

Massachusetts Bay League
Annual Meeting
January 23, 2012
Minutes

0. Sandwiches and Refreshments

1. Officers' Reports

1. Secretary
2. Treasurer and Finance Committee –presented by Gary Werden
Financial Report for 2011 and proposed budget for 2012 are attached.
-Record of 2011 spending and allocations reviewed
-Review of all ledger activities since 2002 are now included in Report (attached as separate document)
-Budget for 2012 will retain structure from 2011
-Dues: old uncollected dues will not be collected
-New policy to be reviewed in New Business
3. Vice President
-Nothing to report additionally
4. President
-IRS Funds: waiting on Non-Profit Application decision, no foreseen problems
-NESSA meeting recap.
-2012 Baker: MBL role is to be minor
-possibly housing Race Officials
-5 year CBI Contract is up for renewal
-Teams functioning out of CBI: Wait to sign contract, language may be changing slightly

2. Consideration of New Members

Potential new teams include Lynnfield (C), Watertown (C), Medfield (C), and Marshfield (B South).
Of these, Lynnfield is quite likely, and Marshfield is unlikely this year.
Both Watertown and Medfield may join forces with Lynnfield.

- Watertown:
 - Athletic Department delays
 - Will be looking for membership in Fall 2012
- Marshfield:
 - Will be looking for membership in Fall 2012

3. 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

B South Division: Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln-Sudbury, Nantasket, Notre Dame, Swampscott, Wayland, Wellesley

C Division: Cambridge, Concord Academy, Concord-Carlisle, Natick, Newman, Newton, Newton Country Day, Noble and Greenough, Pingree, Quincy, St. Sebastian's, Winsor, Winthrop

Plus any new teams.....

Lynnfield (C), Watertown (C), Medfield (C), and Marshfield (B South). As well as Boston Public.

- Boston Public is now a member of C Division
- No other movement within existing Divisions

4. Venues

Community Boating - Cambridge, Concord Academy, Concord-Carlisle, International School of Boston, Natick, Newman, Newton, Newton Country Day, Noble and Greenough, Pingree, Quincy, St. Sebastian's, Winsor, Winthrop, Natick and Pingree on C Divisions race days only

Additional new teams: Lynnfield, Watertown, and Medfield

Courageous Sailing Center - BB&N, Boston Latin, and Boston Public

Lake Cochituate - Lincoln-Sudbury, Wellesley, and Wayland if approved

Hingham Harbor - Hingham and Notre Dame
Manchester YC - Manchester-Essex, Pingree
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
New Venues ?

5. Consideration of Dues and Fees

The same fee structure as the last several years is proposed.

Racing Dues: \$200

Recreational Dues: \$25

Coordinator Fee: \$175 (CBI teams only)

420 Fund Contribution (CBI teams only)

A and B Division teams: \$600

C Division teams: \$400

Note that CBI fees are \$55 per student per season and \$250 per team for the spring season and \$150 per team for the fall season.

-Amounts due are agreed upon, adopted

6. Events

3/31 Courageous Keelboat Kickoff

4/14 Sharon Invitational

4/16-20 Public school vacation week

4/21 NESSA Fleet Racing Qualifier

4/22 NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

4/28 JV Fleet Race Regatta (tentative)

-To be hosted by Lincoln Sudbury

-Venue: CBI

5/5 SAT Exams

5/5+ C Division Team Racing Regatta

5/6 MBL Team Racing Invitational @ DBMS

5/12 Donald Green Regatta

5/12-13 Wildcard Weekend

5/12-13 ISSA Fleet Racing Championship (Mallory Trophy) - Austin, TX

5/13 MBL Women's Regatta at CBI (tentative)

-Agreed to be held at CBI

5/19-20 NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

5/20 Mystic Lake Invitational

-Actively looking for an alternative date

5/21-22 MBL Championship - CBI

5/24-25 Massachusetts State Open - MIT

5/26-27 ISSA Team Racing Championship (Baker Trophy) - MIT

5/26-27 Atlantic Coast Championship – Rochester, NY

5/27 NESSA Women's Invitational (Herreshoff Trophy)

5/28 Memorial Day

5/30 Underclass Regatta

-Actively searching for Regatta Chair

6/4 Coaches' Dinner

7. Teams looking for coaches

Any team looking for a coach should place an ad at <http://www.sail1design.com/21.html>.

8. Amendments to MBL Bylaws

-Absences at events:

- Adoption of existing NESSA policy
- Unannounced absence is punishable by probation for that team
- A team may cancel their participation in the event up to 48 hours prior

9. Update on NESSA and ISSA

-Relationships with NESSA and ISSA discussed

-Differences with ISSA addressed:

1. School Sanctioning

- Philosophical differences
- Liability technicalities

2. ISSA Board to be improved

3. Allocation of berths to National Championships

- Baker is affected, for example

4. Financial Model should be reviewed, improved

- Imbalance in contribution of funding should be addressed

5. Move fleet race championship (Mallory) to a later date in the season

- Qualifier for Mallory should not occur over public schools' spring break
- Insufficient record of results for the spring season used to determine participants

-Motion presented: MBL financial contribution to ISSA should be used as leverage to make above changes

- If no changes are made, MBL must be willing to walk away from ISSA.

-Question posed: Does MBL have any coverage under ISSA?

- Answer to be researched

-Fall 2012: MBL members should plan to attend meeting, so that above interests can be addressed

-General interest to inform Athletic Directors at MBL schools about above interests

-MIAA rules to be considered, as many schools within the MBL follow MIAA rules with respect to sailing, as well (although sailing is not a MIAA sport)

- specifically, with respect to insurance policies

-Observation noted that private prep schools are more involved in national competition, therefore more hesitant to separate from ISSA

-Motion presented: segregation within MBL membership

- NESSA membership only
- or ISSA membership additionally (National Championship qualified)

-All above to be determined by vote at meeting in Fall 2012

- Observation that location and time greatly affect attendance at meeting

- Interest in consistently changing location to improve attendance

-As determined by vote, MBL generally finds ISSA involvement not a priority

8. Election of Officers

-Report from Nominating Committee - Tom Soisson and Bill Mackinson

-Election Results:

- Treasurer: Harry Levinson
- Secretary: Lianne Laubscher
- Vice President: Gary Werden
- President: Carl Zimba

9. Division Issues and Scheduling - CBI Scheduling Template

10. Divisional Scheduling and Issues

-Scheduling concerns and issues noted within schedule above

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