

MBL Annual Winter Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2013

1. Officers' Reports

- a) Secretary
- b) Treasurer and Finance Committee
Financial Report for 2012 and proposed budget for 2013 are attached.
- c) Vice President
Participation at events during the last year
- d) President

Relationship with CBI - CBI is restructuring their scholastic sailing program to reduce the number of schools and the number of sailors. As a consequence, they are severing their 35-year relationship with the MBL. Per our Deed of Gift, CBI owes the MBL half the appraised value of the 420s that we helped to purchase and we expect that it will be paid over the coming year. Furthermore, CBI is requiring that we pay a fee of \$5 per sailor per day to hold regattas there.

Update on NESSA and ISSA

NESSA meeting was attended by Carl, Gary (Sharon), Jeff (BB&N), Elliot (Dover-Sherborn), Chris (Duxbury), Kevin (Manchester-Essex), and Bill (St. John's Prep). Proposals were made to move the O'Day to the end of the season, to expand the Mark to more teams on a single weekend, modification of the Women's Invitational to become a championship event, and to create a NESSA-only for teams uninterested in national championships and composite teams. None of these changes were adopted.

Another meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2 at Tabor. Coaches were encouraged to attend, and to confirm their voting eligibility before the meeting.

2. Consideration of New Members

Potential new teams include Scituate and Easton.

Scituate High School was welcomed to the B Division, and will be sailing in Scituate Harbor. Easton was represented at the meeting, and currently is interested in gathering all necessary information to begin forming a sailing team. No motion was made to join the League at this time.

3. Venues

1. Community Boating is restructuring their scholastic sailing program. It is not yet clear what racing opportunities the teams remaining at CBI will have.

Community Boating - Brookline, Cambridge, Newman, Newton North, Newton Country Day, Nobles and Greenough, Quincy.

Courageous Sailing Center - BB&N, Boston Latin, and Boston Public, St. Sebastian's

Lake Cochituate - Lincoln-Sudbury, Wellesley, and Wayland

Hingham Harbor - Hingham and Notre Dame

Hull YC - Nantasket

Manchester YC - Manchester-Essex

MIT - Winsor

Duxbury Bay Maritime School - Duxbury

Sherborn YC - Dover-Sherborn

Quannapowitt YC - St. John's Prep

Lake Massapoag - Sharon

Dug Pond - Natick

Winchester YC - Winchester
Gloucester Harbor - Gloucester
Green Harbor YC - Marshfield
Chebacco Lake and Pleon - Pingree
Scituate Harbor - Scituate
Needing a venue - Concord Academy, International School of Boston,
Potential New Venues -
Boating in Boston - UMass-Boston, Spot Pond, Hopkinton Lake SP, Lake
Quannapowitt
Pleon

Boating in Boston was proposed as a feasible venue, with multiple locations. Storage at the UMass Boston site was highlighted as a valuable aspect of the venue, as well.

4. Composition of Racing Divisions

A BB&N, Duxbury, Hingham, Manchester-Essex, Sharon, St. John's Prep, Winchester
B North Division: Boston Latin, Brookline (?), Gloucester, Swampscott, Winthrop
B West Division: Concord Academy, Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln-Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley
B South Division:, Nantasket, Notre Dame, Scituate, St. Sebastian's
C Division: Cambridge, Newman, Newton North, Newton Country Day, Noble and Greenough, Quincy
Plus
Boston Public, , International School of Boston, Natick, St., Scituate (B South)

St. Sebastian's was approved to join the B Division. Concord Academy will also move to the B Division despite the lack of a home venue. Other currently displaced schools are showing interest in moving to the B Division as well, although no formal motions were made at this time. The regionalization of the B Division decided to restructure their divisions as noted above.

5. Consideration of Dues and Fees

A fee structure similar to that of the last several years is passed:

Racing Dues: \$200

Recreational Dues: \$25

A reminder of procedure was offered to all participating schools: Bills will be sent out within the next two weeks, with payment expected by April 1.

6. Events

3/24 Courageous Keelboat Kickoff
3/31 Easter
3/25-4/2 Passover
4/13 Sharon Invitational
4/15-19 Public school vacation week
4/20 NESSA Fleet Racing Qualifier
4/21 NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)
4/28 MBL Team Race Invitational
5/4 SAT Exams
5/5 NESSA Women's Invitational (Herreshoff Trophy)
5/11 Donald Greene
5/11-12 Wildcard Weekend - NESSA Team Racing Qualifiers
5/11-12 ISSA Fleet Racing Championship (Mallory Trophy)
5/18-19 NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

5/18 Terk Team Racing event, at Sharon (teams not eligible for Mark Trophy)
5/20-21 MBL Championship
5/23-24 Massachusetts State Open - MIT
5/25-26 ISSA Team Racing Championship (Baker Trophy)
5/25-26 Atlantic Coast Championship
5/28 Memorial Day
6/3 Coaches' Dinner

Discussion of MBL Championship Regatta - venue, fees, format

CBI is requiring that we pay a fee of \$5 per sailor per day to hold events at their venue. For the MBL Championship, this means it will cost us \$800-1000 per day to rent the facility. Discussions with MIT are being entertained, with no commitments made at this time.

Other events:

"Weekly" Fleet Racing - various venues
Sharon - 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17
Courageous

Proposed structure for events hosted by Sharon includes:

- Visiting schools may have 3 -4 boats in a 16 boat fleet.
- Rotations will not be incorporated, with the interest of maximizing sailing time for all students.
- Events are made available to all divisions, and provide an opportunity for less experienced sailors to gain fleet racing exposure.

Proposed structure for events hosted by Courageous includes:

- Rhodes 19 fleet racing will be made available to all MBL divisions, if enough interest is demonstrated. Fridays in early April were suggested as potential race days. Boats can accommodate 2-4 sailors depending on skill and conditions.

JV, Undergrad and Women's regattas are cancelled due to CBI restrictions, and will be revisited next year. These regattas may be possible if an alternative venue becomes available, and that school offers to host.

Race scheduling for teams at CBI will be determined by the C Division and CBI, per their individual discussions as independent schools and as a Division. A meeting with all parties is scheduled for February 5.

Other New Business:

Moses Brown is selling 7 FJs for \$7,350. A proposal was made for the League to purchase the matched fleet, to be made available to schools looking for a fleet once a venue is obtained. It was also proposed that the boats could be chartered to teams on a temporary basis. Storage for boats would be provided by Moses Brown until May 2013. Boating in Boston at UMass Boston has long term storage potential. If no school in the League has purchased the boats from the League by that point, the fleet would be put up for sale. A motion for the Board to research logistics further, with intent to purchase the fleet, was passed.

7. Teams looking for coaches

Any team looking for a coach should place an ad at <http://www.sailldesign.com/21.html>.

Wayland expressed a need for a sailing coach.

8. Report from Nominating Committee - Tom Soisson and Bill Mackinson

9. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected to serve for 2013:

President: Gary Werden

Vice President: Jeff Hodess

Treasurer: Alex Sherman-Ash

Secretary: Lianne Dusek

10. Division Issues and Scheduling

Break out into separate divisions to discuss scheduling and other specific issues.