



**MISSA Annual Meeting Minutes
Chicago Yacht Club - Monroe
November 16, 2013**

Teams In Attendance: Arrowhead, Benilde St Margarets, Blake, Brother Rice, Chanhassen, Culver Academy, Detroit Country Day School, Evanston, Grand Haven, Hinsdale, Hyman G. Rickover, Kettle Moraine, Lake Country Lutheran, Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest HS, Lake View, Latin School, Loyola Academy, Mahtomedi, Minnetonka, Mounds Park Academy, New Trier, Oconomowoc, Orono, Providence Academy, Southwest, Spring Lake, St Francis, St Ignatius, St Joseph Catholic, Stillwater, Traverse City Central, Traverse City West, University Lake, University of Chicago lab., Walter Payton, Washburn and White Bear Lake.

Board Members: Frank Ustach, Lynn Frikker, Zac Hernandez, Nick Hovland and Sharon Garber.

Presidents Report: Frank reported that the district held 21 regattas in 6 weeks this fall. Most weekends had multiple events going on in all areas of the district.

Congrats to the 4 sailors who represented the district at the Cressy Championship. Full Rigs: Malcolm Lamphere 3, Wade Wagner 13 and Radials: Augie Dale 10 and Drake Lyon 12. MISSA has 54 teams registered and 51 are in good standing. No teams can sail in any high school regatta without being in good standing. The district has 24 legal 420 sails (bags) and 24 (bags). If anyone needs to use them please contact Frank at least 4-5 weeks in advance.

Frank reported that Sharon Garber attended the ISSA Annual Meeting held in New Port, RI. Annual meeting discussions focused on why other districts do not allow 7th graders to sail in High School sailing events. A new scoring program for Fleet racing will be coming that is web based and similar to college "Tech Score". The Team Race events will use the scoring program Jeff Hudson and Rob Hurd created. If any one needs help with the program just contact either Jeff or Frank.

Safely is another big topic being discussed at the ISSA level. Concussions and the prevention of them. At this time ISSA is for liability reasons waiting until US Sailing and the CDC approve a helmet before making any team use them. The policy will be for concussions follow your state laws and guidelines. ISSA will be providing a link soon for resources. Any treatment will be between and sailor, their parents and doctor.

Treasurers Report: Balance Sheet as of 11/13/2013

	<u>Nov 13, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
J.P. Morgan Chase - Checking	10,793.00
Chase Savings	<u>2,003.17</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>12,796.17</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>12,796.17</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>12,796.17</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY**Equity**

Unrestricted Net Assets	13,587.72
Net Income	<u>-791.55</u>
Total Equity	<u>12,796.17</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>12,796.17</u></u>
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PROFIT & LOSS January -December 2013

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Other Types of Income	
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>650.00</u>
Total Other Types of Income	650.00
Program Income	
Membership Dues	
ISSA Portion of Membership	-3,740.00
Membership Dues - Other	<u>7,040.00</u>
Total Membership Dues	<u>3,300.00</u>
Total Program Income	<u>3,300.00</u>
Total Income	3,950.00
Expense	
District Expenses	
Sails	<u>4,535.00</u>
Total District Expenses	4,535.00
Miscellaneous	207.26
Web Hosting	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,742.26</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-792.26
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	<u>0.71</u>
Total Other Income	<u>0.71</u>
Net Other Income	0.71

Net Income

-791.55

Board Member Change: Frank announced that Danielle Soriano will be moving to Texas and the MISSA board filled the vacated west area VP spot by a voted on 10/21/13. Nick Hovland will take that spot for the remaining 1 year of the term.

By-laws & Proposed Changes: Frank emailed out the proposed Bylaws and read the sections where they were changes. MISSA was asked by ISSA to take out the procedural rules from our bylaws.

Article V: we added: Section 3. Area Directors shall be appointed by the MISSA President. The By-laws were voted on and approved unanimously.

District Rules & Proposes Changes: The proposed District Rules were emailed out to all the teams. Frank read out loud the sections that are different than those we have followed in the past.

Discussion and changes:

we are not in compliance with the rest is ISSA here allowing 7th graders.

2.4 Tier 3 events are open to full time 7th & 8th grade students.

Added some wording to allow the MISSA President to grant permission.

2.6 Before competing all competitors must be registered with and appear in the online roster (ISSA Database) of the school that they attend or have been granted permission by MISSA President to compete with (i.e. 8th Grade, Homeschool, etc). Failure for a competitor to be on this roster may be grounds for disqualification of the team in any and all races in which that competitor sailed.

Section 3 Conduct Of Regattas:

We added: 3.1 The MISSA President or an experienced designated person will be the MISSA or ISSA Representative at all Tier 1 and Tier 2 events.

Section 7 MISSA Regatta Tiers: Cappy asked for a vote to allow Minnesota to allow 7th and 8th graders at Minnesota Sate Championships and sailed under a Tier 3 instead of Tier 2. The group voted to allow Minnesota this exception. Frank and Sharon asked to have in writing the Minnesota State High School Rules which allows 7th and 8th Graders. They need to take that to ISSA for approval. Sharon reminded the group that ISSA will need to approve out final version of District Rules.

Section 9. Mallory Double handed Qualifier and Section 10 Baker Qualifier

A lot of discussion around where the Pre-Qualifiers should be held and when. The west and east areas of the district have ice issues that the central does not have limiting when they can have the pre-qualifiers. Dave Gerber proposed having area pre-qualifiers before the district qualifier and using a formula like ISSA to determine how many spots each area gets, seconded by Cappy and the group voted per team.

Section 14 Out of Districts and Invitations: The wording was added to this section to say that The MISSA President will have a lottery with all the team names who want to go to The Lawrence A. White / Coast Guard Regatta.

Section 17: Special Clothing: Added language to say that wet or dry suits, may be required in the NOR of any MISSA regatta.

The District Rules were proposed to be accepted by Zac Hernandez with these changes seconded by Eric then voted on and unanimously passed.

Bids for Qualifiers: The goal is to be more transparent with where regattas are hosted. "Regatta Bid Forms" have been created to help with planning the schedule. A Mallory Qualifier bid was resented by Columbia Yacht Club and Sailing School for the MISSA Mallory Qualifier on April 12-13.

There were 2 bids put in for the Baker Qualifier for May 3-4. Lake Minnetonka Sailing School and Wayzata Community Sailing Center.

A lively discussion ensued with regards to how MISSA would handle the pre -qualifiers for these events.

Proposed Spring 2014

Mallory Pre-Qualifier Central

Chicago YC – HS Icebreaker – March 22-23

Mallory Pre-Qualifier East and Dates?

Mallory Pre-Qualifier West and Dates?

Mallory ISSA Qualifier -**Central Area** (20 teams)

1. Columbia YC April 26-27

Baker Pre-Qualifier Central

1. Chicago YC – HS Invite – April 5-6

Baker Pre-Qualifier West

1. Minnetonka Sailing School – west Team Race - April 26-27

Baker ISSA Qualifier-**West Area** (12 teams) – May 3-4

1. Wayzata Community Sailing (16)

2. Minnetonka Sailing School (13)

What was decided after a lengthy discussion was to vote on the MISSA Qualifiers for the Baker and Mallory. The Mallory Qualifier was proposed to be held on April 26-27 at Columbia Yacht Club (Central) The Baker Qualifier bids were voted on by the whole group and decided that Wayzata (West) would host the regatta May 3-4.

The Pre-Qualifiers were discussed and a proposal came from Dave Gerber(MI) and seconded to have each areas host a pre-qualifier at any time before the district qualifier. Determine a formula to use to determine how many teams per area will qualify for the District Qualifier. Proposal passed.

Proposed Fall 2014:

Cressy ISSA Qualifier-Central Area – Sept 20-21

1. Sheridan Shores Sailing School

Great Lakes East Qualifier 6 Teams

1. Detroit Country Day School September 13-14

Great Lakes Central Qualifier 6 Teams

1. Sheridan Shore Sailing School – Kickoff Classic – Sept 6-7
2. Chicago YC – Autumn Classic – Sept 27-28

Great Lakes West Qualifier 6 Teams

1. Pewaukee - Fall Scramble - September 13-14 (16)
2. Added on the floor Wayzata Fall Colors October 11-12 (19)

Great Lakes Last Chance Qualifier 2 Teams

1. Lake Forest – Halloween Spectacular – Oct 25-26

Great Oaks Qualifier

1. Lake Forest - Oct 4-5

Discussion about not including lasers in the Great Lakes Championship regatta. The consensus was to not include them because some of the teams who qualified for the event could not field a full team of A & B 420's plus C laser radial.

Some discussion regarding a Super Fall Championship did not go very far and all decided to keep to one event and not combine two events.

Committees: Frank has created with the support of the board two committees. They are to do reporting back to the board.

- a. Competition Committee: Cappy Capper, Chair – (3-5 non-MISSA board members selected by the Chair) who will review the 2013 changes to make recommendations on issues such as, but not limited to: schedule format, qualifiers, out of district invites, tiers, regatta guidelines – approved courses and wind minimums, etc. They shall submit a report to the MISSA President at the end of the 2014 spring season.
- b. Race Management Committee: Lynn Lynch, Chair – (3-5 non-MISSA board members selected by the Chair) who will review 2013 changes and make recommendations on issues such as, but not limited to: race committee guidelines and seminars; judges and umpire guidelines for tiered events: RC , judge and umpire contact list for district, etc. They shall submit a report to the MISSA President at the end if the 2014 Spring season.
- c. The reports will at as guidance, NOT rule, to the district in it's efforts to solidify the best guidelines for our schedule, regatta and quality race management.

New Business: None

Adjourned at 7:28pm.

Sunday 11/17/13

As per the By-laws there were requests from at least 10 coaches to reopen the discussion regarding the Spring Schedule.

Frank Ustach opened the meeting at 9:54 am.

Dave Gerber discussed that his proposal from the day before. He wanted to make a change. Since not all the coaches could be at the meeting. It was decided that Frank as MISSA President would send out the 3 proposals and have each teams vote electronically on them.

Adjourned at 10:34am.

Proposal 1 - 2 Open District Qualifiers Separate Weekends: 2 open Mallory & 2 open Baker Qualifiers to be hosted on separate weekends between March 22-23, March 29-30, April 5-6, and April 12-13. Teams would submit bids to host these pre-qualifiers and we would have the entire district vote on where they would be held. Once a team qualifies to move one, they are ineligible to compete in the 2nd pre-qualifier.

Proposal 2 - 3 Closed Area Qualifiers: 1 area pre-qualifier would be hosted in the West, Central and East for both the Mallory and Baker and would be open to only those teams from that area. Each area would decide on their own host and weekend for their Mallory and Baker pre-qualifiers. The number of berths allocated to each area qualifier would be based on a to-be-determined formula based on membership numbers (# of teams in good standing with MISSA/ISSA) from that area.

Proposal 3 - 2 Open District Qualifiers Set Dates/Same Weekend: 2 open Mallory & 2 open Baker Qualifiers to be hosted on the same weekend. The 2 Mallory Pre-Qualifiers would be on the weekend of April 5-6 and the 2 Baker Pre-Qualifiers would be on the weekend of April 12-13. Teams would submit bids to host these pre-qualifiers and we would have the entire district vote on where they would be held.

Proposal 2 won the vote.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Garber
MISSA/ ISSA Representative