

NEISA Meeting Minutes  
September 12,2017

- 1) Motions:
  - a. No Motions
  
- 2) Call to Order:
  - a. Roll Call of Executive Board
    - i. Roll Call of E-board online
  - b. Attendance
    - i. Executive Board: Assad, Coakley, Florio, Welsh, Pizzo, Swingly, Wilkinson, O'Connor, Mollicone, Astiz, Paige, Morin, Lynn, Schwerdtfeger
    - ii. Member Schools: Thompson, Whyte, White, Callahan, Rudkin
  
- 3) Commissioner's Report:
  - a. Assad: I want to direct everyone's attention to the membership report which is available online. You'll see we have four coed team that won't be able to count if they don't participate this fall. I'm going to double check. The schools are Wellesley, Brandeis, Williams, and Mitchell are teams that we are concerned about. We need them to compete in one event during the fall. The other part I would like to point out is the women's teams. Those women teams are McGill, Wellesley, Sacred Heart and Bates other holdouts are Mass Maritime, Maine Maritime, Bentley, Brandeis, Wesleyan, Amherst and Worcester Poly Tech. Let's try and reach out to these women's team. Let's remind them that they can go to a coed event and sail an all-women's team and that will count. This type of sailing really promotes this stuff. This is a high priority item because there may be serious consequences in the spring.
  - b. Swingly: I think this is really important. We should specifically assign each team to specific individuals because if we don't have specific direction it will be bad and nothing will get done. I can reach out to Mitchel and try to get them to come to a couple regattas. Let's try and get other teams involved.
  - c. Assad: Does anyone want to help with this?
  - d. O'Connor: I can do both Brandeis and Wellesley.
  - e. Assad: The last one is Williams. I can do but if someone has a contact there it would be better.
  - f. O'Connor: They come to my place a couple times I'll get in ouch when they are there.
  - g. Unknown: Is this to reach out to them?
  - h. Unknown 2: This is to get them to regattas and just get them to sail one thing.
  - i. Assad: I would like to disclose these are the same numbers as last semester. I agave yet to run the report for it. I know Williams was at our club team symposium. It is possible Williams did sail in an event last week.
  - j. Wilkinson: That's awesome that those are the coed teams but can you review the women's team please?

- k. Assad: Sure, this is all on the website. Teams we were counting previously that we might lose this year are Bates, McGill, Sacred Heart, UMASS Amherst and Wellesley. Then schools that we use to be able to count a woman's team is Bentley, Brandeis, Maine Maritime, Mass Maritime, Mitchell, Wesleyan, Williams, Amherst, Wentworth, Worcester Poly Tech. lots of low hanging fruit on the women's side.
  - l. O'Connor: I'll work on all those women's teams to make sure it counts.
  - m. Assad: The bigger priority is the coed side. Does anyone know how to get InTouch with McGill? If not I will take charge of it. Now I know Sacred Heart is on the line right now. Dave will you be able to get a women's team out there.
  - n. White: Unfortunately, Justin we just graduated a lot of our sailors and the Sacred heart team is suffering big time. There is no chance that we could send a women's team:
  - o. Swingly: Dave its Brian from Coast Guard just a reminder we have a women's weekday invite at Brown this year. That is exactly what that regatta is made for. Teaching women how to drive. Dave you've been there before. I think that that is a really good event. Reminder is that it is October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - p. Mollicone: We are happy to do a little clinic on the water beforehand maybe after video after. We want to make it fun for everyone. Help out newer skippers or crews. Maybe an email to the coaches list as a friendly reminder. As many teams as we can get in that southern central area. That will be a good event for mass maritime.
  - q. Assad: Everyone can see this link online and we can try and highlight the teams in danger. Mostly we need as much outreach as possible. Outreach goes a long way. That wraps up the Commissioners report.
- 4) Scheduling Coordinator Report:
- a. Pizzo: I've been filling in for Danielle. Please include me on all emails to her. We are trying to catch up and Danielle does a lot. Please look over the ICSA and NEISA google doc and if you see anything weird please let me know. I've received a bunch of questions regarding men's and women's single registration, Amanda will get that out but remember it is a max of five per school. For the most part, everything should be pretty self-explanatory. We have an invite with no host if nobody speaks up we will have to cancel. We have another invite at Harvard and tufts. The tufts event only has one team so if nobody else adds it then we will cancel that.
  - b. O'Connor: The invite at Harvard is the invite that we hold try to get people to come too. We should make it combined divisions and we can borrow two boats.
  - c. Assad: Any other questions?
- 5) Old Business:
- a. Assad: Let's get some updates for our conference championships. We need to identify exact weight at that regatta. Let's hear from amanita first about Laser New England's.
  - b. Singlehanded New England's:

- i. Callahan: I got the template for the NOR and Si's this morning from brain Swingly. I have to talk to him about a couple things but look for the NOR later this afternoon. We are going to have two separate race courses. Steve Kirkpatrick will be the arc for New England and Abby Preston will be doing the dinghy event. We have boats coming in from across the bay. We are looking for more coach boats. Currently based on the emails from yesterday we have seven coaches and I suspect that number to grow. We have twelve women sailors and fifteen males at the moment. Judges are well covered for this event. The plan is two separate courses. The Amanda trophy will be off the sailing center. While the laser course we will shift to where it is appropriate. Brian is handling sail numbers. We have a cobble launch area where sailors will be able to drop their trailers off. Yale is the only school indicating that they want two coaches on the water. Any questions?
  - ii. Assad: Thanks Amanda, just one reminded we will be using aluminum top sections because we spoke with ICSA leadership and Laser performance and that is what they are stipulating that we use.
  - iii. Paige: Are we still using the radial sail for New England's?
  - iv. Assad: Yes
  - v. Bresnahan: Couple Questions, with the Laser stuff let's make that stuff communicated through NEISA.
  - vi. Mollicone: Why don't we follow the Laser class rules because that's why we have Lasers.
  - vii. Assad: We have the mandate from ICSA so that is why we aren't doing it. That is where we are at for this issue on the top section. We essentially need to get more info from ICSA earlier so then teams may prepare better.
- c. Match Race New England's:
- i. Assad: Anyone have any updates?
  - ii. Wilkinson: I know MIT is going to host out of Corinthian in sonars. The sonars are all relatively well matched. Sails were new last winter. There are red, green, blue and yellow sails. That's all I know the boats are regatta ready boats in a team race. The boat situation will be good and Bill Canfield will be the PRO.
  - iii. Assad: Great, I know that one issue is POW is that same weekend so we are short on umpires. We could be in the scenario where we might need coaches to umpire that event.
  - iv. Mollicone: Do we know the weight yet?
  - v. Wilkinson: The weight limit is going to be 660 which is the nationals weight limit is. It is in the notice of race which might be difficult to find.
  - vi. Mollicone: Aren't sonars made for heavier weight?
  - vii. Wilkinson: Match racing goes off of their own rules the boat doesn't factor in.

- viii. Mollicone: So, we can squeeze that many people in under that weight and we'll be fine? Because I remember doing a national where we did it in sonars and had five people.
  - ix. Wilkinson: Right we got talked into that.
  - x. Bresnahan: For the umpiring for college sailing. Nobody is qualified to do so we need to find a better solution.
  - xi. Assad: I agree entirely and we are hamstrung because of it. That is why people need to reach to their friends.
  - xii. Wilkinson: There must be a woman on board for nationals and the weight.
- d. 2019 College Nationals:
- i. Assad: We had a massive discussion about it. Everyone have any thoughts on how we can host it>
  - ii. Mollicone: I have talked to Sail Newport and it seems like we can do it there. We would like a little more help from the other Rhode Island schools. I haven't gotten a price back to use all their assets and facilitates I think It would be a very high possibility.
  - iii. Whyte: URI would be interested in partnering and helping with the event.
  - iv. If we were to do it again. We would bring our 420's over and use Salve's fj's. It would be bare bones with no events. If we all worked together and have everyone take one event.
  - v. Wilkinson: NEISA Championship committee could be involved and be helpful. Something we would need to do right away we need to see what the resources are lost with NYYC and Sail Newport in.
  - vi. Mollicone: Teams are going to have to help. But once when sail Newport gives us an inventory list we might be able to make it happen. Since we aren't doing any social events anymore it makes it a lot easier. Assets will be the greatest issue to try and overcome. When sail export gives a price, the list will include the number of boats we can get. Ill reach out again and we can go from there.
  - vii. Calhan: What is the deadline Justin?
  - viii. Assad: We are past that we need to have a proposal prepared by the winter meeting.
  - ix. Wilkinson: We need a big plan put together.
  - x. Mollicone: If NEISA doesn't have a proposal does it group for bid?
  - xi. Wilkinson: Yes, but it is NEISA's ability to use it.
  - xii. Callahan: Wasn't there an ado committee?
  - xiii. Wilkson: I don't really know who works on that but I think they do have some stuff.
  - xiv. Assad: I'm going to figure that out. My gut feeling is if Newport is an option then we should do it. John let's talk offline to see if we can get it put together.
- e. 2018 Fall Schedule

- i. Assad: There is a copy of that that you can find that on the NEISA website. We want everyone to take a look at it and then in turn can help anyone with questions,
- ii. Wilkinson: We are going to need to reexamine the way that we schedule.
- iii. Assad: We need to determine how people qualify then we can address the scheduling side. Those are the two things that we need to figure out. Most likely this will be a competition committee item. Let's have them figure it out.
- iv. Wilkinson: When do you think the skeleton will be complete?
- v. Assad: It's pretty much put together. But Frank are you online?
- vi. Pizzo: Inaudible
- vii. Wilkinson: Instead of assigning this to a committee but can we get a small group of people who are already familiar with everything just so we can have a great outcome and not break anything.
- viii. Whyte: It is very easy to break everything.
- ix. Assad: Well aim for the October call to have everything put together. This will help us get everything put together. Any questions?

6) New Business:

a. Defining the purpose of the NEISA Rep

- i. Assad: Do we have anyone who knows anything about this. So, we can get it out to the conference. Once when we get a draft we can change some things before we vote it into being. Any other items of business?

7) Next call:

- a. Our next call is October 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am.