

MAISA Executive Committee Conference Call
Tuesday November 11, 2014

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Call to order was made at 12:02PM

Roll Call

Mike Callahan (GTN)– MAISA Commissioner

Bill Ward (SMC)– MAISA Graduate President

Jack Swikart (UPN)– MAISA Undergraduate President

Brian Clancy (COR)– North Director

Dan Thompson (HWS)– North Director

Ian Burman (NA)– South Director

Max Plarr (CNU)– South Director

Scott Ikle (HWS)– Director at Large

Mary Hall (NA)– South Undergrad

Dan Winters (CNU)– MAISA Scheduler

Skip Kovacs (SJC), Adam Werblow (SMC), Mitch Brindley (ODU), Charles

Higgins (ODU), Johnny Nortfleet (FRD), Joe Sullivan (FRD), Zach Runci

(NYM), John Pearce (GWU)

Additions to Agenda

Old Business

1. MAISA Meeting at St. John's and Live Draft discussion –
Skip Kovacs gave a final update on the MAISA Meeting and Live Draft for December 6, 2014. Everything is essentially the same as last year.
2. MAISA Women's Team Numbers
Commissioner Callahan noted that MAISA may lose a berth for women's nationals due to the fact that we don't have many new women's teams. NEISA has done an outstanding job of getting new teams to participate and their berth numbers have risen. Considerable discussion ensued as to how to improve women's numbers. The group decided on a dual approach. The first step is to create midweek regattas in each region as a way to encourage more women to participate. The second step is to create clinic regattas in the fall in both the north and south regions. The hope is that more women's teams will participate.
3. Host for 2015 MAISA Fall Women's
During the last conference call MAISA Women's was moved back to week 8 from week 5. The 2015 Host was supposed to be Kings Point but they are also hosting the MAISA Match Race and KP

Dinghy Open the same weekend so they are not able to host the Women's Regatta. The next team in line to host is ODU. ODU cannot host since they are already hosting many other events in the weeks before and after the MAISA Women's. Considerable discussion ensued as to who should host. Eventually the group decided to allow Scott Ikle to create a rotation for future women's hosts. The group also discussed the possibility of removing KP and NYM from the women's hosting rotation since they do not support women's sailing. Scott Ikle will take that into consideration when making a new rotation.

4. Host for the 2015 Owen Trophy

Commissioner Callahan told the group that we are looking for a host for the Owen Trophy for Spring 2015. Ideally Cornell would have hosted since they are an Ivy but they are hosting the North Qualifier the same weekend as the Owen. Commissioner Callahan asked each 18 boat host school if they could host the Owen. No schools offered to host. Finally Hobart/William Smith said they could host. Commissioner Callahan thanked Hobart for stepping up and helping the Conference.

5. Boats for the 2015 Prosser Trophy

Commissioner Callahan noted that since the 2015 Prosser Trophy will be hosted by Kings Point we have the choice of FJ or 420. He asked the group what they proffered. Considerable discussion ensued as to what was best. Callahan noted that Nationals will be hosted in 420z and FJ. The group debated whether a club 420 and a 420z were similar enough. The group was almost evenly split with 420 teams advocating 420's and FJ team advocating FJs. Kings Point coach Michael Collins noted that both fleets were equal and that the FJ sails were slightly better than the 420 sails. Commissioner Callahan offered a compromise solution that would have FJ's used in rounds 1 and 3 and 420's in round 2. Mitch Brindley spoke up and said that he felt it was a bad idea and that we should pick one fleet or the other. The group took a vote and it was determined that the 2015 Prosser would be sailed in FJ's.

6. Re Writing the MAISA Information Bulletin

Commissioner Callahan noted that the MAISA Bulletin needs an update and needs to be simplified. He is working on a new version.

New Business

1. Request by Queens to forgive no-show penalty for Navy Fall Regatta
Queens asked to be excused from a no-show for the Navy Fall regatta. They produced documentation of a concussion by one of their sailors. Queens said they tried their best to get someone to take the place of the injured sailor but didn't have enough sailors

- that weekend since they had homecoming and other regattas. A motion was m/s/failed to grant Queens an excuse from their no-show. The motion failed in large part to the fact that executive committee members felt that the late no-show at a four division event put an undue burden on the host and that Queens should have had a better back up plan in place.
2. Proposal to move MAISA report times to 9:30AM (Adam Werblow)
Adam Werblow asked that the Executive Committee consider aligning with NEISA and having a 930AM report time. After a brief discussion the executive committee declined to support adopting a 930AM report time.
 3. Schedule and No-show penalty Proposal -(Attached) - Dan Winters
Dan Winters has proposals that he would like MAISA to consider. This will be item #1 at the MAISA Annual Meeting.
 4. ACC and ACT Berths - how many for MAISA/NEISA/SAISA
There was brief discussion about what berths should be for the ACC and ACT. No motion was made to change or alter berths.
 5. Umpires for Team Race Challenge and Prosser Trophy
Commissioner Callahan asked the Executive Committee to help Michael Collins gather an outstanding group of umpires for the Prosser Trophy and the Team Race Challenge.
 6. Items for ICOSA Mid Year Meeting - weight limit for Match Race?
Commissioner Callahan noted that there has been some concern from some coaches that the weight limit for Match Race is too low. Commissioner Callahan offered to bring this to the attention of the ICOSA and see if there is any consensus on increasing the limit.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30PM.