

MAISA Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2012

8:30PM

Meeting was called to order at 8:30PM.

Attendance - Michael Callahan, Conference Commissioner; Bill Ward, MAISA President; Ian Burman, South Director; Max Plarr, South Director; Dan Thompson, North Director, Reed Johnson, FRD; Skip Kovacs, SJC; Dan Winters; CNU, Arielle Morgan, QU; Derrill Hagood, WM; Matt Newborn, VU; Della Bradt, COR; Mitch Brindley, ODU, Joe Sullivan, FRD

1. Treasurers Report – Two teams have not paid their MAISA dues, American and Toronto. In accordance with the MAISA billing policy, these schools may not compete nor schedule until these open balances are paid. (Toronto has paid their bill)

Open issues

2. Team Race Committee Report - Commissioner Mike Callahan noted that the Team Race Committee had made a recommendation to add four team race events over weekend S4-S7. The committee had not decided on a location for the proposed team race on weekend S07. A motion was made to have a six team team race regatta hosted by Hampton University to be added to weekend S07. The motion was M/S/C.
3. MAISA Meeting at St. John's College – (Skip Kovacs) - Skip Kovacs reported that St. John's College is happy to be hosting the MAISA Annual Meeting for a second year in a row. The meeting will be held on Saturday January 26, 2013. Skip will send the details of the meeting location, hotel deals etc.. to the MAISA list. The meeting will start at 9AM and will have a morning session of discussion of issues with the official meeting starting at 1PM.
4. War Qualification System Ideas - Mike Callahan reported that Brian Clancy has come up with a new system for War Qualification. Brian was not on the call so Mike presented Brian's ideas. Considerable discussion ensued with some in favor of Brian's idea and others opposed. Will Brown from Columbia spoke up to say that he agreed with Brian's premise that the top 18 teams are not all at the War. Commissioner Callahan agreed to

5. Regatta Hosting Responsibilities (Mike Callahan)

6. Report on No-Shows and Withdrawals (Dan Winters) – MAISA Scheduler Dan Winters made the following report concerning No-Shows and Withdrawals within MAISA.

	Spring 2011	FALL 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012
UNFILLED OPENINGS	47	54	30 (-17)	100 (+46)
WTDs	39	74	42 (+3)	105 (+31)
NO-SHOWS	17	45	12 (-5)	20 (-25)

The new no-show policy is clearly working although complicated to enforce and poorly understood by many. Unfilled openings are a surprise. Is it travel cost, teams over reaching, or more limited budgets and motel costs? The same reasons may apply to the increased withdrawals.

I think it is clear that we have too many events in the Fall. Dropping the Fall MAISA Open takes care of 18 and the dropping of the Brennan Russell at CNU eliminates another 8. It wouldn't hurt to lose another. Check the Openings Column in the latest 2012 schedule for other possibilities.

The report from the MAISA Scheduler created a good discussion. Of particular interest to the Executive Committee was the number of unfilled openings and withdrawals for the Fall 2012 season. The group felt that the cost of travel was a major concern and probably one of the main reasons why so many berths are going unfilled. This will be a topic of discussion at the morning session of the 2013 Annual meeting.

7. Update on Semi's at Hampton/ODU – Mitch Brindley reported that everything is in good shape for the 2013 Semi Finals. Former ODU and Navy Coach Gary Bodie will serve as the PRO for the regatta.

8. Idea of moving North #2 to Weekend 6. Our Canadian Teams have an issue with this idea. (Arielle Morgan) – During the last conference call there was a brief discussion about moving the North #2 to weekend 6 in the fall. Even though the regatta was not moved the Canadian teams wanted MAISA to know that they would object to any future move to put the North #2 on weekend 6 since it is Canadian Thanksgiving that weekend.

New business

9. No Shows from Hurricane Sandy – official approval from Executive Committee needed (Mike Callahan) In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy the ICSA President

asked that MAISA adopt a liberal no-show policy for teams affected by the Hurricane. A few teams did make use of this policy and asked that their no-shows be excused. A motion was M/S/C to forgive all no shows that were caused by Hurricane Sandy.

10. Request by Syracuse to Upgrade to Provisional from Associate – Syracuse University requested to be upgraded to Provisional from Associate Member. Commissioner Callahan received a letter from the Director of Club sports at Syracuse detailing why Syracuse wants to be upgraded. In addition the Syracuse Sailing team was on the call to talk about their team and why they feel ready for the upgrade. A motion was M/S/C to recommend that Syracuse be approved for Provisional Membership at the 2013 ICSA Annual Meeting.
11. Request by Indiana University of Pennsylvania to join as an Associate Member – Commissioner Callahan read a letter from Kenneth Sherwood a professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania asking that MAISA approve IUP for associate membership. A motion was M/S/C to recommend that IUP be approved for Associate Membership at our 2013 Annual Meeting.
12. Preliminary Proposal for 2014 Match Race Nationals at Seawanhaka (Mike Callahan) – Commissioner Callahan noted that Match Race Nationals has gone to a bid system and that the 2014 Match Race Nationals is still open to bidding. Commissioner Callahan has been in contact with some officials at Seawanhaka and they are interested in hosting the 2014 Nationals. Commissioner Callahan will work with Seawanhaka to bring a proposal to the 2013 ICSA Annual Meeting.
13. Expenses for MAISA Undergrad President to attend ICSA Annual Meeting in Park City, UT. Request to approve expenses up to \$600. A motion was M/S/C to approve up to \$600 for Della Bradt to attend the ICSA Annual Meeting in Park City, UT in January 2013.
14. Judges for Team Race Challenge and Prosser Trophy – North Rep Dan Thompson noted that Hobart has been in contact with Umpires for the Capt Prosser Trophy this spring. Commissioner Callahan noted that MAISA has made a commitment to help get umpires to the team race challenge in 2013. The 2012 Challenge had coaches umpiring in their own races and that MAISA would not like to see that happen again.
15. Election of Officers at Annual Meeting – Commissioner Callahan noted the following positions will be up for election at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Conference Commissioner

North Director – Brian Clancy is eligible to be re-elected

South Director – Ian Burman is eligible to be re-elected

MAISA Undergrad President

North Rep

South Rep

Adjournment