

## Minutes- MBL Meeting January 25, 2016

7:00 PM, Wellesley High School

Discussion and actions taken by the league are indicated in blue.

### Attendance Sign-in

Teams represented: BB&N, Beverly, Boston Latin, Concord Academy, Dover Sherborn, Gloucester, Hingham, Landmark, Lincoln Sudbury, Manchester Essex, Nantasket, Natick, Newton Country Day, Nobles, Notre Dame, Quincy, Sharon, St. John's Prep, St. Sebastain's, Swampscott, Wayland, Wellesley, Winchester, Winsor

### Finances

- Treasurer's report
- Budget and Dues Dues to stay at \$200

### Update on NESSA

At the annual NESSA meeting last October, proposal to change the governance to an Executive Committee was approved. Each league has one representative and there are two at large members. Kiernan O'Connell was chosen as our rep at October meeting. Gary and Carl Zimba ran for At Large positions and were defeated. Rob Hurd (Tabor) and Jonathan Hartley (Portsmouth Abbey) were elected giving the Coastal Alliance 3 representatives.

Reminder – Pinnies are required at O'Day, Mark and national events

### Update on CBI

Nothing new

### Procedural rules issues

Items approved at October meeting should be formally changed in the By-Laws and Procedural rules: All changes below were approved by unanimous consent.

1. Approval for annual dues to be approved at October/November meeting instead of January.

Change By-Laws Article IV, Section 2

Section 2: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS: There shall be at least three meetings of the League during the scholastic calendar year, including the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting of the League shall be held during the month of January each year. Business transacted during the Annual Meeting shall include the consideration of new members, ~~approval of annual League dues and fees~~, and submission of scheduling requests. Other meetings may be held by consensus of the officers, or upon petition by at least three Active Members to the executive committee. The executive committee will determine the time and place of the all meetings.

Change By-Laws Article V, Section 1

Section 1: DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE DUES: The sum of the dues is to be recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Active Members at the ~~Annual Meeting~~ **Fall meeting**. Additional dues may be levied as necessary with the approval of the Active Members. The sum of dues may differ for different categories of Membership. The monies derived from dues shall be used to support League activities that benefit all Members of the League.

2. Removal of the requirement for B Division teams to sail outside their division.

Change Procedural Rules – Delete Rule 9, b, iv.

~~iv. Each team must race at least two (2) team races against teams outside their division. One may be against a team from another B Division and the other (or both) must be against NESSA teams that are not members of MBL or MBL teams in the A Division. If any team does not satisfy this requirement, each meet not sailed shall count as a loss for the purpose of divisional standings.~~

3. Change the competition scheme to accommodate two A subdivisions

Change Procedural Rules – Amend Rule 9, a, iii.

iii. Each team in the division must sail a team racing meet against every other team in ~~the division~~ **their subdivision, and against two or three teams in the other subdivision as prescribed in the league default schedule. The default schedule will use the previous year's standings to determine a scheme that matches teams of similar quality.** Any such meet that is not sailed or forfeited before the end of the regular season shall be scored as a loss for both schools involved.

**New members' acceptance**

[Beverly was formally accepted as new member](#)

**Composition of divisions**

Current configuration- adopted at October meeting

A Coastal. BB&N, Duxbury, Hingham, Manchester-Essex, St. John's Prep

A Inland Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln Sudbury, Sharon, Wayland, Wellesley, Winchester

B North. Beverly, Concord Academy, Gloucester, Landmark, Pingree, Swampscott, Winthrop

B South. Brookline, Boston-Latin, East Boston, Nantasket, Notre Dame, Scituate, St. Sebastian's

C at CBI. Cambridge, Natick, Needham, Newton North, Newton Country Day, Noble and Greenough, Quincy, Winsor

Other C. Boston Public, International School, Newman

[St. Sebastain's discussed their dearth of sailors and requested to be moved to the C Other Division. That move was approved unanimously.](#)

<b>2016 Schedule</b>				
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>
	26-Mar	sat		
	27-Mar	sun	<b>Easter</b>	<b>Easter</b>

Weekend	2-Apr	sat	Courageous Keelboat	
1	3-Apr	sun	Courageous Keelboat	
Weekend	9-Apr	sat		ACT
2	10-Apr	sun	Sharon Invitational	
	15 Apr	fri	League meets/ fleet race friday	
Weekend	16-Apr	sat	O'Day Qualifier	Vacation
3	17-Apr	sun	O'Day Finals	Vacation
				Vacation
Weekend	23-Apr	sat	Herreshoff Qualifier at Duxbury	Passover
4	24-Apr	sun		Vacation
			League meets	
Weekend	30-Apr	sat		
5	1-May	sun		
			League meets	AP Tests
Weekend	7-May	sat	SAT Fresh/Soph regatta/Herroshoff finals	SAT
6	8-May	sun	MBL Team Race / Herreshoff finals	mother's day
			Complete league meets	AP Tests
Weekend	14-May	sat	Donald Greene	
7	15-May	sun	ISSA Fleet Champ	
			MBL B Division Championship	
Weekend	21-May	sat	NESSA TR Championships	
8	22-May	sun	NESSA TR Championships	
	23-May	mon	MBL Championships	
	24-May	tue	MBL Championships	
	25-May	wed	MA States	
	26-May	thu	MA States	
Weekend	28-May	sat	ISSA TR Championship	Memorial Day
9	29-May	sun	ISSA TR Championship	Memorial Day

### Championships for overall A and B Divisions

B Division will have a championship playoff like last year. The A division uses the Team Race tournament to determine an overall champion.

### Instructional meeting for new coaches?

We scheduled a seminar for Saturday, March 19.

### Instructional event for sailors?

We scheduled a seminar for Sunday, April 3, anticipating Maddy Kanter, former coach at Lincoln-Sudbury, will be the instructor.

**New Business**

A division discussed the issue of selecting eight of the eleven teams to participate in the A Division team race tournament. It was decided that the 8 teams with the best winning percentage in league meets that count toward the standings would be selected. Ties or other irregularities will be adjudicated by the league officers.

**Election of officers**

The current officers were re-elected.

**Scheduling**

- A default schedule has been established for all A and B Division meets. See attached Excel spreadsheet and print it out. A Divisions are on sheet 1 and B Divisions are on sheet 2. Schedules are on the website at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dF4QEudjqLK33LpiDP9tM5Je-lwR55Mioi7X5JAQyQ0/edit#gid=1>
- Division breakouts