

Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association of North America, Inc. March Conference Call 3/18/2015

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

MINUTES

- I) President Mitch Brindley called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM Eastern time.
- II) Secretary Danielle Richards called the roll, the following individuals were present and a quorum was not 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 - joined midway through president report

PCCSC Conference Commissioner same as Secretary above

SAISA Undergraduate President Angela Skane SEISA Conference Commissioner Blake Billman

Additional members present:

Executive Committee Member at Large John Vandemoer Executive Committee Member at Large Allison Jolly

- III) A quorum had not been established so the minutes from the February 18, 2015 Conference Call could not be approved but it was noted that there were no corrections to be made.
- IV) President's Update Mitch indicated that LaserPerformance has agreed to become the title sponsor of the Team Race Nationals starting this year with \$4,000 and in August we will negotiate a new contract for \$11,000 a year. The current sails will be rebranded for this year and 2016 will have new sails. Mitch has been working with Leandro Spina and Brian Swingly on a Collegiate Development Clinic immediately after the championship in 49erFX, Nacra's and other development boats. More details will be out soon. Russell Coutts and Oracle have also reached out to ICSA to have up to 5 guys and 5 girls and some coaches who will go to Bermuda to work with the Oracle team. This is still in the early discussion phase, ICSA has been asked to come up with selection criteria. Lastly Mitch informed the group that Marlow will be onsite with a larger presence this year.

At this time Kyle Eaton had joined the call and a quorum was established.

V) Treasurer's Update – Sherri indicated that we have completed the transfer from the Wells Fargo investment account for the website. The initial payment has been made to Webworks Café for the new website. Once

the membership report is finalized (after this call) she will send out invoices for the Conference dues. Those need to be submitted by the end of April.

- VI) Secretary's Update Danielle provided an update on the membership report. A preliminary copy has been distributed to all of the Commissioners for review. The collection of the data for this report continues to be a problem with Conferences submitting very late and/or incomplete information. Danielle will send an excel file once it's finalized to everyone and recommends they maintain it during the year so it will be easy to submit next February. There are a few issues with combined teams that still need to be addressed. Danielle, Mitch and the NEISA reps will finalize that after this call. She is still missing mailing addresses and committee members for several conferences on the board member spreadsheet. The Board was asked to review their sections and fill in any missing blanks.
- VII) Ad Hoc Season Length Committee Update Geoff Pedrick reported on their recent call. The plan is to provide three options for the Board to review at the Annual Meeting.
- VIII) Communications Committee Update Danielle indicated that she would be meeting with the webmaster immediately after this call. She is soliciting committee members to assist in updating and maintaining the website. The plan is to have it ready for board review at the Annual Meeting.

IX) New Business

A) LaserPerformance International Collegiate Cup — Mitch provided an update on this event. The goal is to introduce US collegiate style racing to the rest of the world. ICSA needs to select a team to represent ICSA. It can be one school or an all-star team. It is the last week of August at Yale. The team will consist of 6 sailors and they will participate in team race and fleet race events. Team members need to be current sailors or recent grads (Spring 2015 grads). Blake asked what caliber sailors we are looking for, Mitch indicate a mix, probably not our Team Race National Championship team but something similar to what we would look at for the BUSA tour.

X) Old Business

- A) Disposal of APS Team Race Nationals mains This item has been tabled to the Annual Meeting.
- B) Set up an ad hoc long range planning committee No updates.
- C) Set up an ad hoc committee to review all ICSA Standing and ad hoc committees No action since last call.
- D) Review activating the Board of Governors No action since last call.

XI) New Business/Discussion for future meetings

- A) Danielle reported that she has made arrangements to meet with the curator at Mystic regarding our archives there and making them more accessible. She will report at the AGM. Mitch asked if we were still making an annual contribution to Mystic. Sherri reported that we are not, there were several years in a row that they had not cashed the check so we stopped sending them.
- B) Mike Callahan brought up the ongoing issues with funding in college athletics and the issues other Olympic sports are having. He recommended that ICSA come up with something to help teams justify the benefit they bring to an athletic department (Title IV, lack of scholarships, etc). The University of Hawaii has already had issues with this in the past month and other teams are likely to at least hear chatter from their athletic departments. Staying on the front side of the issue would be beneficial to our organization.

- C) Blake pointed out the article Danielle included at the bottom of the agenda on quick concussion testing for use on the field. He recommended everyone read it and share with their teams, especially club teams without athletic trainer oversight.
- D) Mitch talked to NYYC about a fundraiser and has received mixed feelings. He will try once again and provide a final update at the next call.
- XII) The next scheduled call is Wednesday April 15th at 11:00 AM Eastern, 10:00 AM Central, 9:00 AM Mountain, 8:00 AM Pacific. Agenda items are due one week before. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at **11:51 AM** Eastern time.