



Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc.

2015 Mid Year Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2015

Park City Peaks Hotel, Park City, UT

MINUTES

- I) Call to Order - Undergraduate President Jack Swikart called the meeting to order at 9:02 am local time and welcomes the group to Utah.
- II) Roll Call - Secretary Richards called the roll, the 16 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.
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| 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: | Justin Assad |
| NEISA Undergraduate | Ian Storck |
| NWICSA Graduate: | Kyle Eaton |
| NWICSA Undergraduate | Ryan Fritsen |
| PCCSC Undergraduate: | Jeffrey Tedmori |
| SAISA Graduate: | Mitchell Hall |
| SAISA Undergraduate: | Brad Cederberg |
| SEISA Graduate: | Kyle Eaton (Proxy) |
| SEISA Undergraduate: | Ryan Fritsen (Proxy) |
- Ian Burman, Amanda Callahan, Howard Cromwell, Clinton Hayes, Charles Higgins, Allison Jolly, Tim King, Chris Klevan, Zack Leonard, Zack Marks, Bobby Martin, John Mollicone, Frank Pizzo, Maxwell Plarr, Ian Storck, Brian Swingly, John Vandemoer, Cara Vavolotis, Adam Werblow, and Greg Wilkinson.
- III) Secretary Richards called for additions to the agenda from the floor. Sherri Campbell asked to move the 2015 Budget Approval to the Treasurers Report. Justin Assad asked that a discussion on moving the MidWinter Meeting to a Friday schedule. Ian Burman asked that the Board consider adding alternates as a designated sailor role on techscore. Zack Leonard asked for an update on the study of the use of adjustable shrouds.
- IV) **Review & Approval of the May 26, 2014 ICSA Annual Meeting Minutes – Geoff Pedrick 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 – Mitch Brindley thanked everyone for coming to Utah for the Coaches Conference and Semi Annual Meeting. He acknowledged the extra work done by members of our organization, especially those not in normal leadership positions, during the past semester and summer. He noted that this past semester has been a busy one in the realm of sponsorship. Relationship with Gill is very healthy, Jerry Richards joined us during the past week to show the coaches the latest gear. Gill continues to sponsor our ESPN broadcast during the summer. LaserPerformance, Quantum and Marlow relationships still strong. Beneteau has come on board as the Official Scoreboard Sponsor of College Sailing. Sperry planning to renew, excited to be in Newport and San Diego for 2015 and 2016. APS has decided not to renew. Mitch speaking with Lands End about filling that role. Mitch will start having regular conference calls with the board. They are not meant to be business calls and instead will be used to check progress of committee work.
- VI) Treasurer's Report – Sherri Campbell reviewed the documents that were distributed previously. The figures are as of the middle of December and she hopes to have final year end numbers for the Board soon. The investment account that we moved to Wells Fargo is doing well and she sees no immediate need to reach into it unless the Board approves a special project. She reminded the group that there are grants for new teams to have their fees reimbursed. She also noted that there is a new form for post season grant applications. It will be posted on the website soon and distributed to Conference Commissioner. Sherri then reviewed the proposed 2015 Budget with the Board. **Sherri proposed that the 2015 Budget be approved as presented. Mitch Brindley seconded and the motion was approved.**
- VII) Secretary's Report – Danielle Richards reminded the Commissioners that the deadline for submitting membership reports is February 15th. The number of active women's teams continues to grow and with the recent addition of tracking team race participation we should have a better grasp of what teams are sailing each type of event. Mitch noted that Danielle facilitated the addition of the PayPal donation button onto the techscore site this past spring and it has already brought in over \$1000 and Sherri added that it is really pennies from heaven which are helping to cover non-essential techscore projects.
- VIII) Standing Committee Reports
- A) All-America Selection Committee – Adam Werblow summarized the recent changes that the All-American Selection Committee has undergone in the past 5 years. The committee met the night before this meeting and has decided to remove the skipper nomination form from the process and instead create a more robust crew and sportsmanship nomination form. He asked that the board endorse the committee's recommendation to add 1 additional committee member from MAISA and NEISA to address the large number of potential candidates coming from those conferences. Adam also indicated that this would be his last meeting as chair and has asked Mitch to select a new chair going forward. **Mitch Brindley moved to accept the report and increase the committee membership to include 2 representatives from both MAISA and NEISA. Danielle seconded the motion. Discussion ensued as to the various committee processes especially regarding selection of sailors from committee member's teams. After the discussion the motion was repeated and passed.**
- B) All Academic Sailing Team – At this time Matt Lindblad joined the board via telephone to summarize his report (attached). He started by going over the history of the formation and development of the All-Academic Team into the format it has now. He then reviewed the three proposals outlined in his written report. The Board brought up a few concerns and questions regarding the GPA criteria, whether it should be the GPA just for the year or cumulative, what the minimum GPA should be and if waiting for June grades was acceptable. Mike Callahan introduced the proposal that MAISA submitted (attached), 8 regattas and 3.0 GPA, no competitive requirement other than competing in 8 events. A straw poll of the members present felt that 7-8 regattas a year was a good count. **Mitch Brindley moved that we eliminate all performance standards from the All-**

Academic Team. Danielle Richards seconded and the motion passes. Mitch then directed the All Academic Sailing Team Members present to take the information discussed and create a motion for the Board to vote on. The remaining discussion was tabled until the members return with a proposal.

- C) Championship Committee – Greg Wilkinson stated that the Championship Committee has not met since the ICSA Annual Meeting and therefore had no proposal or significant report to present. He did summarize the study of the use of shroud adjustors. The event that they were used the most was the Yale Women's and the others was minimal. There was no noted adverse effect on the regattas (safety, time, breakdowns, etc.). Mitch recommended that ICSA allow the use of sta-masters for all dinghy fleet racing events, except the nationals, with the approval of the host.

John Mollicone then provided a summary of the 2015 Spring Championship plans to date. He reviewed the proposal previously provided to the board. For fleet racing rotations will take place at the tip of Fort Adams. During the fleet racing finals some rotations will take place on the water with a shore break after every 4 races. Team Racing will rotate from the tip of Fort Adams. Coach boats will be provided, each school will be allowed 1 coach per team on the water. Prior to the publication of the Sailing Instructions a procedure for when and how crew changes can be made will be presented to the Championship Committee for approval. The Notice of Race will outline what boats will be used for each round. The final list of officials is still being finalized but the Chief Judges/Umpire have been selected and are involved in the meetings.

Charles Higgins provided an update on the 2015-2016 Singlehanded Championship at Old Dominion. ODU has previously hosted this in 2001. Registration/boat check out will occur Friday afternoon and the ODU Team will be on hand to help pack the boats back up. PRO has not been decided but Christine Accatella is the Chief Judge. Coach boats will be provided. Coaches should plan to get wet and bring their own lifejackets. Greg Wilkinson asked if the board was willing to raise the entry fee to hire an outside group to load the trucks. There was not enough consensus on the idea to bring it to a motion.

Mitchell Hall provided an update on the 2015-2016 Match Race Nationals at the College of Charleston. The event will be sailed in COC's fleet of J22's out of the Stewart Walker Sailing Center. The planned race course is in front of the Yorktown. Alana O'Reilly will be PRO, Steve Wrigley will be CHUMP.

Danielle Richards had no update from the 2014 AGM. The event will be sailed off the Broadway Pier in downtown San Diego in CFJ's. Bill Campbell is head of Judge/Umpire team, Brian Stanford will be PRO for one or more events.

No update from SEISA on the 2016-2017 Singlehanded Nationals.

- D) At this time the All-Academic Team Selection Committee returned with the following motion: **The All-Academic Team is open to all junior and senior college sailors with a cumulative GPA of 3.3, who have participated as a sailor or alternate at 7 ICSA regattas (in-conference, two conference, interconference, conference championships, and national championships). The nomination window would be the same as it was in 2014. Sailors can submit transcriptions electronically, they do not need to be official. The committee will pull a report from techscore during the nationals and cross check it against the list of eligible nominees for announcement shortly after nationals. Mitch Brindley seconded the motion, and it was approved.** Conferences will set their own criteria for a Conference All-Academic Team if they wish to have one.

- E) Appeals – John Vandemoer reported that one appeal came in last year before nationals and due to everyone’s involvement with nationals it was forgotten. The issue was brought up again this past fall and has to do with redress and how it is done. The appeals committee has recommended it be sent to the rules committee for action.
 - F) Communications and Website – Danielle reported that MAISA, NEISA, NWICSA and PCCSC have launched new websites that are all linked so news items, trophies and schedules can be shared. They were also built with plans to eventually add the national site and share with it. The current site is not very functional. Kyle Eaton brought up the problem with not having a functional website and how hard it is for student run team to find information. Mitch indicated that this is something that needs to be addressed during our first conference calls. Sherri echoed Kyle’s concern and mentioned that this would be a good use of some of the funds from the investment account. John Vandemoer recommended that we go ahead and request a formal proposal for approval during the first call. **Mitch moved that the board approve up to \$15,000 towards the website proposal and direct Danielle/Sherri to finalize a contract with Jared to start.**
 - G) Interconference Regattas – Danielle reported that it is still a struggle to get hosts to confirm their dates and details. Hosts need to start communicating that process earlier. The AGM in May is the proper time to approve changes. The 2015 spring schedule is now posted and she will send out a reminder of the link next week.
 - H) Procedural Rules – Kyle Eaton reported on the progress that the committee has made since the AGM. The first topic was modifying the red flag requirement in Appendix D for redress. He summarized the committee’s discussion for the board. He then introduced the rule change that is needed to prohibit inflatable PFD due to the language change in the US Coast Guard Regulations. Bryan McDonald noted that this rule is included in the Procedural Rules and Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules. His recommendation was to remove the Procedural Rules reference and keep it in the Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules. Mitch indicated that not all of our events fall under the Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules and therefore it should remain in the Procedural Rules. The last issue before the rules committee involves redress/breakdown points and events with different fleets. This was the result of an appeal filed last spring. There was no action taken by the board.
 - I) Eligibility – Charles Higgins reported that there were three questions to the eligibility committee this past year. Two related to incorrect information in a sailor’s online record, both were referred to the webmaster for correction. The third was regarding the eligibility of a student who had received an undergraduate degree in another country but was taking undergraduate classes in the US, they were directed to the eligibility case book and Procedural Rules and informed that they were not eligible.
- IX) Conference reports
- A) SAISA – Mitch Hall indicated that the conference is as strong as ever. They have added several new teams and launched a new website.
 - B) PCCSC – Jeffrey Tedmori reported that the conference is experimenting with a new spring schedule and changing the way that teams qualify for the Coed Conference Championships. They have scheduled two gold/silver regattas for the spring to have like sailors sailing against each other.
 - C) NEISA – Justin Assad reported that the conference is excited to host nationals this spring, as many will remember from 2008 Newport is a great venue to sail at and NYYC is excited to have the teams there. NEISA has added a few new teams this fall and they are actively recruiting former teams to

get them back on the water. Tufts has a new boathouse, Roger Williams and Brown and building new boat houses, Coast Guard and a few others are expecting or have recently received new fleets so everything is on the up and up in NEISA.

- D) MAISA – Michael Callahan reported that they have a record 53 teams. This past fall they held their 2nd live draft which worked very well. Mike thanked Jack Swikart for his great work with the conference in the past year as Undergraduate President. Several MAISA teams are also receiving new fleets or second fleets of boats this year.
- E) MCSA – Geoff Pedrick reported that the MCSA also has a few teams with new boats or expecting new fleets this spring. They have seen some interest from new teams and will work to get them on the water this spring. Many teams are advancing their conference memberships because sailors want to be involved with the MCSA Board.
- F) NWICSA – Kyle Eaton reported that the Conference was happy to host the Singlehanded Championships this past fall but they are glad it is over and they can refocus the energy to redeveloping teams. They are looking forward to the launch of their new website to assist with the communication problems that they have been struggling with. As a conference of primarily student run teams there is a constant struggle with continuity from year to year and some teams slip by as a result. He was happy to announce that The Sailing Foundation, a local organization, has hired a full time Youth Director to assist with all aspects of youth, high school and collegiate sailing in the North West. Andrew Nelson is an alum of the University of Washington and should be an invaluable resource for the area.

X) Old Business

- A) ICSA Hall of Fame Update – Danielle reported that this past fall we had professional high resolution photos taken of all of the trophies to use with the electronic displays and on the website/in publications. Ian added that they were able to acquire computers through government surplus to run the monitors and they were now working with the Naval Academy Museum to identify the software needed to do that and an estimate for it. Ian added that the cases that the trophies are in were not designed for the constant access that the trophies currently need for their continued updating. The case that the Kennedy Cup, the Morss and the College Sailor of the Year trophies are in developed a significant crack this fall when they were removing the Kennedy Cup for awarding. This will need to be replaced and to prevent it from happening in the future Ian, with the help of Ann Campbell have rearranged the trophies to move the Kennedy Cup to another case and replace it with the Wood trophy. Mitch Brindley announced that the Kennedy Cup, and the Lipton Cup trophy are on display at the American University with the America's Cup and several other prestigious sailing trophies for a national antiques show.
- B) Report from Ad-hoc Concussion Committee – Nothing new was provided from the committee since the Annual Meeting.
- C) Report from Ad-hoc Techscore Committee – Danielle reported that the work has slowed down significantly from a development phase to a maintenance phase. The last major projects on the horizon are the transfer of the ICSA databases from out servers to techscore so they can be fully integrated with the program. There is also work being done on sailor profiles so you can see a sailor's record. At this time Ian made a proposal on behalf of the All American/All Academic Committee to officially **add the designation of a reserve to a regatta's RP form**. This would enable coaches to enter all sailors attending the event the day before or morning of and then assign races as competitors sail. Discussion ensued as to the mechanics of how it would work, when a coach

would need to start entering information. **Mitch moved the proposal, it was seconded and approved.** Greg will work with Dayan to implement it.

- D) 10 Race Maximum Rule – This topic was sent to the Championship Committee for action.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:22. The Board reconvened with all members previously present in attendance at 12:55.

XI) New Business

- A) BUSA Tour – Tim King explained that the BUSA Team was coming this fall and that he had been working with Danielle and the NEISA/MAISA representatives to set their schedule. This all had to be done in October/November so it could be accommodated during the scheduling draft for the host conference as they are the ones sacrificing berths. We have proposed weekends 2-5 to their team leader and are awaiting a response from them. Tim asked for assistance from the All American Committee in selecting our representatives for the designated matches. He will provide a further update at the Annual Meeting in May.
- B) Use of flags during starting sequence – Justin Assad directed everyone’s attention to the document prepared by Skip White outlining his proposal for the use of flags during the starting sequence at regattas. Justin explained that NEISA is not requesting that this become a mandate, instead they are looking for the opinion of the other conferences. Discussion ensued as to the merits of using starting flags in college sailing. **No action was taken.**
- C) Proposal to charge out of conference teams at NEISA Team Races an additional \$100 entry fee to fund umpires. Justin explained that NEISA teams are already being assessed this at their internal events. He made a **motion to charge all teams, except the host, at ICSA umpired team races an additional \$100 that will be returned to the host conference to cover umpire expenses.** The motion was seconded. Justin then explained that there would be a minimum hosting requirement in order for this to be assessed. Danielle and Sherri asked how this would be assessed and administered. Discussion ensued as to why out of conference teams travelling to events would be assessed more money, what the funds would cover and how the funds would be administered. **The motion was withdrawn and will go back to NEISA for further refinement.**
- D) Proposal that the **Match Race weight limit be raised to 660lbs from 620lbs.** Mike Callahan brought forward the motion which would raise the average weight per person from 155 to 165 (on a crew of 4). The **motion was seconded and approved.** It was directed to the Championship Committee to update the Conditions for the event,
- E) Proposal to create term limits for all standing ICSA Committees. Justin Assad provided background as to how NEISA has implemented this successfully within their Conference. He stressed their concern to accommodate smaller conferences and maintain institutional memory. Justin **moved that the ICSA create an ad-hoc committee to look into creating a rotation of members on all standing committees. The motion was seconded.** Adam Werblow commented that this has come up numerous times over the years and that the membership of some committees is partially dictated by the timing of the meeting of the committees (All American Committee during Nationals) and others are dictated by the interest level of the individuals in the conference (Procedural Rules Committee). **The motion passes, Mitch called for individuals interested in serving on the committee. Mike O’Connor, Clinton Hayes, Michael Callahan, Amanda Callahan and Geoff Pedrick agreed to serve.**

- F) Proposal to change competition limits. Charles Higgins proposed that ICSA limit the number of competition weekends that any one sailor can participate in, excluding national championships, to eight. He indicated that in reviewing participation last spring he could not find a coed skipper who sailed more than 8 weekends, in looking at women he was only able to find one sailor and she sailed 9 weekends. Justin asked that the motion be tabled until it can be taken back to the conferences for further discussion. The proposal was tabled.
- G) **Proposal to form an Ad Hoc ICSA Committee to investigate shorter ICSA seasons, shorter National Championship block, and finishing the national championship before spring weekend 13. Justin moved the proposal. John Vandemoer asked that the restriction to end at weekend 13 be removed from the directive. Zack Leonard asked that practice season limits were also added to the events to review. Jack Swikart asked that the board make sure that undergrads were involved in the discussion. Discussion ensued. Mitch seconded the motion. The motion passes. Mitch called for individuals interested in serving on the committee. Jack Swikart, Kevin Reali, Cara Vavolotis, Ian Stock, Geoff Pedrick, Danielle Richards, and Frank Pizzo volunteered. Mitch appointed Frank Pizzo chair.**
- H) Discussion of Nationals Format – Geoff Pedrick asked that this item be directed to the new Ad-hoc Season Length Committee.
- I) **Proposal to move the ICSA Winter Meeting to a Friday. – Justin moved the proposal, it was seconded.** Kyle Eaton countered that moving a board meeting where half of the board members present are undergrads to a Friday would be a problem due to their missing an additional day of school. He also pointed out that not all of the board members are full time coaches and having the meeting on a weekend creates less of a burden on those who work outside of the coaching world. Sherri reminded the group that while it was great that everyone who is an observer is able to attend this was a board meeting and as such the scheduling should be at the convenience of the board and not the observers. **Justin withdrew the motion.**
- XII) Appointment of the Nominating Committee Mitch appointed Mike Callahan, Kyle Eaton, Brian Swingly, Geoff Pedrick. Jack Swikart is the chair as the outgoing Vice President.
- XIII) Adjourn – Mitch thanked everyone for their time and effort today and called on Jack to adjourn the meeting. Jack adjourned at 1:41 local time.

Respectfully submitted,



Danielle M. Richards
ICSA Graduate Secretary