

Minutes - MBL Meeting February 10, 2015

7:00 PM Wellesley High School, 50 Rice Street, Wellesley

Schools In Attendance:

The following schools were represented: BB&N, Duxbury, Hingham, Manchester-Essex, Sharon, St. John's Prep, Concord Academy, Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln-Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley, Nantasket, Notre Dame, Newton North, Nobles, East Boston, Landmark

Finances

- Treasurer's report
Brought in approximately \$6,000 in dues and spend approximately \$4,500
League currently has approximately \$31,000 in funds, of which approximately \$3,000 is 420/coordinator funds owed back to schools.
- Disposition of 420 and Coordinator funds
6 School are still owed money back. This will be sent back by this Spring.
- Budget and Dues
Budgets and dues same as last year. MBL end of year regatta will have no fee again this year.
Dues to be at \$200 per team; same as last year. All schools voted in favor of accepting these dues.

Update on NESSA

Mark Trophy to have 8 schools again this year; Terk to have 8 schools as well. Both regattas will be run in same format.

NESSA will run a Women's Event again this year with qualifier regattas.

Techscore will be used at all NESSA events. Teams should make sure to register with ISSA correctly.

Update on CBI

Upcoming season should be the same as last season.

Procedural rules issues

Proposal from the president

Motion to amend the Procedural Rules section 9 Divisional Rules, provision a, "A Division", paragraph v for the 2016 season by adding the italicized text to the current rule.

Each team must race at least three (3) team races against NESSA teams that are not members of MBL. If any team does not satisfy this requirement, each meet not sailed shall count as a loss for the purpose of divisional standings. *Teams that fail to meet this requirement for two consecutive years shall be excluded from the A division the subsequent year.* After some discussion, this motion was tabled to be revisited later in the night after the divisional realignment discussion was complete. Motion was not voted on later in the night.

New members

East Boston

East Boston was unanimously accepted into the MBL.

Landmark School

Landmark School was unanimously accepted into the MBL.

Composition of divisions

Current configuration

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

B North. Boston Latin, Brookline, Gloucester, Pingree, Swampscott, Winthrop

B West. Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln-Sudbury, Concord Academy, Wayland

B South. Nantasket, Notre Dame, Scituate, St. Sebastian's

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

Other C. Boston Public, East Boston

Proposals for two new configurations of A and B divisions (see attachment for details)

Presentations of each proposal

Brief discussion of merits of each

Vote to adopt a new configuration or maintain status quo

After considerable discussion by member schools in attendance:

All in attendance voted in favor of eliminating the status quo.

8 Schools voted in favor of Amended Proposal #1: "B teams to divide themselves into North and South Divisions."

6 Schools voted in favor of Amended Proposal #2: "B teams to divide themselves into North and South Divisions."

Amended Proposal #1 is selected by the membership.(see below)

Proposed Schedule of Events

29-Mar	sun	Courageous Keelboat
3-Apr	fri	Good Friday/ Passover
5-Apr	sun	Easter
10-Apr	fri	Fleet Race Friday at Courageous and Sharon
17-Apr	fri	Fleet Race Friday at Courageous
18-Apr	sat	Sharon Invitational
18 -Apr to 26-Apr		Public School Vacation
25-Apr	sat	O'Day Qualifier
26-Apr	sun	O'Day Finals
2-May	sat	SAT
2-May	sat	Sharon Frosh/Soph regatta
3-May	sun	MBL A Division Team Race at Duxbury

8-May	fri	Fleet Race Friday at Courageous and Sharon
9-May	sat	Donald Green , NESSA Women's
10-May	sun	Mother's Day, NESSA Women's
16-May	sat	NESSA TR Championships
17-May	sun	NESSA TR Championships
18-May	mon	MBL Championships
19-May	tue	MBL Championships
21-May	thu	MA States ?????
22-May	fri	MA States ?????
23-May	sat	ISSA and NIT Championships
24-May	sun	ISSA and NIT Championships
1-Jun	mon	Coaches' Dinner

Proposal for a qualifying system for the MBL Championship Regatta

Proposal from Chris Lash discussed. After much discussion the membership the consensus was that enough 420's for the Championship could be found from CBI, BB&N, and Harvard to give every school a 420 who wanted one.

Vote to keep the MBL Championship Regatta the same format as in the past: 7 Yay, 8 Nay
After further discussion, another vote was taken to keep the MBL Championship Regatta the same format as in the past: 12 Yay

Instructional meeting for new coaches – repeat of last year

Not much interest from schools in attendance for another meeting this year.

New Business

Election of officers

President – Gary Werden

Vice President – Jeff Hodess

Treasurer – Larry Lovett

Secretary – Courtney Curran

All voted in favor to accept these officers.

Scheduling

- All scheduling should be completed by the end of January meeting. Teams not in attendance will be scheduled by the other teams in their division on one of these Tuesdays or Thursdays: April 14, 16, 28, 30, May 5, 7, 12
- Division breakouts

Proposal 1
APPROVED

An undivided A Division and a B Division with 2 subdivisions
The A Division and the B subdivisions are all approximately equal in size.
The Year End Awards for the A Division are based on the season rankings alone. There is a playoff system to determine the MBL Year End Awards.
Each Division also has a separate team race tournament.

Divisions/Subdivisions	A Division (8 Teams)	B North (8 Teams)	B South (8 Teams)
Teams	BB&N Duxbury Hingham Manchester Essex RHS Sharon St. John's Prep Wellesley HS Wayland High School	Boston Latin Concord Academy East Boston Gloucester Pingree Swampscott Winthrop Landmark (new)	Brookline Dover Sherborn LS Nantasket Nor'easters Notre Dame Academy St. Sebastian's Scituate Winchester
Schedule of Competition	Every team races every other team in A division once	Every team races every other team in its B subdivision once	Every team races every other team in its B subdivision once
Season Ranking	winning percentage, head to head tiebreaker	winning percentage, head to head tiebreaker	winning percentage, head to head tiebreaker
MBL Year End Awards	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd	1st, 2nd, 3rd
Playoff for Year End Awards	none	2 day playoff (each is best of 5 meets) Wed and Thur before MBL Championship Day 1: 1st in North vs. 2nd in South and 1st in South vs. 2nd in North Day 2: Winners compete for championship. Losers compete for third. Venues chosen by teams with best overall season winning percentage.	
TR tournament	Separate event, all A Division teams included	Separate event for up to 8 teams in whole B Division. Teams register. Top 8 by NESSA standings offered berths first. (Nantasket ranked by subdivision winning percentage, ahead of teams with lower winning percentage.) Any remaining berths by subdivision winning percentage.	

Proposal 2
NOT APPROVED

An A Division with 2 subdivisions and a B Division with 2 subdivisions.
A subdivisions and B subdivisions are approximately equal in size, but B subdivisions are larger than A subdivisions.
Both A and B have a playoff system to determine Year End Awards.
Each Division also has a separate team race tournament.

Divisions/Subdivisions	A Costal (5 Teams)	A Inland (5 Teams)	B North (7 Teams)
Teams	BB&N Duxbury Hingham Manchester Essex RHS	Dover Sherborn LS Sharon Wayland High School	Concord Academy Gloucester Pingree Swampscott

	St. John's Prep	Wellesley HS	Winthrop Winchester Landmark (new)
Schedule of Competition	Every team races every other team in its A subdivision once	Every team races every other team in its A subdivision once	Every team races every other team in its B subdivision once
Season Ranking	winning percentage, head to head tiebreaker	winning percentage, head to head tiebreaker	winning percentage, head to head tiebreaker
MBL Year End Awards	1st, 2nd	1st, 2nd	1st, 2nd
Playoff for Year End Awards	2 day playoff (each is best of 5 meets) Wed and Thur before MBL Championship Day 1: 1st in Coastal vs. 2nd in Inland and 1st in Inland vs. 2nd in coastal Day2: Winners compete for championship. Losers compete for third. Venues chosen by teams with highest NESSA ranking	2 day playoff (each is best of 5 meets) Wed and Thur before MBL Championship Day 1: 1st in North vs. 2nd in South and 1st in South vs. 2nd in North Day 2: Winners compete for championship. Losers compete for third. Venues chosen by teams with best season winning percentage	2 day playoff (each is best of 5 meets) Wed and Thur before MBL Championship Day 1: 1st in North vs. 2nd in South and 1st in South vs. 2nd in North Day 2: Winners compete for championship. Losers compete for third. Venues chosen by teams with best season winning percentage
TR tournament	Separate event for up to 8 teams in whole A Division. Teams register. Top 8 by NESSA standings offered a spot first. Any remaining berths by subdivision winning percentage.	Separate event for up to 8 teams in whole A Division. Teams register. Top 8 by NESSA standings offered a spot first. Any remaining berths by subdivision winning percentage.	Separate event for up to 8 teams in whole B Division. Teams register. Top 8 by NESSA standings offered a spot first. (Nantasket not included) Any remaining berths by subdivision winning percentage.