



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

April Conference Call

4/22/2015

11:00 AM Eastern, 10:00 AM Central, 9:00 AM Mountain, 8:00 AM Pacific

ACTION ITEMS

Responsibility	Action	Status	Due Date
Mitch Brindley	Solicit RFP from Sports Management Consultant firms/reach out to Harry Schiller	4.22.15 – RFP sent to H. Schiller	
Mitch Brindley	Contact John Mollicone & NYYC about hosting ICSA fundraiser cocktail party during nationals	Tabled until 2016	
Sherri Campbell	Transfer funds from investment account to cover website and finalize contract with webmaster	3.18.15 - Completed	
Danielle Richards	Work with conferences to complete their membership reports.	4.15.15 - Completed	
Danielle Richards	Work with conferences to complete their list of committee representatives	4.22.15 - Ongoing	
Danielle Richards	Work with webmaster on site development	4.22.15 - Ongoing	5.24.15

MINUTES

- I) President Mitch Brindley called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM Eastern time.
- II) Secretary Danielle Richards called the roll, the following individuals were present and a quorum was established.

President	Mitch Brindley
Secretary	Danielle Richards
Treasurer	Sherri Campbell
MAISA Conference Commissioner	Michael Callahan
MCSA Conference Commissioner	Geoff Pedrick
NEISA Conference Commissioner	Justin Assad
NWICSA Conference Commissioner	Kyle Eaton
PCCSC Conference Commissioner	same as Secretary above
PCCSC Undergraduate President	Will Pollard
SAISA Conference Commissioner	Mitchell Hall
SAISA Undergraduate President	Angela Skane
SEISA Conference Commissioner	Blake Billman

Additional individuals present:

Executive Committee Member at Large	John Vandemoer
Executive Committee Member at Large	Allison Jolly
Ad Hoc Season Length Committee Chair	Frank Pizzo

- III) Mitch moved to accept the minutes from February 18, 2015 & March 18, 2015 Conference Calls, Michael Callahan seconded and the motion passes.

- IV) President's Update – LaserPerformance has signed on as Team Race title sponsor, Sperry has renewed for 2 years and purchased new mains to match their new corporate identity and branding. He is working on finalizing a sponsorship with North Sails. We are hoping to have them cover the shipping of our sails to events. North is interested in providing a dinner and tour of Comanche on June 1st for everyone attending nationals. Ken Read and some of the sailors will do a Q&A about the boat and technology and their plans to break the mono hull speed record.

He noted that Brian Swingly put out information to the coaches list about the high performance clinic at Oak Cliff starting June 6-8. There is room for up to 24 sailors and 4 college coaches. Mitch also introduced the program that Oracle is offering to send 8 sailors and 3 coaches to Bermuda to train with Oracle.

He stated that he request a RFP from Harvey Schiller for Sports Management. He asked the board to think about what we are looking for from this consultation and there is a broad discussion that needs to be narrowed down. This might be a good topic for the Coaches Conference/Semi Annual Meeting.

Mitch talked to NYYC and John about hosting a reception at NYYC during Nationals and they haven't said no but they are not excited about it. The available nights are decreasing and we are running out of time to organize it. Blake suggest that it get added to the Alumni Regatta, Danielle pointed out that was the same time as the Women's Opening Reception. She indicated that she had someone lined up for 2016 to host it. It was decided to table the action item to the Semi Annual Meeting and the 2016 nationals.

- V) Treasurer's Update – Sherri indicated that all of the sponsorship invoices are up to date and everything that is due has come in. All of the conferences except MCSA and SEISA have paid their conference dues. Those are due May 1st so they still have time before they are late. Everything else is going ok.

- VI) Secretary's Update – Danielle reported that the membership report is done and distributed. She is still looking for contacts and addresses for ICSA Board Members and Committee Representatives. Committee Chairs are looking for their committee members as this is a busy time of year for several committees. Mitch added that committees are doing a lot better job doing work throughout the year via conference calls and emails. Having an active individual who can dedicate the time needed is necessary.

- VII) Ad Hoc Season Length Committee Update – Frank Pizzo provided an update on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. He is looking for feedback from this group to refine their discussions going forward. He explained that the committee has looked at 3 different ways to shorten the season, each with many pros and cons. The committee looked to restrict teams for practice and competition out of season with a daily and weekly limit. They also looked at the singlehanded and match racing championships. They are the two events that have the most potential to move to the winter months or early spring in warm venues instead of the end of fall. He went into more detailed and closed by promising to send something out to the board for review and comment in the next week.

VIII) Old Business

- A) The discussion of the disposal of APS Team Race Nationals mains was tabled until the Annual General Meeting.
- B) The discussion of setting up an ad hoc long range planning committee was tabled until the Annual General Meeting.
- C) Ad Hoc Committee to review all ICSA Standing and ad hoc committees – Michael Callahan indicated that they would be presenting a By-Law change that removes Membership & Development and

Communications from standing committee and turns them into ad hoc committees. The second change would be to group Championships and All American into a separate tier that allows for up to 2 committee members per conference. He will send the full wording out later this week. Blake pointed out that we need to make sure the term limits on these committees are staggered so we don't lose all of the institutional knowledge at once.

D) The discussion of activating the Board of Governors was tabled until a Long Range Planning Committee was established.

E) LaserPerformance Collegiate Cup Team – Mitch indicated that he had heard nothing new about this event. He did announce that he has invited a representative from Sail China to come to our AGM and to watch Nationals. They are hoping to start up Intercollegiate Sailing in China.

IX) New Business/Discussion for future meetings

A) Discussion of requirement for limited umpiring in team race conditions. (RRS D2.6.) - Greg Wilkinson asked that the board review this requirement in our conditions. Currently our conditions call in limited umpiring at the championships but they reference the wrong rule and the Championship Committee feels that we should not have limited umpiring at the Championships. The board needs to make a ruling so we can incorporate it into the Sailing Instructions. **Mitch moved that the Team Race Championship Conditions delete the intended requirement for limited umpiring. Justin Assad seconded. The motion passes.**

B) Discussion of how to count weekday regattas – John Vandemoer noted that the current competition limitations in our procedural rules don't account for competition during the week. During the year there are a lot of weekday regattas labeled as practices which appear to go around the intent of the competition limit rule. Certain exemptions would be necessary for teams that happen to practice in the same venue or are iced out in their venue and must travel to another venue to practice. Michael Callahan, playing devil's advocate, asked if he would be willing to ban all practice in December, January and February. Justin Assad pointed out that many of these events happen in NEISA and they are among teams practicing on that body of water already (MIT, BU, H, and NU on the Charles for example). These are also development regattas for many sailors who do not get to race on the weekends. He did not feel that NEISA could vote in favor of this. After much discussion it was recommended that this get submitted to the Competition Committee for more work.

C) Discussion on Nationals Berth Allotment Process – Justin was looking for discussion on the current practice of nationals berth allocation. He wanted to see if basing them on of the number of teams within a conference is still the best practice. Michael Callahan indicated that this came up about 7 years ago and no better solution was found. Geoff Pederick noted that this has become very obvious with the advent of Semifinals and most of the MCSA, NWICSA, SEISA and PCCSC teams not making it out of Semifinals but it is still very important that we have a national flavor at the national level. Justin reiterated that he was just looking to see if others felt that this was a problem before looking to propose a new system. It was agreed that it was worth looking at in the committee level but not ready for a board discussion/vote.

X) Mitch adjourned the meeting at 12:21 PM Eastern Time. The next meeting will be a call on May 20th.