

MAISA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL - MARCH 20, 2012

The call began at 8:30PM

PRESENT: Mike Callahan, Conf Comm; Bill Ward, Grad Dir; Brian Clancy, North Dir; Dan Thompson, North Dir; Ian Burman, South Dir; Maxwell Plarr; South Dir; Michael Campbell, Dir-at-Large, Della Bradt, Undergraduate Pres.; Arielle Morgan, North Rep; Derill Hagood, South Rep.

OTHERS: Dan Winters, scheduler; Scott Ikle, HWS; Joe Sullivan, FRD; Matt Newborn, VU; Skip Kovacs, SJC, K.C Fullmer, UVA; Mitch Brindley; ODU

Additions to Agenda

1. Pay raise for Conference Scheduler - Maxwell Plarr
2. Allowing all teams to compete at Spring Qualifiers - Scott Ikle

New Business

1. Discussion of the new no-show system - Commissioner Callahan asked for feedback concerning the new "No-Show" penalty system adopted at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Two teams had received "No-Show" penalties and have been reminded of the new penalties. It was agreed that the system would be reviewed at the end of the season to see if the system works. There is some concern about a few teams in each region who have either no-showed or failed to sign up for events last semester. The Area Reps were encouraged to reach out to these teams to offer guidance.
2. New registration process for MAISA individuals - Commissioner Callahan reminded the Executive Committee that MAISA is only requiring that sailors be registered online at [www.collegesailing.info](http://www.collegesailing.info). The old MAISA Approved Competitor Form is no longer required.
3. Purrington Award - Commissioner Callahan reminded the Executive Committee that the Purrington Award is given each year to: " to the graduating senior from MAISA each year who has made outstanding contributions to college sailing through his/her efforts, not only by competing, but in the promotion of the sport, by fostering sportsmanship among teams, maintaining quality of competition, and contributing to the overall performance of our conference. The recipient is not necessarily the best sailor in MAISA but embodies the selfless spirit of true competition and commitment to excellence in support of college sailing in our

conference."

Nominations are due by April 6, 2012 and the winner will be announced April 14 at the America Trophy competitors meeting.

4. MAISA Annual Meeting host. St. John's College has requested that they be the "default" host of the MAISA Annual Meeting. Skip Kovacs from St. John's told the committee that St. John's would be willing to host whenever MAISA was in need of a host for the meeting. The Executive Committee commended Skip for hosting a great meeting in 2012 and expressed their support for St. John's hosting the event provided no other MAISA members offer to host.
5. Judges for Prosser Trophy - Bill Ward from St. Mary's College informed the Executive Committee that St. Mary's has organized an experienced and capable crew of Umpires for the Prosser Trophy April 7-8, 2012.
6. Team Race challenge - Commissioner Callahan asked for feedback from the teams competing at the 2012 Team Race Challenge. Representatives from UVA, COR, FRD and VU all agreed that KP ran a great event. This years Team Race Challenge had more teams than in years past. All competitors agreed that the regatta was better without teams that had already qualified for the Prosser Trophy. Concern was expressed about the lack of umpires at the Team Race Challenge and the fact that coaches were asked to umpire. Commissioner Callahan agreed that coaches should not be asked to umpire at the Team Race Challenge and pledged to help organize umpires for the 2013 event. The conversation then moved on to the fact that there are few opportunities for teams outside the top 9 to compete in 3 on 3 team race events in the spring season. K.C. Fullmer UVA, asked that the conference look into adding more 3 on 3 events in the spring.

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1. Pay Raise for MAISA Scheduler - Maxwell Plarr proposed that MAISA look into increasing the salary for the MAISA Conference Scheduler due to the amount of work required for the job. Commissioner Callahan agreed to work with the Scheduler and the Treasurer to see if MAISA can offer more money.
2. Allowing all teams to compete in the Spring Qualifier - Scott Ikle brought up the point that there are openings in some of the Spring Qualifiers for the America Trophy and argued that teams that had already qualified should be able to compete in the Qualifiers.

Considerable discussion ensued. There is a general disagreement within MAISA about whether the Top Nine teams should be allowed to compete at these events. Ikle, North Rep Morgan and Commissioner Callahan argued that if there are opening in the events MAISA should allow all teams to participate. Dan Winters argued that the qualifiers are better when the top teams are not involved because it allows the other teams the opportunity to win the qualifier. Joe Sullivan believes that only teams seeking to qualify should compete against each other in a qualifying event.

After considerable discussion Commissioner Callahan felt that the issue needed to be tabled and brought up again on the next call.

The call ended at 9:35PM. The next call is scheduled for Tuesday April 17 @ 8:30PM