussion, this was acceptable to the group. Rob Hurd asked that the information regarding the boat selection be posted on the website as soon as possible so that teams have advanced notice. Burke reported that the NOR is almost ready.
 - c. Baker boats update- Andrew Nugnes recently spoke with Fran Charles at MIT. The plan is to use FJs and Fireflies. The NOR is in progress and should be ready soon. A lengthy discussion followed with regard to the use of the Firefly fleet. Many felt that using a boat that none of the participants had ever had a chance to sail was not the best thing

for a national championship. The NESSA representatives indicated that they thought this idea had been vetted and approved months ago by the Race Operations and by ISSA. It was finally agreed that NESSA would work to find either 24 FJs or 420s to use for the regatta. Andrew will update on the next conference call.

- d. Great Oaks – Chris Clement reported a very high interest with an expected 41 teams participating this weekend. Tim Hogan asked if this interest level indicated that the regatta should transition to a more traditional two division format. Comments were that the current single division format is what makes this successful since many emerging teams can't field a full team. It was also noted that while two of this year's team have participated in ISSA national championships, their teams are still suited to the level of competition at the Great Oaks. An announcement will be made at the competitor's meeting indicating that the two teams will be permitted to race but that if they should qualify for the gold fleet, they will not be placed there but will race in the silver fleet. Tim Hogan and Chris Clement summarized the situation with the Allstate Sugar Bowl sponsorship. The mission of the Sugar Bowl committee is to bring sports to New Orleans. This places a restriction to some extent on the ways that the sponsorship grant to the Great Oaks can be used. The money needs to be used to support high school sailing in the greater New Orleans area.
- e. Cressy – Don Shea reported that the regatta went well with Chicago Yacht Club doing a great job. He was pleased to report that a MISSA sailor, Mitchell Kiss won the Radial fleet. SAISA sailor, Eric Lawrence won the Laser fleet. Head judge, Bruce Martinson reported some concern during one of the early races with regard to the amount of contact at a mark and the lack of penalty turns taken by competitors. He spoke with coaches about it and the situation seemed to correct itself. Don also noted that two participants did not return their boats per protocol and will likely forfeit their damage deposits. There was further discussion about the status of the supplied boats by Laser Performance in future years. Our current contract is good through the end of 2012 after which time other arrangements may be necessary. Tim Hogan will work with ICSA on this issue.

5. New Business:

- a. Bill Schneider mentioned that he had an inquiry from someone in his district about making the Cressy a gender specific event to match ICSA. Tim Hogan commented that this has been discussed in the past and that the conclusion was that for high school sailors, it was better for everything to remain completely co-ed.
- b. Rob Hurd asked for a reason for the scheduled conference calls in April and May 2012. It was decided to keep them on the schedule for now and reconsider the need for them early in 2012.
- c. Rob Hurd announced that US Sailing is offering discounted copies of the 2009-2012 RRS if any group is interested.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 EST