

**NEISA Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes
February 18, 2016**

Motions:

- 1.) Approve Annual Meeting Minutes
 - a. Passed with none opposed
- 2.) Approve proposed budget
 - a. Passed with none opposed
- 3.) Change PR 7.4.3 to “In the event that a regatta must be moved, if possible, the following guidelines will be used to select the venue”
 - a. Fails with 14 votes, does not reach 17-vote quorum

Action Items:

- 1.) Hosts should send out emails with regatta details and NORs well in advance of each event
 - a. Ken Legler has a good template
- 2.) Assemble Club Team Handbook
 - a. See Jade Forsberg if interested in helping
- 3.) Look into implementing a Team Race Draft

Minutes:

- 1.) Call to Order (Assad)
 - a.) Roll Call of Executive Board (online) (Assad)
- 2.) Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes**
 - a.) Motion to approve (Assad)**
 - i.) Seconded**
 - ii.) Passes unanimously**
- 3.) Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees
 - a.) Commissioner’s Report (Assad)
 - i.) Incorporation
 - (1) Have submitted twice, small issues each time
 - (2) Submitted third time, should be good
 - (3) Stan Schreyer and others helping to get us 501 (c)(3) status
 - ii.) Procedural Rules

- (1) Thank you Alex Rudkin, Mike O'Connor, Amanda Callahan
 - (2) Excited to wrap that project up
 - iii.) Host Communication
 - (1) Send emails/NORs out early
 - (2) Emphasize report time
 - (3) Ken Legler has good NOR template
 - (4) Contact info for all teams is on NEISA Google Sheet
 - iv.) Undergraduate Regional Reps to Speak with Student-Led Teams
 - (1) Trying to make sure student-led teams have people on NEISA email list
 - (2) Look to develop support systems
 - (3) Club team handbook being assembled (best practices, general information, etc.)
 - (4) Club Team Symposium in future
 - (5) Volunteers welcome, Jade Forsberg is leading the charge
 - (a) Get in touch if interested
 - v.) Any Questions?
- b.) Scheduling Coordinator's Report (Pizzo)
 - i.) Looking for Hosts
 - (1) One event on March 1
 - (2) Other events to be shuffled around later
 - ii.) Check your report times
 - (1) Specifically River teams
 - (2) Shouldn't be any surprises at events
 - iii.) Deadlines for Interconference Changes for 2017
 - (1) May 1
 - (2) Hard deadline
 - (3) Submit info about changes to Frank Pizzo, who will bring it to Danielle Richards for approval at Nationals meeting
 - iv.) Draft for Team Race Regattas
 - (1) Rules for scheduling are hard to follow and allocate equitably
 - (2) Draft should be implemented
 - (3) Takes too much time and is too cumbersome under current system
 - (4) Suggest totally separate draft for team racing
 - (a) Callahan: Would you consider just changing the rules that the competition committee created?
 - (b) Pizzo: We have asked for clarifications many times and it's not clear if we are directly following the letter of the rule. Hard to know if it's being done correctly. Very complicated

interplay between NEISA rules and ICSCA allocations with alternates list

- (c) Skip Whyte: What we have now is very confusing
- (d) Callahan: Are there teams that aren't getting team races that want it?
- (e) Pizzo: Teams are getting shut out of top in-conference team race regattas

c.) Treasurer's Report (Alden Reid)

i.) Executive Committee needs to vote on proposed budget

- (1) On NEISA website, under Documents --> Meeting Minutes
- (2) Very similar to one shown in December
- (3) Contains 2015 actuals now
- (4) Assad: Anything we should be looking at?
- (5) Virtually nothing has changed, was just never voted through

(6) Motion to accept budget

(a) Seconded

(b) Motion passes unanimously

- (7) If anyone has questions, please shoot Alden Reid a note

4.) Old Business

a.) Club Team Symposium (Assad)

- i.) Really aimed at student-led teams
 - (1) Trying to help build programs
- ii.) Club Team Handbook
 - (1) Best practices, guidelines, etc.
- iii.) Regional Reps
 - (1) Each team should have at least 2 members on NEISA email list
- iv.) Womens Teams
 - (1) Looking to get womens teams from every team in conference
- v.) Spring/Fall Dinghy Tournaments
 - (1) Encourage teams that don't make championships to compete in dinghy tournaments
 - (2) Important part of our championship structure
- vi.) Send ideas to us (Forsberg)
 - (1) O'Connor: Let's compile list of student leaders on each team and separate list of faculty advisors. Invite faculty advisors to meeting to help them
 - (2) Legler: Conversation about continuity and maintaining funding

(3) Hannah Lynn: Part of handbook explaining entrance fees and the necessary funding so can ask advisors/administration

b.) Procedural Rules (Assad)

- i.) All rules we vote on are official rules of the conference. We will need to live by all of them, so please give this consideration
 - ii.) Substitutions at regattas (Weidenbacker)
 - (1) Will that section be included?
 - (2) Assad: We will try not to include anything that is covered by ICSA rules because they supercede ours
 - iii.) Regatta missing (Weidenbacker)
 - (1) Loder Trophy
 - iv.) PR 7.7.1 (Weidenbacker)
 - (1) Report time
 - (a) Team should be able to decide to have start time at 10:30
 - (2) Assad: Sounds good, send that to me
 - v.) Nomenclature (Legler)
 - (1) Change name to “NEISA Regulations” to show difference from ICSA Procedural Rules
 - vi.) All votes require 3/4 of Executive Committee (Assad)
 - (1) We need to actually follow this, we haven’t in the past
 - vii.) Visiting Team Practice limitations
 - (1) PR 7.7.10
 - (2) Current rule only says “championships”, should be “conference championships”
- c.) 7.4.3 discussion of 50 mile guideline (Pizzo)
- i.) **Restrictions for selecting replacement venues for events, has to be within 50 miles**
 - (1) Should be eliminated because is cumbersome
 - (2) Created during
 - (3) **Motion: Change wording of PR 7.4.3 to “In the event that a regatta must be moved, if possible, the following guidelines will be used to select the venue”**
 - (a) **Changing “must” to “should”, added “if possible”**
 - (b) **Seconded**
 - (c) **Scheduling vote: Fails with 14 votes, didn’t reach quorum of 17 votes**

5.) New Business (Assad)

- a.) None
- 6.) Announcements, Time of Next Meeting, and Adjournment (Assad)
 - a.) Motion to adjourn
 - i.) Seconded
 - b.) Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00PM