

Executive Committee Conference Call 9/18/12
The call began at 8:30PM

Present: Mike Callahan, Conf Comm; Bill Ward, MAISA Graduate Chairman, Dan Thompson North Director, Ian Burman, South Director, Maxwell Plarr, South Director, Scott Ikle, Director at Large, Della Bradt, Undergraduate Pres, Arielle Morgan, North Rep, Derrill Hagood South Rep.

Others: Joe Sullivan, FRD; Reed Johnson, FRD; Skip Kovacs. SJC; Dan Winters, CNU; Charles Higgins, ODU; John Pearce, GWU; Mike Russom, UPN; Adam Werblow, SMC.

Treasurers Report - from Sherri Campbell

All teams should have received their fall billing invoice on 8/31 via email. If not received, they should contact me by phone or email and I'll resend. Several schools have already paid by check or credit card. All payments are due no later than October 26th.

Old Business

1. No show rules

Commissioner Callahan led a discussion about the new no – show rules and sought guidance from the executive committee to see if they were working. There are still problems with some teams continuing to no show and many teams don't understand the Opt – In date for regattas. It seems that no matter what system we use the no-shows continue. Commissioner Callahan reported that he would contact teams that have no-showed to make sure they are aware of the rules.

2. Mentoring of new teams

Commissioner Callahan asked MAISA Directors if they had been contacted to help Mentor teams on scheduling issues. Only a few teams had contacted their area Directors.

3. Team Race schedule committee - Mike Callahan

Commissioner Callahan brought up the fact that we have a committee to look into developing more 3 on 3 team racing. Bill Ward is the chairman of the committee and will report back at the October 16th Conference Call.

From last conference call -Commissioner Callahan appointed a committee to develop more 3 on 3 regattas in the Spring Season between weekends 4 and weekend 8 with the goals of 1. Creating more opportunity for MAISA teams ranked outside the top 8 to compete in 3 on 3 team racing and 2. to create opportunities for the 2nd and 3rd teams from the Top 8 schools to compete in MAISA team races. The Committee is composed of Scott Ikle, HWS; Bill Ward, SMC; Maxwell Plarr, CNU; Matt Newborn, VU; Derrill Hagood, WM.

4. 2013 Semifinals at Hampton and ODU

Charles Higgins reported that everything was on schedule.

5. 2014 Semifinal proposal - Joe Sullivan

Due to the ICSA Sponsorship Agreement with LaserPerformance the proposed 2014 Semi-Final Regatta hosted by Fordham, Columbia, KP and SUNY cannot be approved. Fordham, Columbia and SUNY have non LP boats.

Commissioner Callahan asked that any teams looking to host the semifinals start putting together a proposal.

New business

1. Request by Penn to be excused from No-Show at South Laser Qualifier
Mike Russom from Penn explained the circumstance behind their no-show at the South Laser Qualifier. A motion was M/S/C to waive the no-show penalty for UPN.

2.Scheduling Items - Dan Winters

2.1MAISA Open Proposal:

Move the MAISA Opens to the Navy Fall and Trux weekends while dropping Navy from the rotation for those events.

This will end the conflicts we have had with KP and SMC already having events on the Open weekends. This will also increase participation and give the next level teams good 18 team events,

2.2 Swap the Riley with the Colony Cup and make the Riley the South Fall #1. :
This eliminates the conflict with the Cornell Open. Moving off the 1st weekend makes the event more suitable for a qualifier.

2.3 Move the South #2 to SMC and move to weekend #6:

Allows two weeks between the South Qualifiers.

Move the Tom Curtis to Week #5 as a "Stand alone 18 team event".

If we move the North #2 to Week #6 this would put the North and South qualifiers on the same weekends. There are few crossovers for these events. Both North and South teams often do Central events and they are left alone.

Doing this provides an 18 team event on every Fall weekend – if that is still considered vital to improving MAISA.

Scheduler Winters presented his proposals for scheduling changes.

Considerable discussion ensued. Adam Werblow mentioned that their would be issues with St. Mary's womens in the spring and they could not host a MAISA Open that weekend. Director Ikle advised that MAISA should look into the ramifications of these changes before voting on them. Rep. Hagood mentioned

that William and Mary would have some issues with running the Colony Cup on weekend #2. Scheduler Winters withdrew his proposals and will present new ones at the next meeting.

3. Laser Qualifier berths discussion - Mike Callahan

Commissioner Callahan mentioned that there was considerable confusion regarding the qualification system and timing of berth acceptance for our MAISA laser qualifiers. Commissioner Callahan will draw up an explanation of the rules and a timeline for berth acceptance and will present it at our next meeting.

4. ICSA Fall Schedule change ideas

Commissioner Callahan discussed some potential schedule changes that were proposed at a meeting in May. The changes were sent out in the meeting agenda. Considerable discussion ensued. It was agreed that those on the call would discuss the proposed changes and report back on the next call with their opinions.

5. MAISA Annual Meeting Location – Skip Kovacs

Proposal from St. John's College to host 2013 MAISA Annual Meeting on January 26, 2013 was M/S/C.

Additions to Agenda

1. Request from Army to forgive a no-show penalty for the Jesuit Interconference Regatta was M/SC.
2. Request by Army to be allowed to participate in the McMillan Cup without participating in the Mac Cup Elims was referred to Ian Burman to see if Navy had enough boats to allow Army to participate.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48PM

Next Conference Call is October 16, 2012 @ 8:30PM.