



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

Annual Meeting

Monday, May 26, 2014 1000

Severn Sailing Association, Annapolis, MD

MINUTES

I) **Call to Order** - Undergraduate Vice President Jack Swikart called the meeting to order at 1009 and welcomed the group to Annapolis, MD and MAISA for the meeting. He noted that the hosts have been working very hard to prepare for these regattas and everyone is excited to see the new format play out. He introduced Ian Burman, Head Coach at the Naval Academy and host of the Women's Nationals, who made a few announcements about our meeting location and the schedule for the day.

II) **Roll Call** - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 12 members of the board listed below were present and a quorum was established. Numerous other interested parties were also present as various points of the meeting. Their names are listed below the members of the board for the records.

President:	Mitch Brindley
Vice President:	Jack Swikart
Secretary:	Danielle Richards
Treasurer:	Sherri Campbell
MAISA Graduate:	Michael Callahan
MCSA Graduate:	Geoff Pedrick
MCSA Undergraduate	Brian Tobelmann
NEISA Graduate:	Michael O'Conner
NWICSA Graduate:	Kyle Eaton
PCCSC Undergraduate:	Olivia Godfrey
SAISA Graduate:	Mitchell Hall
SAISA Undergraduate:	Brad Cederberg

Nicole Coleman, Whitney Kent, John Vandemoer, Justin Assad, Brian Swingly, Adam Werblow, John Mollicone, Scott Ikle, Skip Swikart, Zack Leonard, Ward Cromwell, Kevin Real, Allison Jolly, John Pearce, Brad Schaupter

III) **Additions to the Agenda** - Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda from the floor. Geoff Pedrick asked that the board review the Post Season competition grants. Sherri Campbell noted that she would address it in the Treasurer's Report.

IV) **Review & Approval of January Meeting Minutes** - *Brad Cederberg moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.* Mitch Brindley noted that the minutes were posted on the website and available for review. *Mitch then moved to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and approved.*

V) **President's Report** - As the 2013-2014 college sailing season draws to a close Mitch Brindley report that for the most part college sailing is healthy and continues to improve. He great appreciate the support of

the Executive committee, Board of Directors and volunteers that help make College Sailing an outstanding experience for the sailors.

He noted that there are a few big changes for these championships that will be a bit of test, with added teams and new format. Greg Wilkinson, Danielle Richards and a couple of others did great job with a major re-write of the Championship Conditions, including the new championship budget structure.

Mitch was happy to announce that sponsorship support is healthy. Marlow Ropes is back onboard at double the level previously, and now the title sponsor of the Marlow Ropes College Sailor of the Year. He has begun discussions with Sperry for renewal this year. There are several in-kind supporters of this year's championships including Sailflow, and Verizon Wireless. Sailflow is donating anemometers that plug into smartphones for the race committee to use on the course. Verizon Wireless is donating the use of several mobile hotspots for the media use at the event.

Relationships with US Sailing governance continue to be healthy. Mitch represented the association at the US Sailing Leadership conference. Danielle Richards, John Vandemoer and Ken Legler also attended.

Media relations also are healthy. ESPNU has agreed to air championship coverage through 2015. The Nautical Channel is an official media partner of the College Sailing. Please send footage and stories. Information for submission is on collegesailing.org.

He thanked Danielle Richards and Sherri Campbell for their work in posting the "Donate" button on Techscore. About \$350 has been raised in the month since its addition and he hopes that more will come in during the nationals. This will be used to fund projects on techscore.

Mitch continues to do some groundwork on the NCAA sponsorship question. Going forward this will be a big project, and he will need ongoing assistance from the membership. Part of this issue will be the important discussion of scholarships, particularly merit vs. need based. The question of concussions and competitor safety are another issue that will need more attention in coming year.

He will be working with Danielle in the coming days following the championships to conduct a survey concerning spending by teams and spectators at our championships. So we can better understand the economic impact of our events. This information will be beneficial for Tourism Boards and local sponsors.

Mitch moved that in order to continue to follow the ICSA Purpose Statement set forth in the ICSA By-Laws and due to circumstances beyond the control of the ICSA, the ICSA Executive Committee has issued the following blanket waiver: Notwithstanding any other provision of ICSA Procedural Rules and the Racing Rules of Sailing, ICSA Procedural Rule 12 g shall not apply to an individual who has been officially named as a member of a National Team, if the sole reason that individual is classified as a Group 3 is due to their participation on such National Team. For purposes of this blanket waiver National Team is one selected, organized and sponsored by US Sailing or for student-athletes representing another nation, the equivalent organization of that nation. The motion was seconded and approved.

- VI) **Treasurer's Report** – Sherri Campbell noted that the Treasurer's Report had been made available to the members of the board prior to the meeting. She asked for questions from the floor and reminded the members that they can submit questions via email at any time, the organization's books are open. She commented on the donate button added to techscore. It has been quietly in place for a few weeks and she looks forward to seeing what happens over the course of nationals.

Sherri then addressed the post season grant. It was originally written to only apply to the independent coed nationals assuming a team had spent their national's budget at the coed semifinals. This year five teams applied for the grant. All five teams were awarded a grant at some level. Sherri noted that she will prepare a draft rewrite for approval at the Semi Annual meeting. If anyone has any comments or suggestions she asked that they contact her prior to the Semi Annual meeting. ***Mitch moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.***

- VII) **Secretary's Report** – Danielle Richards noted that she did not have much to report. It is still a struggle to collect the annual Conference Membership Reports despite sending last year's copy and the data pull from techscore to the Commissioners in early January. Not all of the reports that come in are including the team racing and match racing data. The finalized report is available on the website with the championship allocations.

She then informed the group that the minutes of previous meetings had been posted to the new website with the exception of the Annual Meeting held at the University of Wisconsin in 2010. If anyone has a copy of those minutes she asked that they please send them to the office.

Danielle commented that over the summer she will try to get in touch with the Mystic Seaport, where the ICSEA Archives are held, and inquire about the possibility of sponsoring a summer intern for 2015 to digitize the collection for easier research by the membership. She will also work with Ann Campbell and the Naval Academy to update the Hall of Fame records and collect new high resolution color photos of the trophies in anticipation of the touch screens being installed. She will provide a report after these meetings to the board for further action. ***Mitch moved to accept the Secretary's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.***

VIII) **Standing Committee Reports**

- A) **Afterguard Committee** – Chairwoman Gail Turluck provided a written report that was reviewed by the board. Ian Burman noted that the new national's format makes it difficult to host the event. There is a lot going on during the nationals and it is a long week to burden the host with another project. The board agreed that it may not be feasible to host a national afterguard championship every year and instead recommended that teams open up their events to all members of the afterguard and ask conferences to hold an annual conference afterguard championship. ***Mitch Brindley moved to accept the report as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.***

- B) **All Academic Sailing Team** – Matt Lindblad submitted an electronic update, the committee is working to name the team as soon as possible following the national championships. There are almost 60 nominees for this year's team. The chair is working with All America committee on sailor ratings and committee will deliberate once all the competitive data is known. A question was raised as to when the announcement would be made and if it would be part of the All American Awards Show. Concern was raised over the ability to have the team named in time for the show. Mike Callahan suggested that the board set a criteria of a minimum number of regattas and a minimum GPA that would make the sailor a member of the All Academic Team. This is how several other sports handle their All Academic Teams. Considerable discussion ensued as to how this would be managed. The general consensus was that the All Academic selection criteria is too selective, it should include every sailor who participates in x regattas and has y GPA. There would be an All Conference Team and an All American team. **The board recommended a 3.5 GPA and 6 regattas for an All Conference and 3.7 GPA and 4 Interconference and 6 other regattas, for a total of 10 events, for the All American Academic Team. The board directs that the committee**

review this recommendation and provide a proposal for the Semi Annual meeting. Kyle Eaton moved to accept the report as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.

- C) **All American Sailing Team** – Chairmen Adam Werblow reported that the committee has started with a different process this year and has had several weeks’ worth of conference calls before the start of the nationals. The committee still struggles for participation from SEISA and limited participation from MCSA and NWICSA. The committee will continue to meet during the championship with a highly refined list. John Mollicone asked when the awards show would air, Adam responded that the committee would be done with their portion within 72 hours of the conclusion of the championship. We are unsure at this time how much time Chris Love will need once the list is provided to him but the desire is to release is ASAP. **Danielle Richards moved to accept the report as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.**
- D) **Appeals Committee** – John Vandemoer reported that there is one appeal pending from the Admiral’s Cup. **Mitch Brindley moved to accept the report as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.**
- E) **Championship Committee** - Danielle noted that the Championship Committee wished to meet with this year’s hosts after the event to review the new format and the 2015 hosts to address any concerns.

Kyle Eaton provided an update on the 2014-2015 Singlehanded Nationals. The event will be hosted by the Bellingham Yacht Club, 90 minutes north of Seattle. Ben Glass is the PRO and they are working on a jury. Information will be posted on the event site as it becomes available.

Michael Callahan noted that there were no updates since the winter meeting on the plans for the 2014-2015 College Sailing Match Racing National Championship hosted at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club.

John Mollicone provided an update on the 2015 Spring Championships. Anxious to see how this year’s event pans out. Regular meetings with NYYC at this point. Brown fleet with stay at NYYC and Salve fleet will be at Sail Newport. All functions will happen at NYYC so competitors will drop off one division there to rig, the other at Salve and then head to the Fort to spectate. Very similar to 2008.

Mitch Brindley presented a proposal to host the 2015/2016 Singlehanded Nationals at Old Dominion University. Everything would take place on site at the ODU Boathouse. This proposal has been vetted and approved by MAISA. A competing bid from Monmouth University was introduced but not voted on. It had not been vetted by MAISA. A straw poll of the individuals present was taken to determine which venue to pursue. The majority selected ODU. **Danielle Richards moved and Sherri Campbell seconded the bid from Old Dominion. It was approved.** Danielle & Sherri will notify ISSA of ODU’s intent to host the ISSA Singlehanded Nationals.

At the 2014 ICSA Winter Meeting Salve Regina was approved as a host but the details on dates, boats, format and conditions was still to be decided. Concern was voiced over going to Newport, RI immediately after going there for singles in 2013 and spring 2015. A bid from Charleston was presented to host the 2015 Match Race Championship. **Mitch Brindley proposed to move the Salve Regina bid to 2017 and accept the 2015 bid from Charleston. The motion was seconded and approved.**

Danielle Richards provided an update on the planning for the 2016 Spring Championships in San Diego. San Diego Yacht Club just completed hosting the 2014 High School Pacific Coast Championship and High School Doublehanded Nationals at the venue with great success. The boats will be west coast style CFJ's (2 fleets). The OA plans to tent the end of the pier and add bleachers for spectators. The venue is in the heart of downtown San Diego within walking distance to many hotels and restaurants.

Danielle added that the 2016/2017 Match Race Nationals is scheduled for the same venue as the 2016 Spring Championships. San Diego Yacht Club will provide J22's and will have new sails that year.

Danielle reported that SEISA is aware of their hosting responsibility for the 2016/2017 Singlehanded Nationals. They have not identified a venue at this time.

Danielle presented the revised Singlehanded Nationals Conditions incorporating the changes and recommendations made at the 2014 ICSA Winter Meeting. There was discussion about the race target time and number of races. **It was motioned, seconded and approved to accept the conditions with the change to a maximum of 14 races and target race time of 25 minutes.**

The Championship Committee recommends that the board consider for 2015-2015 weighting the championship rounds over the semifinals and the team race top x. The Board decided that no change was necessary at this time.

Jack Swikart moved to take a 30 minute recess for lunch and reconvene at 12:45. Members were directed to pay Treasurer Campbell for their lunch and she advised she was able to provide receipts. The meeting was reconvened at 12:49.

- F) **Communications Committee** - Mike Segerblom was not present to provide an update so Danielle and Mitch provided a summary of actions taken to date. The 2014-2015 Championship sites are up and ready for hosts to take over and manage content. The current collegesailing.org site is functioning. We are now able to handle the registration for our events with payment on our site which allows us to collect the money faster and at a smaller processing fee. The mailing lists continue to be a problem and we are working closely with David Dabney to try and eliminate the problems. MAISA, NEISA, NWICSA and PCCSC have signed up for the new conference sites and the initial mock up is complete. There is a lot of media integration and the sites are being built to interact with each other and to provide content for a new collegesailing.org site if we choose to pursue that in the near future. Mitch provided a summary of the number of individuals registered and the traffic coming across the sites. Numbers continue to climb. **Sherri Campbell moved to accept the report as presented. Motion was seconded and approved.**
- G) **Eligibility Committee** - No one from the Eligibility Committee was present. A written report was distributed prior to the meeting. **Sherri Campbell moved to accept the report as presented. Motion was seconded and approved.**
- H) **Hall of Fame Committee** - No one from the Hall of Fame Committee was present. A written report was distributed prior to the meeting. President Brindley announced and congratulated the winners noting that a formal presentation would be made at a time convenient for the recipient. **Sherri Campbell moved to accept the report as submitted. Motion was seconded and approved.**
- I) **Interconference Regatta Committee** - The draft schedule was distributed prior to the meeting with changes noted in red. There is one change to the fall, the removal of the T.S. Stern. No

teams have signed up at this time. **Mitch Brindley moved to accept the schedule as presented. Motion was seconded and approved.**

- J) **Procedural Rules Committee** - Kyle Eaton and Mitch Brindley provided an update on the Procedural Rules Committee work. Mitch noted that there were several changes made that have not been incorporated into the published version of the Procedural Rules as posted on the website. He will work with Bryan McDonald and Kyle Eaton to incorporate those changes. Kyle indicated that there was work being done to address the team race breakdown procedure and a temporary fix has been added into the Sailing Instructions for this year's Team Race Nationals.

IX) **Conference Reports**

- A) **MAISA** – Michael Callahan noted that MAISA is doing well. There have been no major changes.
- B) **PCCSC** – Danielle Richards reported that the PCCSC is holding steady at 18 teams. They just completed their Coed Conference Championships in Hawaii and the Match Race Championships are scheduled at SDYC this fall as a first test run.
- C) **NEISA** – Michael O'Connor reported that NEISA is excited to host the 2016 Spring Championships and the planning committee has been working very hard already to make it a great event.
- D) **MCSA** – Geoff Pedrick reported that the MCSA has a rough spring season with 3 regattas canceled due to ice. They have 35 active teams and are already looking ahead to the 2017 Spring Championships.
- E) **SAISA** – Mitchell Hall reported that SAISA is excited to host 2015 Match Race Nationals in Charleston. They have been working hard to develop more women's teams and have added a few women's team this year to their roster.
- F) **NWICSA** – Kyle Eaton reported that there is good participation with schools but lower number of sailors. Teams struggling with new nationals format, and his top team declined berth to Women's Nationals due to the schedule.

X) **Old Business**

- A) **Hall of Fame @ Robert Crown Center** - Ian Burman provided an update on the ICSA Hall of Fame. He went into the display area at the Robert Crown Center and looked at the cases for the interactive touch screens to see what was needed. There is software and cords in there but not a compute. Ian has put in a request for a computer from the Navy IT department and will see if it works. If the devices do not work he will look into bids for a new touch screens and software.
- B) **Ad-Hoc Concussion Committee** - No one from the Ad-hoc Concussion Committee was present and no new reports were provided. Zack Leonard asked if we can look into having the sails modified to hold the boom higher. This was tabled until we need to replace the nationals sails and start the transition then. Mitch noted that he is still waiting for a retro fit kit to raise mast/boom heights. Mitch has followed up with US Sailing Sports Medicine Committee and has not heard a response yet.
- C) **Ad-Hoc Techscore Committee** - Danielle reported that continual refinements are being made to Techscore and many changes have been made to the team racing component this spring in anticipation of nationals. Starting on the team database project to put the database and

techscore on the same server/platform for better communication between the two components. ISSA has adopted techscore and will be using it for all events starting Fall 2014. John Mollicone asked for clarification on the RP requirements. It was discussed and decided that for nationals forms will be provided but teams are encouraged to enter their data directly into techscore. The board has directed the Procedural Rules Committee to rewrite the Procedural Rules relating to RP data to put the responsibility on electronic completion of the RP form on the competing team and to adjust the completion time limit to the end of the last day of the regatta. A few other minor requests were made and will be addressed by the committee. The board did not see the need for a user manual at this time.

D) **Repeal of 10 race rule** - Ward Cromwell and SAISA provided some examples of where the 10 race maximum rule is not perceived as beneficial and asked that the board repeal the rule. There was discussion as to the merits of the rule and its intent. **The Competition Committee was directed to work with the Procedural Rules Committee to review all rules relating to the running of races (daily maximum, race length, daily cutoffs, number of races per rotation, etc.). They were directed to provide a recommendation for a vote at the ICSA Winter Meeting.**

XI) **New Business** - ICSA has been approached by the New Zealand Sailing Association about starting a Collegiate All-Star Team Tour with them. No further details at this time. Mitch will follow up and see what plans they have.

XII) **Report of the Nominating Committee** - The Nominating Committee did not submit a report in advance of the meeting. Danielle read the current slate of officers. Michael Callahan asked for a 5 minute break to allow the Nominating Committee to meet and come back with a report. When the group reconvened the Nominating Committee provided the following slate:

Mitch Brindley, President
Danielle Richards, Secretary
Sherri Campbell, Treasurer
John Vandemoer, Member at Large
Michael O'Connor, Member at Large
Allison Jolly, Member at Large

Michael Callahan moved to accept the proposed slate. The motion was seconded and approved.

XIII) **Adjournment** - Vice President Jack Swikart adjourned the meeting at 1456. The next meeting is scheduled for January, 10, 2015 in Park City, Utah.