

MISSA Annual Meeting
November 4, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm.

Teams present were:

Arrowhead High School	Highland Park High School - IL	Robbinsdale Cooper High School
Avon High School	Hinsdale Central High School	South Christian High School
Beacon Academy	Hopkins High School - MN	Southwest Senior High School
Benilde St. Margarets	Jones College Prep	Spring Lake High School
Blaine High School	Kettle Moraine High School	St. Francis High School
Brother Rice High School - IL	Lake Forest Academy	St. Ignatius
Chanhassen High School	Lake Forest High School	St Mary's Prep
Cranbrook Kingswood	Lane Tech College Prep	St. Paul Academy - MN
Culver Academies	Latin School of Chicago	St. Paul Central High School
Detroit Country Day School	Lincoln Park High School	Thomas Worthington High School
East Grand Rapids	Loyola Academy	Traverse City
Eden Prairie	Lyons Township High School	Traverse City Central
Edina High School	Mahtomedi	Traverse City West
Evanston Township HS	Minnetonka High School	Trinity High School
Fenwick High School	Mounds Park Academy	University of Chicago Laboratory
Forest Hills Central High School	Mounds View High School	Visitation School
Grand Rapids Christian High School	New Albany High School	Walter Payton College Preparatory
Grosse Ile High School	New Trier HS	Washburn High School
Grosse Pointe North High School	Oconomowoc High School	Wayzata High School
Grosse Pointe South High School	Olentangy Liberty High School	West Bloomfield High School
Groves High School	Olentangy Orange High School	Westerville North High School
	Orono High School	Westerville South High School
	Oxford High School	White Bear Lake High School
	Providence Academy	Woodlands Academy

East Area VP Report

East has 46 teams, with Michigan carrying 31 and Ohio 15.

We have many new schools and it is challenging at times to educate many new administrators, coaches, or parent coaches. I do not see a good transition when the above retire from HS Sailing, and therefore little teaching given to their new administrator/coach coming in. This teaching and information falls mainly on me to do that.

New schools, many in Ohio have two main locations they sail out of. Columbus, Jamie Jones, who coaches several teams, and Sam Patterson of of Cleveland. Both have hosted regattas.

New schools in Michigan is more challenging. Nick at Macatawa, near Holland, coaches several schools and does a great job. He plans to host a regatta or two in the Spring and also the 2018 Cressy Nationals. Traverse City and Columbus are nearly 10 hours away from each other. We are having our combined pre-qualifier's in the Spring for Mallory and Baker over a 3 day span. In the East, we wonder why the Central and the West do not do this. It is a short season with many challenges.

GPS will continue to host at GPYC and Harold will have 2-3 regattas in the Spring. Our pre q for Mallory and Baker will be on April 13-15. There are many schools that now practice out of GPYC, and we need

to see more schools doing even simple one day Tier 3 regattas. If you go to regattas, you need to host. DCDS continues to grow in size and equipment and Eric and I look forward to hosting the Baker Qualifier on May 5/6. We have teams that practice with us, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills, and several other school who have only 1-2 sailors on their team. We have co hosted the Red Hat Qualifier and the Halloween regatta.

Coaches need to be more prepared with travel. I am speaking of never teams, who never bring boats, coach boats, radios, or PFD's.

In general, I am happy with our East area and those who work so hard for the benefits that our youth sailors are getting.

Lynn Frikker

Central Area VP Report

Central teams are all doing well. We have had some growth in the area with some new teams. We are discussing how we could hold more tier 3 events in the area. We are looking to possibly have more in the area and hope to work with Milwaukee to do some hosting. The problem in Central is lack of venues to host Tier 3 events and coaches spread too thin between events. Many discussions this fall were about regatta participation and how we can get more teams to participate in the Keel Boat Qualifier. Issac proposed have the Central area do a qualifier on Friday. Then do West and East on Saturday with a final round on Sunday. It would all depend upon how many teams sign up. Possibility of in the future looking at other venues to host this event. Lake Forest is doing some construction so they are out of hosting until Fall 2018.

Zac Hernandez & Isaac Clark

West Area VP Report

The west had a great fall season with the Tier 3 regattas really helping to train the sailors for sailing at Tier 2 events. We have some growth coming from Iowa and other parts of Wisconsin coming in the Spring. I have had a call from South Dakota and they may add some teams next year. This fall there were discussions about the notification for Great Oaks Qualifier. The event filled up before many from the west could get a team registered. Can we have the registration be posted on a certain date and all teams in the MISSA district know the date. This would make it fairer for teams that are not in the area hosting the event to get just their teams registered. More teams from the west would like to be able to attend the Keel Boat Qualifier and like the suggestions discussed here today. We also would like to have more Judges be trained to help at the Baker and Mallory. We all know there is a shortage so what can we do about it? This winter have someone come in and do training in the MISSA areas? Have MISSA help defray the cost of the training?

Matt Thompson.

2018 Qualifiers

- Area schedules for Tier 3s
- 2018 MISSA Qualifiers:
 - Mallory – Pewaukee YC
 - Baker – Pontiac YC
 - Cressy - Macatawa Bay
 - ISSA hosting rotations that will be in
 - MISSA Fall 2018 Cressy at Macatawa Bay
 - Spring 2020 Mallory

President's Report: Ted Anderson

I want to start out by thanking all of the many people who make high school sailing possible in the Midwest. As the governing body for HS sailing we are in the odd position of being the organizing authority for a ton of events but the host of none. We rely entirely on all of the teams, yacht clubs, volunteers, coaches, and parents who host and run all our regattas. In the last 12 months, MISSA venues have hosted SEVENTY-FIVE regattas. It takes a staggering amount of time and effort that goes into producing 75 events, and on behalf of the MISSA board and all the member schools, I would like to thank everyone who helped make these happen. The number of teams and sailors in our district has grown incredibly over the last few years, the number of venues hasn't. This means we have pushed our venues to increase the quantity of regattas to get as many kids competing on the water as possible. The focus for the next year will be improving the quality of the events, and I will talk later about some initiatives in that area.

I want to especially thank our board members, starting with Sharon Garber who helps keep everything running and keeps our website, scoring, and regattas on track, and represents us on the national ISSA board. You have heard from our area VPs and Area Directors for each area – these are the people who really keep things going and make sure things happen within each area. And finally Jeff Hudson, who rejoined the board this year to take the role of Treasurer/Secretary. It is really a pleasure working with each of them, and I can tell you they all deserve more appreciation than they get for the time and effort they put in to making MISSA work.

It seems like every year we talk about how much we are growing – this year I don't know if we will end up bigger or smaller than last year. Five years ago, we only had 18 teams that wanted to come to Great Lakes Champs - this year we have 18 different teams represent MISSA in out-of-district championships and national invitationals!

I think it is now more about sustaining the size we are and adjusting the things that we need to in order to run smoothly. We are past the days where this annual meeting could be used to work out and vote on details of the schedule or minor changes to the rules. The primary forum now should be the monthly area calls. Any proposals for changes need to come out of one of those calls to be discussed and decided at a board meeting. I really want to encourage team parents, coaches, and school advisors to ALL participate and get involved at that level and to use the calls for good two-way communication.

Within the next year, we will have a new legal entity to be more aligned with ISSA and the other districts. This will require changing the by-laws and we will do this by electronic vote, something we made possible with last year's by-law change. This will help us in terms of legal and insurance coverage, it may also affect our eligibility rules, especially concerning 7th and

8th graders.

Over the winter, the board will be publishing a Regatta Guidelines document. This will include recommendations and best practices with the goal of standardizing and improving all of our regattas.

To see how we are doing, we will also be implementing a regatta feedback form - think of it kind of like yelp for regatta hosts. The idea is to allow sailors, coaches, and parents to give feedback to venues in a constructive way to help improve future events, without it feeling like a personal attack. It is always easy to criticize someone else's regatta, and none of us are perfect. If we work together we can bring up the standards across the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Ted Anderson

Treasurers Report Notes (in addition to the numbers)

We are in good shape financially. Over the next year we expect additional expenditures – assistance with judging travel costs for tier 1s, race official position, possible replacement of district sails and perhaps a trailer to store/transport them in.

ISSA District

MISSA

1/1 to 12/31

Income:

Team Dues	\$13,360.00
Regatta Registration Fees	\$0.00 N/A - Paid by schools to regatta hosts
Tickets	\$0.00
Sponsorship	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.45
Other Income **	

TOTAL INCOME

\$13,360.45

Expenses:

Accounting/Bookkeeping	
Bank/Credit Card/PayPal Fees	\$386.63
ISSA Team Dues	\$9,690.00
Office Supplies/Postage	\$0.00
Regatta Host Fees/Expenses	\$0.00 N/A - Paid by schools to regatta hosts

Travel:

Lodging	\$190.97	ISSA Annual Meeting
Meals		
Transportation	\$295.96	ISSA Annual Meeting
Trophies & Awards	\$1,857.50	
Other Expense **	\$453.12	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$12,874.18</u>	
NET INCOME/LOSS	<u>\$486.27</u>	

** Any entry here must be accompanied by a note of explanation
 Other Expense Food for participants @ MISSA Annual Meeting

Tech Score Update:

Sharon Murphy Garber reported on some of the issue that are still problems with Tech Score.

- There are 9 teams who have unregistered sailors. Teams have to make sure their team rosters are updated and current each season. Be sure to finalize your events and add penalties if the RP Forms are not completed before the awards can be done.
- regattas all use the Tech Score program.
 “Mixed Teams” have to be entered as “Mixed Teams”.
- Please Check the website often because the schedule can change after the Preliminary one is posted.
- Check often!!

2018 Draft Schedule Discussion - Ted

- Area Schedules for Tier 3s
- 2018 MISSA Quals: Mallory at Pewaukee, Baker at Pontiac/DCDS
- 2018 Cressy Nationals and MISSA in Macatawa, Updated Rotations
- Great Lakes/Shepherd Quals for 2017 – Not Finalized Yet Will be determined after each venue has been talked to.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

Respectfully Submitted by Sharon Murphy Garber