

ISSA Board of Directors Conference Call
Thursday, February 12, 2015
Meeting Minutes

President Tim Hogan called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm EST. A roll call was taken. Those in attendance: Bill Campbell, Andrew Cole, Sharon Garber, Forrest Gay, Ryan Hamm, Tim Hogan, Rob Hurd, Andrew Nugnes, Mike Segerblom, Randy Stokes, Burke Thomas, Joanne Willits, Roy Williams, and Danielle Richards. George Linzee joined the call in progress.

Those not in attendance: Malinda Crain, Todd Fedyszyn, Randall Nunn, Don Shea, Frank Ustach and Scott Wilson.

1. **Minutes** from the January 8, 2015 conference call were approved as distributed.
2. **President's Report:** Welcome back to the board to Roy Williams representing NESSA and new to the Board, Ryan Hamm from Charleston representing SAISA. The meeting last month with LaserPerformance resulted in the promise of boats for the Cressy although this is not yet in writing. LP is setting up a new series of regattas at various colleges for high school teams.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Andrew Cole commented that the 2014 year-end financial statements had been circulated prior to the call for review. He noted that expenses were consistent with prior years although there were some differences in dues income due to the timing of payments by the districts of their teams' dues. It was noted that the team database system, website and scoring program production costs are being amortized over several years. The report was approved. Further discussion was held about the possibility of accruing for district dues prior to actual payment. No conclusion was reached. There was comment that the performance of the investment account should be monitored.
4. **Membership Report:** as of February 10th
 - MASSA 92
 - MISSA 57
 - NESSA 49
 - NWISA 0
 - PCISA 88
 - SAISA 78
 - SEISA 21
 - TOTAL 385
5. **Race Operations:**
 - a. Mallory 2015: MASSA-Randy Stokes reported that Ian Burman at USNA has things in good shape. Adam Werblow is the jury chair and several other college coaches have volunteered to help. Annapolis YC and Severn Sailing Assoc will also help if necessary.
 - b. Baker 2015: MISSA – Sharon Garber confirmed that Don Becker is the chief umpire and that 10 others have been confirmed. The NOR and SIs have been sent to Bill Campbell for review and he has returned them with minor changes.
 - c. Cressy 2016 (Fall 2015): Randy Stokes is in communication with Mitch Brindley at ODU and all plans are set for a good regatta.
 - d. Tim Hogan suggested that by the next call, all hosting districts should be prepared to report preliminary plans for the 2016 championships. Mike Segerblom (PCISA) requested consideration to swap the 2016 Baker with another district as it is a direct overlap with the PC hosting of the ICSA Spring Nationals at San Diego YC. Burke Thomas (NW) will look into that possibility as they are scheduled for 2018. Ryan Hamm (SA)

indicated that they have three possibilities for the venue for the 2016 Mallory and he will have more information for the next call.

6. Old Business:

- a. ISSA District Mailing list serve proposals – Tim Hogan, Mike Segerblom, Randall Nunn and Danielle Richards have been working on this. They propose the use of Google groups and Danielle will set up this system for the ISSA Board in order for the board members to gain familiarity with the program. If this is a positive experience, we will look to have each district implement this in the fall of 2015.
- b. PayPal payment set-up – The proposal from Dyan/Tech Score was \$12-17K which is not within our budget. Mike Segerblom and Danielle Richards will go back to Dyan with a scaled back request to see if a more reasonable price can be proposed.
- c. Team Pinnies – Randall Nunn was not on the call and Rob Hurd suggested that the topic be tabled to a time when Randall can speak on the issue. Further general discussion included the possibility of requiring their use only at district qualifications and national championships. Roy Williams stated that if required for his team, he would have a model with “tear away” capability for safety reasons. He also suggested that there should be some investigation as to compliance with Coast Guard regulations.
- d. Further to the new LaserPerformance college/high school series, Rob Hurd reported that he has drafted the NOR for the regatta to be held at Yale on 5/3/15 and that same draft has been forwarded to George Washington University for a regatta to be held there on 5/10/15. These will be invitational, one day regattas.

7. New Business:

- a. Mike Segerblom requested feedback about the possibility of ISSA adopting some specific protocol to establish two separate seasons of competition during the school year. In drafting an update to the PCISA district rules, this suggestion was made to aid in some logistics issue. Others agreed to think about this and further discussion will be held on the next call.

8. Other Business:

District Reports:

SEISA – District rules have been written and will be posted. There is a lack of interest in the leadership positions and no real growth. Also a problem with limited boats for hosting venues.

MASSA – District wide meeting will be held on 2/16. The spring schedule is set.

MISSA – 57 active schools to date with interest in two new areas. The spring schedule is set.

NESSA – Tough weather will likely give teams a late start to the spring season but the schedule is set. The district is using Google Groups for communication and their new PayPal system for dues collection is working well.

NWISA – A district meeting was recently held. They are also using Google group and are hoping to have 40 active teams for the school year.

PCISA- The Golden Bear regatta will be held later this month. Still working on some growing pains with oversubscription to regattas. Expect 90+ teams this year. The NorCal area is also doing some restructuring to create second tier regattas to accommodate more teams.

SAISA – New interest coming from Atlanta and Oriental/Camp Sea Gull.

NIT Regatta – will be the same weekend as the Baker at Rochester Yacht Club. Contact Rob Hurd for details.

Next conference call – March 5, 2015 with agenda items due to the office no later than February 23, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm