

## **MISSA Meeting Minutes 4-21-12**

Location: Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Point, Michigan

Time: 5:33 Call to Order

### **Attendees:**

President - Matt Dubois

Eastern Region Vice President - Todd Duffett

Central Region Vice President - Chuck Lamphere

Western Region Vice President - Sharon Garber

Chairman Emeritus - Don Shea

### **(Team Representatives)**

Spring Lake -

Traverse City West - Sally Rivard & Jim Sorbie

Traverse Central

TC St. Francis

Wayzata

Grosse Pointe South

Lake Forest Academy

Lake Forest High School

Brother Rice

Detroit Country Day

Minnetonka

Grosse Pointe North

White Bear

DeLasalle

President's Report - Matt Dubois – 54 teams registered; all going well

Eastern Region - Todd Duffett Cleveland area growth

Central Region - Chuck Lamphere, Successful Ice Breaker

Western Region - Sharon Garber, Reformatted website, request to get NOR's in sooner, Fall Schedules due by August 1 to get the posted in time. Housing chair person needed for each regatta, results w/ photos within 36 hours, regatta report

ISSA Representative - Sharon Garber [www.HSSailing.org](http://www.HSSailing.org) website refreshed and fully operational.

### **Old Business**

Mallory Cup ongoing - Cold water conditions necessitating a policy to pull competitors very quickly following capsizes to prevent hypothermia.

Baker Qualifier - Limitations on teams, entries closed. More than 12 team limit accepted due to lack of clarity in method of handing entries. All who entered on time will be accommodated. Kurt to be notified if withdrawing.

Fall Schedule - Regattas on most every weekend. Request to avoid competing in region for same competitors but concurrent events in each region OK.

### **New Business** -

Martha Pitt - Qualifiers for Great Lakes Championship. 20 team limit still standing policy. Need discussion to address how to handle the growth. Do we need regional qualifiers and if so how it is to be handled. Matt Dubois' position is that it shouldn't be limited if at all possible. Matt from CYC suggested some method for limiting events is needed to maintain competitive quality. He offered to put together a recommendation for consideration at the Fall Meeting

Combined school teams - Kevin asked are there any circumstances where this will be considered by MISSA or ISSA. Don Shea advised that ISSA board is concerned about maintaining High School focus and is concerned about the negative effect that combining teams will have on this. Onus needs to be on sailors to get additional classmates involved in growing the sport at their respective schools. Formal proposals need to be submitted on a school by school basis to MISSA President for consideration before submitting to ISSA. Don Shea - Boy's and Girl's Schools may be considered an acceptable circumstance for example. PCISA rules reviewed by Don, 10% regattas (our open events) have some leeway written into them.

Beccah Schmidt - Wisconsin representative for election. Elections in the Fall, nominating committee being put together. When the nominating committee is published contact them with recommendations.

Nikki, LaSalle - Varsity sport recognition, Michigan High School Athletic Association recognition needed by some schools to award a letter. MHSAA recognition is not required by MHSAA it is a school specific requirement. Keeping the governing bodies separate will avoid the problem with single season requirements of MHSAA. Only a couple states currently recognize sailing as a varsity sport. Advise the school that accreditation through MISSA/ISSA.

Zack - Martha Pitt brought up hosting JV regattas simultaneously with other events to help accommodate the growing demand.

Martha - offered to write up some guidelines for JV style regattas a handbook for hosting a JV regatta.

Beccah - Conference regatta one day low cost no trophies accepted as good option.

Don Shea - need to grasp what the demographics of each team are to understand the grouping by location. Please send the team demographics to Sharon for compiling.

Can a schedule of regional events be published? President Matt responded that all sanctioned regattas are posted to web site.

NOR consistency will be worked on to improve communication and make it easier for teams to publish an event.

Lynn - Scoring software, need a standard software for scoring results. Having something available would be appreciated. Go to the ISSA site for some available options.

2012 MISSA Great Oaks Qualifier - Lake Forest confirmed they will be hosting in fall 2012 – per fall 2011 meeting guidelines; one qualifier for entire district - one team per eligible school – 4 sailors maximum – follow same guidelines and format as Great Oaks Regatta..

Meeting Adjourn: 6:18