

MBL Annual Meeting Agenda - Minutes

January 27, 2014

Attendance sign-in

The following teams were represented: BB&N, Boston Latin, Boston Public, Dover-Sherborn, Duxbury, Hingham, Lincoln-Sudbury, Natick, Nantasket, Needham, Newman Prep, Newton, Newton Country Day, Nobles, Pingree, Quincy, Sharon, St. Johns Prep, St. Sebastian's, Wayland.

Finances

- Treasurer's report
 - Income in 2013 exceeded expenses by \$2785.
- NESSA national event deposits assistance available
 - The league will pay the \$500 deposit to NESSA on behalf of teams wanting to be eligible for national events. The actual cost to the league is \$0. NESSA returns the money at the end of the season.
- Formal ratification of plan to return excess 420 and Coordinator funds
 - The league voted unanimously to accept the [policy](#) as written.
 - Teams should contact Gary Werden or Alex Sherman-Ash to claim their remittances.
 - Concord Academy and Newton Country Day have already requested the return of their funds.
 - The league will work with teams to return the funds in ways that ensure they are used for sailing.
 - Funds not claimed by Jan 2015 will be returned to the schools without regard to how the money is used.
- Establishment of dues for 2014
 - The dues will remain the same - \$200
- MBL Championship regatta fee
 - There will be no fee for the MBL Championship Regatta this year. Because income from dues exceeds our operating expenses by more than \$2200, we can forgo the regatta fees (\$2200 last year) and still balance our budget.

Update on NESSA

- Report on NESSA meeting
 - NESSA has discontinued the practice of including 8th graders in meets
 - New year end team race events – The top 8 teams by ranking will compete in the Mark Championship and next 8 teams will go to the Terk. The winner of the Terk is eligible for the NIT. Both events will use 2 day format of the Mark
 - Cooperative teams were voted down again
- MBL teams - Who is a member and who is not
 - A and B teams are required to be members of NESSA. According to NESSA, the following schools have not yet paid their 2014 dues: Manchester, Brookline, Gloucester, Pingree, Swampscott, Winthrop, Natick, Notre Dame, Scituate, St. Sebastian's

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- Review of our requirements for NESSA membership
 - One loss penalty will be assessed for failure to meet scheduling requirements – in division and out
 - Every team races every other team in its division once for standings
 - A Division –
 - NESSA membership
 - 3 NESSA teams outside of division
 - 1 NESSA event
 - B Division –
 - NESSA membership
 - 1 other B team
 - 1 A team or outside division NESSA team

Update on CBI

Racing schedule will be posted on website

Race days –

4/28, 29, 30

5/1, 2, 12, 14, 15

each team has 4 race days

New team – NEEDHAM

New member and former member status

The league approved Needham as a new team in the C Division. Concord Academy will return to the league and compete in the B West Division. Easton is still trying to get a team going, but is not there yet.

Composition of divisions - Needham has been added to C Division, Concord Academy has been added to B West Division

- A: BB&N, Duxbury, Hingham, Manchester-Essex, Sharon, St. John's Prep, Winchester
- B North: Boston Latin, Brookline, Gloucester, Swampscott, Winthrop, Pingree
- B West: Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln-Sudbury, Natick, Wayland, Wellesley, Concord Academy
- B South: Nantasket, Notre Dame, Scituate, St. Sebastian's
- C at CBI: Cambridge, Newman, Newton North, Newton Country Day, Noble and Greenough, Quincy, Brookline, Needham..... International School of Boston not on CBI schedule
- Other C: Boston Public

Discussion about Brookline competing in 2 divisions

The league voted to establish a policy that a team can only be scored in one division and that when they sail a full schedule in two divisions they will be scored only in the lower of the two divisions.

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Schedule of Events

30-Mar	sun	Courageous Keelboat
4-Apr	fri	Fleet Race Friday at Courageous
4-Apr	fri	Fleet Race Friday at Manchester
11-Apr	fri	Fleet Race Friday at Courageous
18-Apr	fri	Good Friday
19-Apr	sat	Sharon Invitational
20-Apr	sun	Easter
18 -Apr to 27-Apr		Public School Vacation
26-Apr	sat	O'Day Qualifier
27-Apr	sun	O'Day Finals
3-May	sat	SAT
3-May	sat	Fresh/Soph regatta at Sharon
9-May	fri	Fleet Race Friday at Sharon
10-May	sat	Donald Green ???
11-May	sun	MBL Team Race at Sharon
11-May	sun	NESSA Women's Finals
17-May	sat	NESSA TR Championships
18-May	sun	NESSA TR Championships
19-May	mon	MBL Championships
20-May	tue	MBL Championships
TBA		MBL B Team Race at LS
22-May	thu	MA States
23-May	fri	MA States
24-May	sat	ISSA and ACC Championships
25-May	sun	ISSA and ACC Championships
2-Jun	mon	Coaches' Dinner

Event Issues

Provide for on the water judging at the championship. Jeff Dusek to draft language for NOR.

[Our unanimous goal is to teach our sailors the rules and bring them into compliance with them. There is general agreement that there is wide scale failure to follow the rules at our regattas in the Mercury fleets. There was a healthy discussion with differing opinions about the merits and faults of on the water judging/ umpiring versus self-policing. C Division coaches agreed to experiment with on the water judging and other strategies during the season. The outcome of the discussion was to use on the water judging at the championship for the silver \(Mercury\) fleet only.](#)

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Meeting for new coaches

Last year, some coaches suggested that the league hold a pre-season meeting to provide guidance for new coaches. The goal of discussing this was to identify the target audience and most desirable content. Unfortunately, none of the coaches suggesting the meeting were present to provide guidance. A notice will be issued in February to gauge interest and determine content.

New Business

- Concussions
 - There was a report on the concussion history of Sharon High School sailors. The concussion rate when sailors sailed without helmets was about twice that of football. Sharon is now requiring helmets for all their sailors.
- 420s for sale
 - Sharon has four 420s for sale @ \$4000 for all 4. Contact Gary Werden if interested.

Election of officers

The current officers were re-elected for another year.

Scheduling

All teams in attendance will finish their division scheduling. Teams in attendance should schedule the teams not in attendance on a Tuesday or Thursday 4/15, 4/17, 4/29, 5/1, 5/6, or 5/8. Teams not in attendance will be notified of the scheduled meets.

- The A Division completed their schedules.
- The B North Division schedule was completed by the two teams in attendance. Location of the races was not determined.
- One team from the B West Division and one team from the B South Division completed their schedules, but the divisions as a whole failed to do so.