Executive Board Meeting

January 17, 2015. In conjunction with MCSA Annual Meeting/Strictly Sail

Attendance: Pedrick, Coleman, Fox, Tobelmann, Rozier, Ramos, Hu, Johnson

* 1. MCSA Foundation Update – George Griswold
     1. Trustees – George Griswold, Geoff Pedrick, Tim O’Brien. Staggered three-year terms.
     2. Hardly any donations this year. Goal is to have $3000 in donations so $6000 available for grants.
     3. Three grants given, all for National Championship Travel
        1. Other applications filed, but beyond scope of what Foundation could support.
        2. Need many small amounts to properly judge what’s going on.
        3. Could high regatta fees (ex: Angsten) be subsidized? Perhaps, but situational dependent.
     4. Idea is to help teams get to a level of competition that they might otherwise not reach (ex: a team’s first interconference, unexpected nationals…)
     5. Teams need to remember to submit report saying how grant was used.
     6. Report and budget approved by board
  2. Fall Championship
     1. With Angsten moving, we should remove its Fall Championship status
     2. What would be the new regatta/venue?
        1. Final weekend of the fall (Nov 14-15? That’s when ACC/PCC are)
        2. Would Hope be willing to move their regatta? It’s 3 weeks later…
     3. Northwestern has a wind cap and the beach launch. Probably not ideal
     4. Could either put it up for bid or have a specific host?
        1. Board will propose bid system to Members at Annual Meeting
  3. Membership Advancement
     1. UWM – Provisional to Regular. Wants to be involved in Exec Board. Board agrees, recommends to Annual Meeting
     2. MTU – Provisional to Regular. Provisional since 2003, want to be involved in Board. Board agrees, recommends to Annual Meeting
  4. 3-Day Championship
     1. NU brings up issue: High chance that weather gets in the way. What would plan be if we get blown out?
     2. Requirement would be buffer the following weekend, still 2 weeks in advance
     3. Club teams may get in trouble for missing school due to classes…
        1. Geoff offers to write letters to appropriate athletic people/professors to help excuse sailors from Friday of Championship
  5. Spring championship: No back-to-back hosting?
     1. Board agrees this is a bad idea because not enough schools can host.
  6. Trophies: Can we keep them on display somewhere?
     1. George – needs to be heated all year to prevent deterioration (ex: CYC-Belmont, NUSC may not be)
     2. Geoff thinks maybe Patten Gym at Northwestern (where Club Sports is HQ)?
     3. Maybe talk with Jay Kehoe about somewhere at CYC? Make sure Belmont is year-round if that’s offered
     4. What kinds of liability would host have to accept?
        1. MCSA would need to either take out insurance policy or have agreement that indemnifies host for damage/loss/fire
     5. Replacement is probably $1000 or more each.
  7. Woodward Plaque: Regatta of the Year
     1. Streufert wins because many people replied, strongly supportive.
     2. Need teams to submit evaluations better.
  8. Student Leadership
     1. Kim Hu (UIC) – “Kim works her butt off to make sure the team has practice time and funding.” She has gotten the team 6 drysuits, hosted recruitment days, and gotten a faculty advisor who actually sails. Works on the board to make sure everything runs smoothly.
     2. Rebecca Jegier (ND) – She has been commodore, helped make great impact on team. Started refresher sessions that meet once/week to teach strategy. Reconnected with Eagle Lake YC to improve venue options. Always had impact even before she was commodore, helped people feel excited and welcomed. // Organized Icebreaker that was very well received, fleet management, ran practices. Helping organize alumni regatta.
        1. Nominated twice.
     3. Ryan Davidson (UM) – Invaluable contributions to UMich team. Spearheaded capital campaign as captain/fundraising chair. Campaign was expanded to include endowment for future fleet improvement.
     4. Ryan Mabie (WMU) – Go-to skipper/leader, commodore exceeded expectations. Team size doubled, fundraisers happened.
     5. Bill Weiland (MSU) – Helped bring MSU up to active/competitive level. Grew team from 6 to 40, commonly met with site manager and university to arrange events, travel, etc. Aggressive fundraising, grant applications to help team go to events.
        1. Nominated twice
     6. Discussion narrows to Becky vs Bill, (each nominated twice), and how much their respective teams have improved.
     7. Voting: Becky (5), Ryan (1), Bill (1)
  9. Sportsmanship
     1. Hannah Noll (UWM) – First person to introduce to new sailors. People get excited when she’s at regattas. Always helps people with spare parts.
     2. James Harvey (Wash U) – Lent an extra sail to someone at Singlehands without being asked. Always positive at other regattas, represented the MCSA well at Nationals, pushes other competitors to race at top level all the time
     3. TJ Valentor (UIC) – Extremely inclusive, connects different teams to each other between racing. Helps people network
     4. Mike Flanigan (ND) – Reaches out to other teams, always happy to be out sailing. At BTTR, people would be super aggressive and yelling. Once he got off the water, he immediately came up to people and ask about a situation. This happened to multiple people. Try to create good relationship and improve self, then take info to team and improve them also. He always supported/cheered people no matter how they were doing.
     5. Voting: Mike Flanigan (6), James Harvey (1).
  10. Transition information between new/old board.