

# Minutes MBL Meeting

**November 5, 2020**

7:30 PM via ZOOM

## **Attendance Check-in**

The following schools were represented:

A Division - LS, Manchester, Sharon, SJP, Wayland, Wellesley

B Division - BB&N, Boston Latin, Concord Academy, Gloucester, Hingham, Landmark,  
Nantasket, Pingree, Scituate

C Division - none

## **Finances**

- Treasurer's report- nothing new to report
- Budget and Dues- teams that paid last year will have no dues to pay this year

## **Update on NESSA**

2021 dates for NESSA and ISSA events are on the NESSA calendar. There are no cancellations so far.

Update after NESSA meeting – many doubts and concerns about the ability to hold events, but no concrete plans or contingencies.

## **Update on CBI**

Any 2021 spring sailing will be very limited, and a standard season is extremely unlikely

## **New members' acceptance**

No news

## **Composition of divisions**

**A Coastal-** Hingham, Duxbury, Manchester-Essex, St. John's Prep, Winchester. Hingham staying in B South

**A Inland-** Dover-Sherborn, Lincoln Sudbury, Sharon, Wayland, Wellesley.

**B North-** Beverly, Concord Academy, Gloucester, Landmark, Pingree, Swampscott/Salem, Winthrop.

**B South-** Brookline, Boston-Latin, East Boston, Nantasket, Notre Dame, Scituate, BB&N.

**C at CBI-** Cambridge, Natick, Needham, Newton North, Newton Country Day, Quincy, Winsor, Beaver Country Day

**Other C and open-** Hopkinton, St. Sebs

**Gary will contact Marblehead about joining the league.**

## **School by school reporting regarding COVID and sailing**

- Are fall sports happening?
- Info on spring sailing
- Venue issues

Reports on school activities ranged from having fall sports within MIAA guidelines to no fall sports. Schools totally remote have zero or very limited sports. Gloucester, Manchester, and Sharon had non-school sponsored fall sailing programs. Some SJP students sailed at Pleon. The prognosis for spring is an assumption that the spring will most likely duplicate the fall stance on sports, or get slightly better.

Transportation was a major concern for the majority of teams. Schools that travel in school busses can meet State guidelines, but those who travel in cars or vans are unable to properly social distance. Schools expressed the likelihood that they could not travel very far and would have to schedule accordingly.

There was unanimous agreement to get whatever we can out of the season given the COVID limitations.

The MBL will make definitive schedules at January meeting.

### **Scheduling issues with NESSA**

There are some conflicts with our normal event schedules, but with everything up in the air, no real discussion took place.

### **Discussion of scheduling issues with COVID**

- Which events are safe and which aren't?
- Brief presentation of the types of events possible with the State limitations on the number of people at an outdoor gathering. Limits of 25, 50, and 100 were considered. See below.

### **Discussion of safe sailing protocols**

Brief presentation of ideas for development of a protocols document for the league. **Judy will work on the safe protocol document.**

### **New Business**

None

## **Possible Sailing Given Limitations based on number of people**

### **State guideline of 25**

- Head to head team racing with one other varsity team - 20 people

### **State guideline of 50**

- Head to head team racing with one other varsity and JV teams - 40 people or less
- Head to head team race with 3 other teams (quad meet) - varsity only - 36 people or less
- Small fleet race with 8 teams max - limit of 5 sailors and one coach per team - 48 people.

### **State guideline of 100**

- Team race tournament of 8 teams
- Fleet racing with the usual 12 - 15 teams.

## Protocols for Safe High School Sailing

### Basic concepts

- Social distancing between teams from different schools
- Wear masks at all times
- Limit the number of people at each event according to school, local, venue and state guidelines
- Separate boats that will be used by different teams on docks and floats to the greatest extent possible.
- If possible have teams launch from different places or at different times
- No rotation of boats
- Hand sanitizer and/or soap and water in bathrooms or portapotties
- Maintain social distancing at competitors' meeting and protest hearings
- Teams must report the number of people coming to a contest and get host approval for that number
- Try to provide separate powers boats for the coaches and sailors of each team. No more than two teams in any one boat under any circumstances
- Limit the time for events according to 6 hours or other criteria TBD

### From NESSA Fall of 2020

- A. Obtain from each competing school a copy of permission to compete form signed by the Principal/Head of School or their designate that specifies the event, venue, and event date.
- B. Monitor and abide by all state, local, and school athletic event requirements. To also include any specific venue requirements including but not limited to ability to provide face coverings, hand disinfecting ability such as bathrooms with soap and water and/or hand sanitizer, social distancing between groups ability.
- C. Boat preparation: Clean and disinfect boats & equipment per state, local, and school athletic requirements.
- D. No boat rotations.
- E. Only allow coaches that are actively involved in Race Management on the water.
- F. Maintain NESSA Fall 2020 team size requirement.
- G. Handle all Race Management electronically.
- H. Organize protests to be heard online at a later, mutually agreed upon time.
- I. Ensure that the regatta is a one-day event with a report time of 1000 and a stop time of 1600.

### Essential questions

- Social distancing for sailors - rigging, competitors meeting, protests – for every sailor
- For coaches – separate boat for each team