**MCSA Board Meeting**

Wisconsin Memorial Union – September 12, 2015

Meeting Start – 17:15

Attendees: Whitney Kent, Alison Kent, Jacob Bruce, Jacob Henley, Geoff Pedrick, Nicole Coleman

Absentees: Hannah Noll, Montana Pruett, Andrew Fox

* Board Updates
  + Jacob B
    - People have been good about NOR’s this season
    - One regatta was maybe getting canceled, but now probably not. **Jacob is going to look into a more formalized cancellation procedure**.
  + Nicole
    - The MCSA bank account is slowly shifting over to Chase. Nicole is handling it.
* Equipment
  + Drysuits – Ocean Rodeo deal w/ Line Honors
    - Wisconsin has two and is getting a third. They work well, a little less expensive than other drysuit options
    - Jacob H asks if we want to purchase some for the conference, lend them out to teams who don’t have enough? **Wait on information from what teams are ordering so we can see if we need to get some MCSA-owned ones or not.**
    - We also want to send the information out to the teams, probably having Jacob H be a facilitator to collect the numbers. That would probably make everyone’s lives easier and maybe get a more significant discount. Then Linehonors would hopefully set up a subpage, so teams can order directly from them and the MCSA doesn’t get involved in the money/shipping process.
    - **Jacob H will arrange details with Linehonors.**
  + Traveling regatta equipment conversation
    - Sheboygan YC has extra flags that they might want to donate.
    - Restart the regatta equipment discussion from the spring. We considered logistics to be the biggest hurdle: how was stuff getting tracked and who was getting it?
    - Do we want to mail stuff? Mailing flags is easy, but mailing poles is hard. So maybe we just want to send the flags and have teams make poles…
    - Do we want to include marks? Teams that want to host events should already have marks/infrastructure, so that’s not necessary.
    - People agree that you only really need an orange and an “X-Ray” to run a regatta, so this might not be worth the effort.
  + Trophies
    - Some of the trophies, especially Women’s Championship, are in disrepair. **Nicole will put together a repair budget for the Fall Meeting #2.**
    - Nicole also reminds the board of the potential for a trophy case at CYC Belmont. **Geoff will talk with CYC at Timme Angsten to get more details.**
* Midwinters Bids
  + Wisconsin (January 30)
    - Total cost is ~$35/person.
    - Wisco will provide housing for 2 people per team. Others can stay in any of the various hotels around Madison.
    - Plus everything is cheaper in Madison than Chicago, which (combined with provided housing) should offset any extra gas used to get there.
  + Compare to Chicago/Strictly Sail (January 16)
    - CYC banquet hall is $5000
    - Strictly Sail used to give us tickets but last year did not. Buying tickets was very expensive for us. (In addition to a $300 room).
  + Vote: All in attendance (6 people) vote for **Wisconsin**.
* Call for Championship Bids
  + We’ll send out a call at the end of September.
  + Championships are: Coed Spring, Women Spring, Team Race, Men’s Singlehand, Women’s Singlehand, Match Race, Fall Fleet Race
* Dues payment
  + Is there a way to set up an online payment option with a link that’s more user friendly?
    - Nicole mentions that regular membership fees would be OK, but interconference fees would need to be separate
    - Also drop fees get included or subtracted from bills...**Nicole will look into this**.
  + Consistent deadline
* Harken Clinic recap/plans (Geoff)
  + It got canceled, largely due to miscommunication between CYC and MCSA
  + Why doesn’t Pewaukee host it (going forward)? Harken is in Pewaukee, after all.
  + It’s tough on schools because it’s basically a whole extra regatta.
  + Do we want to have them on bids? **No decision was made here.**
  + Board members will encourage teams to sail with nearby teams to fill the gap weekend.
* ICSA Committee Updates (Geoff)
  + Changes in PRs – Nothing new, because all the changes were enacted in meetings (and posted in the relevant minutes). This new document just incorporates them into the PR’s.
* Notre Dame updates (Geoff)
  + Mitch hasn’t yet informed ND/SM about a transition season, so no change yet.
  + Columbia/Barnard, Hobart/William Smith, Amherst are all in similar situations.
* Potential new teams (Alison)
  + Several schools have inquired
    - Iowa State met with their sport club department and are trying to get more funding. Alison sent them info about good regattas, fee waivers, etc. They’re super interested. Geoff notes that they need to come to Midwinters if they want to join the MCSA
    - St. Thomas is practicing with UMN, but doesn’t have new recruits yet (later in September is their club fair). They sailed in Gopher last year and were fine. Once they get enough members and can start going to regattas, they’ll see if they want to go through with joining.
    - NDSU couldn’t become a team, last Alison heard. They pushed really hard but it wasn’t financially viable. **Alison will touch base later this season.**
    - Lakeland (in Sheboygan) reached out to Whitney wanting to start a team. The administration wants them to have a team, but they don’t have any sailors yet. Whitney helped them put together a multi-year plan that has them joining next winter (January 2017). Administration is going sailing with Sheboygan people next week. They’re also hoping to come to Midwinters to meet other people who started their own teams (think UWM or GVSU).
      * Aside – Maybe make a session at Midwinters where people can share ideas, help each other keep teams going or recruit new sailors. This could also help people who have tried to start teams but failed…
      * **Geoff and Whitney will plan for this when creating the Midwinters schedule.**
    - Get Carlton and Lake Forest to events
      * Alison emailed Carleton asked what’s going on. Their club website was updated recently, but no response yet. Alison tried to encourage them (and St. Olaf) to practice with Minnesota because they’re close. Hopefully they take her up on it.
    - Also talk to St. Olaf and Illinois because they have dropped a lot recently.
* Goals Review (Whitney)
  + Board members are encouraged to review the goals document online so they continue working toward specified targets.
* Meeting end – 18:45