

11/12/15 NEISA Conference Call

7:00 Call to Order

Roll Call of Executive Board (online)

- Quorum: 50% Executives and 50% of Members

7:01 Approval of May and September Meeting Minutes

- None opposed, May and September Meeting Minutes are approved

7:03 Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

7:05 Commissioner's Report (Justin Assad)

- 501(c)3 status – in touch with Boston College alum to reach 501(c)3 status
 - Hopefully done before annual meeting
- Alex Rudkin is working on NEISA procedural rules
 - To be included with scheduling information everyone receives
 - To be shown to the whole conference before being voted on
- Looking for hosts for 2017 championships as part of the scheduling process at the annual meeting

7:10 Scheduling Coordinator's Report (Frank Pizzo)

- Sent out via email
- Scheduling questionnaire for 2016 will be sent out on Monday

7:15 Judging Coordinator's Report (Rabin)

- In the summary sent out beforehand
- Gradually improving
- Match racing has gone from one umpire to five
- Adding one or two judges makes a big difference
- Expected to have umpires at championships, whether it is team racing or match racing
- Should reach out to people long before hosting an event, hard to pull together at the last minute
- Swingly: What is the list of the regattas we pay umpires for?
 - Rabin: Match Racing in the fall, Marchiando, Southern New England TR, TR New Englands
 - Planned to offer it for the Friis, but it didn't happen
 - Ended up paying for the Staake last year
 - Assad: Want to do it for the Staake and the Friis – want to support interconferences and championship qualifiers
 - Rabin: Doesn't require a vote
 - Last annual meeting: umpire surcharge for Marchiando, SNETR, Match Race NE, TR NE
 - Swingly: can't collect extra money from non-NEISA teams for umpires
 - MAISA is starting to do the same thing
 - Assad: general support at ICSA level to charge outside teams, but the bookkeeping is difficult

7:20 Regional Reps Reports

- Uptick in women's teams

7:20 North Rep (Wiedenbacher)

- 17 potential teams, 12 are active
- UNE is sailing and growing
- Four teams are nonresponsive – Univ. Southern Maine, Colby, Franklin Pierce and Plymouth have not attended any events
 - Franklin Pierce has a facility and some boats
- Dalhousie sailing in big boats up North and in France
 - Trying to get them to come South
- Maine Maritime hired a new coach

7:30 Central Rep (Mike O'Connor)

- Wentworth is looking for a new faculty advisor/coach
- Haven't heard back from: UMass Dartmouth, Bentley (old coach)
 - Bentley sailing at the BU facility – 8 or 10 times
- UMass Boston has a facility and could be a team in the future
- ICSA problem – Incomplete RP info for smaller teams, which registers the teams as no-show, which makes it difficult to track their
 - Diana: Teams have no idea what their login info for RP forms is
 - O'Connor: Students are not even registered with ICSA on smaller teams
 - Ken: several teams forgot to do their RP forms for the dark of night regatta and they already ate their chili and left! (Bentley, Wentworth, Emmanuel)

7:40 South Rep (Mollicone)

- RW opened new facilities
- Brown hoping to open new facility this year, expand to 36 boats
- Salve Regina hoping to get two fleets, looking for 420s
- Providence college sails out of Brown sometimes, hosted an invitational this fall
- Quentin Chafee is the new Johnson and Wales coach – first full time head coach for the team
 - Qualified for the Schell
- URI is doing well
- RISD students sometimes practice with Brown, hopefully can set up a team for them, just come out here and there
- Sacred Heart, Mitchell, and Fairfield are attending regattas regularly
 - Mitchell is working on getting a women's team
- Growth in women's teams in each of these schools
- No response from Trinity
- Thanks to everyone for helping with spring nationals, NYYC was happy with the event and would do it again
- Financial issues at ———, no distinction between club and varsity
- Assad: Quinnipiac does not let club teams compete on the intercollegiate level
- Skip: URI is getting new FJs by next fall
- Assad: Thank you to everyone who has worked to track down these teams
 - Plan to put together an information session in March for provisional and/or student-led teams, will work on this over the winter

7:50 Old Business

7:50 NEISA In Conference Draft Proposal (Whyte/Pizzo)

- NEISA In Conference Draft Proposal (Whyte/Pizzo)
 - **Introduction of final proposal: sent out the final proposal that has been sent out**
 - **Mr. Pizzo proposed a motion to change the way in which the Conference selects in-Conference events to a draft system and that the Conference use the draft order preferred by Mr. Whyte and Mr. Pizzo in so doing.**
 - The motion was seconded and discussion began
 - Swingly: views the stipulation that hosts must select their event as problematic—teams that host many events may forego other picks
 - Weidenbacher: Are we trying to fix something that is genuinely a problem, or is it that we are trying to change something that will impact a select number of teams
 - Greg: I think that Colin’s email does a good job of putting out that our current system isn’t necessarily broken, but I don’t think that we necessarily *Need* to change something because it is broken; with the draft, teams have to pick those events that they want to do, not what they are “entitled” to do; same thing that we have seen with the out of conference draft, people have to pick and choose their regattas
 - Greg: not very efficient to have regattas given to teams based on entitlement, teams often end up giving up the events during the season that they were given in the scheduling process because they decide they don’t actually want to sail them.
 - Strong argument: efficiency
 - Diana: want to make sure
 - Justin: even if this doesn’t change things all that much, it will be done in a more fair and equitable way
 - Legler: in favor of simplicity, will we have two different draft orders
 - Amanda: specifically in the distribution of the 4 most preferred events
 - Mollicone: Will the proposal moving to the ICSA level to change the Fall season structure
- **Proposal moved to a vote, proposal carried in a scheduling vote by a tally of 9 in favor and 8 opposed with one abstention.**

8:20 Date/Time of NEISA annual Meeting and Interconference draft

- Saturday, December 5th 9AM

8:25 Announcements, Time of next meeting, and adjournment