

MAISA Executive Committee Conference Call 11/10/15

Roll Call

Michael Callahan (MAISA Commissioner), Ian Burman (NA), Dan Thompson (HWS), Johnny Norfleet (FRD), Max Plarr (CNU), Scott Ikle (HWS), Dan Winters (MAISA Scheduler), Sam Patterson (UVA), Catie Hopkins (UPN), Brian Clancy (COR), Bill Ward (SMC), Adam Werblow (SMC), Connor Blouin (SMC), Michael Collins (KP), Morgan Wilson (NYM), John Pearce (GWU), Geoff Lofredo (SBU), Patrick Mazzeo (WM)

Treasurers Report

The following schools have unpaid invoices and are prohibited from competing and from scheduling until the amounts due are paid in full:

Hamilton
Princeton
RIT
Skidmore

Old Business

1. Duties of MAISA and ICSA rep at regattas

Commissioner Callahan brought up his concern that the duties of MAISA and ICSA Rep at Regattas are not defined and he asked for input on what the duties should be. Adam Werblow (SMC) felt that the MAISA/ICSA rep, in addition to making sure Procedural Rules are followed, should be a filter for complaints and a sounding board for ideas. Commissioner Callahan indicated he would bring a proposal to the MAISA Annual Meeting outlining the duties of the MAISA/ICSA rep.

2. One or two fleets at spring conference championships

Continuing a discussion from the last call Commissioner Callahan brought up the idea of having spring coed and women's conference championships at 36 boat venues only. Scott Ikle (HWS) introduced a compromise plan. The Ikle plan would call for the following. Two years before a single fleet (18 boat) host is scheduled to run the MAISA Spring Women's or the America Trophy they would indicate whether they planned on hosting the event in one fleet or two. The conference would then decide if the host would be allowed to run the event in one fleet. If the conference decides that they want the event in 36 boats the host can then indicate 1. That they plan on getting a 2nd fleet or 2. Decide not to host the event. Commissioner Callahan said the proposal would be brought to the Annual Meeting for a vote.

3. Review of 2016 schedule

MAISA Scheduler Dan Winters indicated that the 2016 Draft package would be emailed in the near future.

4. Format for Annual Meeting and Schedule Draft

The MAISA Annual Meeting and schedule draft will be held December 5th at St. John's College in Annapolis, MD. Commissioner Callahan asked for any input from the Executive Committee for changes to the meeting or draft. Scott Ikle (HWS) proposed that the live draft order be changed to the following 1. Women's Draft, 2. In Conference Draft, 3. Out of Conference Draft. A motion was m/s/c to accept the new order for the live draft.

5. Getting quality umpires to the team race challenge and Prosser Trophy

Commissioner Callahan noted that MAISA is still searching for a way to get enough umpires to MAISA Conference Team Race Events. He asked for suggestions for how the conference could attract the best umpires. Some ideas that were mentioned were 1. Having teams be responsible for bringing and paying for their own umpires. 2. Having an added entry fee for teams competing in the events to help pay for umpires. Commissioner Callahan formed a MAISA Umpire Compensation Committee to look into this issue and bring a proposal to the annual meeting. The Committee consists of the following coaches: Charles Higgins (ODU), Mitch Brindley (ODU), Adam Werblow (SMC), Bill Ward (SMC), John Pearce (GWU), Ian Burman (NA), Scott Ikle (HWS), Brian Clancy (COR).

New Business

1. Request by Rutgers to be promoted to Provisional membership from Associate
A motion was m/s/c to recommend that Rutgers be promoted to Provisional Member.
2. Request by University of Rochester to be promoted from Provisional to Regular
A motion was m/s/c to recommend that Rochester be promoted to Regular Member
3. Proposal: MAISA Match Race moves from weekend 8 to weekend 5.

Ian Burman (NA) noted that Navy would be purchasing a new fleet of Navy 26's and would be able to host the MAISA Match Race on Weekend 5. After considerable discussion the Committee decided to keep the Match Race at Kings Point for 2016 and have the regatta at Navy in 2017 and then alternate after that.

4. Shortened season starting in 2016. How can MAISA schedule evolve to adapt to a 20 weekend season limit.

Commissioner Callahan reminded the group that starting in Fall 2016 the ICSA has adopted a shorter 20 week season. Commissioner Callahan also updated the Committee on work being done to look at altering the fall schedule to end earlier and have an in conference and out of conference season.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:57PM

The next meeting will be the MAISA Annual Meeting 12/5/15/