

ISSA
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Via Conference Call
Thursday, October 7, 2010

President Don Shea called the meeting to order at 8:08pm ET

Those in attendance: Don Shea, Mike Segerblom, Chuck Sinks, George Linzee, Malinda Crain, Tim Hogan, Sharon Garber, Matt Dubois, Randy Stokes, JP Fasano, Steve Grove, Rob Hurd, Andrew Nugnes, Wayne Cutler, Burke Thomas, Tom Monkus, Bill Campbell, Steve Gay, Scott Mason, Andrew Cole, Sherri Campbell and Jerelyn Biehl.

Bill Campbell made a motion, seconded by Chuck Sinks, to approve the Annual General Meeting minutes as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: Don Shea thanked Tim Hogan for his years of service with a great group of volunteers nationally and at the District level. Don discussed his 4 goals:

- 1) **Continue getting more schools registered in all districts.** This should grow the base of HS's participating ensuring ongoing health of the organization and getting more kids on the water.
- 2) For schools not making it to the Nationals, we should strive to find more ways to **make ISSA relevant to those schools.** Districts are the key to this.
- 3) Areas of growth: **Creating & recruiting a group of umpires & judges** focused on HS racing. This will improve quality & level of competition.
- 4) **Fundraising:** this is a tough task in any environment, but especially in the current one. There are people who want to help with venues, we should focus on these.

Issues from the AGM:

- Membership & logistical issues

Treasurer's Report: Scott Mason reported that our next call will have more information to update the numbers with incoming dues and the 2011 budget .

Meeting Schedule: The next meeting is set for November 4, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. E.S.T.

Eligibility: Proposed Procedural Rules change: Florida provides special provisions for participation by homeschool students in high school athletics. The ISSA PR limit eligibility to students registered at the school they represent. Andrew Cole provided a proposed PR change for discussion:

Andrew Cole has provided the following recommendation to address the eligibility issue discussed at the Annual Meeting of Members in Chicago:

Re-write (changes in **bold red**) ISSA PR 1.2 as follows:

1.2 Competitors

Each competitor must be a full time student, in the 9th grade or higher, **academically and otherwise eligible to participate in athletics and extra-curricular activities on behalf of the member school such competitor represents.** A student is considered to be in his or her grade for the school year, including past graduation or advancement to the next level, until the new school year starts.

Current Version:

1.2 Competitors

All competitors must be full time students, in the 9th grade or higher, of the school they represent, and subject to the academic and disciplinary requirements of that school. A student is considered to be in his or her grade for the school year, including past graduation or advancement to the next level, until the new school year starts.

A request was made that each District check their state rules. The motion was tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

Umpire Pool

Randy Stokes has begun an effort to develop a corps of umpires for high school team racing. The broad and overlapping goals are

1. Develop qualified umpires who are dedicated to high school sailing so that we will have the required number of qualified umpires when the organization holds its team racing national championships even in years when our scheduled event overlaps with ICSA TR Nationals
2. Create umpire training programs designed to develop umpires in the districts within ISSA that do not have enough qualified umpires to cover local and district events
3. Make it more convenient and easier for high school coaches, and others likely to want to become umpires, to improve the level of their umpiring skills and knowledge

Randy began the effort last year by developing, with assistance from US Sailing's umpire committee, an umpire training program for the Virginia high school coaches. We have solicited the assistance and advice of this year's Baker Umpire team, who have given enthusiastic feedback and ideas that we feel are worthy of further development.

We are seeking approval (and volunteers from each interested district) for an ISSA Umpire Development Committee. The committee will be charged with accomplishing the broad goals set forth above. US Sailing is enthusiastic to assist ISSA and will help to investigate various options for increased training and agreed to become a rapid-response team for umpire calls for HS sailing.

Don and Randy would like to form a small committee with a person from each district to join the committee. If interested, please e-mail Don & Randy and they will form a committee.

New Business:

Great Oaks –Tom Monkus brought up the omission of the ISSA name from the Great Oaks regatta documents. Malinda indicated she has spoken with Chris Clements and apologized that ISSA was omitted from the NOR. Chuck Sinks also apologized for missing it. Mike Segerblom indicated that going straight to the organizer might solve some of the issues immediately.

Great Oaks Eligibility: Tom Monkus asked for discussion of allowing additional teams to compete. Discussion of petitioning is allowed. Don suggested a study of eligibility.

Commercialization: Tom Monkus raised a question regarding the commercialization of ISSA regattas (e.g. Allstate Insurance Company Sugar Bowl Great Oaks Regatta) topic tabled until next meeting.

Past Presidents: Tom Monkus suggested a past role for past presidents in ISSA. Don commented that he spoke with Tim and Larry on suggestions. Meaty projects may be used on an ad hoc basis to include past presidents with the Board.

District update:

NESSA: A great fall with 3 Great Oaks qualifiers with 1 more this weekend. Many grass roots regattas and 50 boats at one event. 50% of the schools have registered so far. Planning for the 2012 Baker is underway.

MASSA: The season has started well with 74-75 schools registered to date. Almost every week is a regatta with lots of kids sailing. The singlehanded qualifier may have had 65 boats. A new league structure has caused an increase in growth.

SAISA: Please send in qualifiers for the Cressy. The district is doing great with several regattas held on coastal and inland waters. Cressy & Great Oaks qualifiers have been held.

SEISA: The Cressy qualifier was held and they are excited about the Mallory for 2011.

MISSA: 40 teams have registered to date with more to come. The Great Oaks qualifiers are being held this weekend – east & west. Cressy qualifiers are complete and registered.

NWISA: Small fall schedule with combined collegiate & HS event in 1 week. The Cressy qualifier with 29 Lasers on the water. We have 15 schools for the fall with more in the spring.

PCISA: NorCal & SoCal events have been held with a small incident in a small NorCal event with discipline problems. The Cressy qualifier had 40 boats. The first major regatta was held in Monterey 29th 45 teams in 2 divisions. There are mid-70 teams registered now with about the same for next year. Thanks to Steve Grove for his assistance for NorCal.

Website: Mike is working with Regatta Network and the database and we hope to distribute before the next meeting.

Please send any agenda topics to Don and Andrew no later than **Wednesday, November 3**, the day before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm ET