

MCSA 2021 Spring Meeting #1  
Tuesday March 2, 2021  
6:00pm EST

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
  - a. Expected attendance : Libby Reeg, Nicole Florek, Mason Chrabaszcz, Elisabeth Johanson, Grace Goszkowicz, Samuel Bartel, Eva Rossell, Christiana Scheibner, Susannah Schroeder, Nick Zomer
  - b. Actual attendance: Elisabeth Johanson, Samuel Bartel, Grace Goszkowicz, Libby Reeg, Joshua Koch (president of SVSU sailing team), George Griswold, Katie Benstead (new commodore for UAUC), Susannah Schroeder, Eva Rossell, Mason Chrabaszcz, Patty Lawrence (MCSA alum, daughter sails for OSU, interested in committees!), Craig Mueller, Nick Zomer
  - c. Location: Remotely via Zoom call
2. Approve old minutes
3. Libby
  - a. ICSA COVID protocols/ Compliance Form
  - b. Saginaw Valley State University Sailing Team Application
  - c. TIDE – do we have connections with Ben and Lily (MCSA reps?)
    - i. March 9-18: Team Culture, Implicit Bias, and Socio-Economic Class
    - ii. March 22-April2: Microaggressions, Derogatory Language, and Cultural Appropriation
    - iii. April 5-15: Community Outreach, Recruiting, Retention
    - iv. Ben is on Wisco team
    - v. Lily is captain of Michigan
  - d. ICSA Committee Nominations
    - i. Wisco – Mills still interested?
    - ii. Board should reach out to coaches, alumni, and sailors to suggest joining a committee
    - iii. Send info to me
  - e. Schedule Zoom meeting with teams prior to season to discuss all changes
  - f. Need to update official website docs like Bylaws
  - g. Resources for teams
    - i. Susannah – “how to market your teams”
    - ii. Cristi – team building clinics
    - iii. “How to” resources for each core leadership position on teams, considering a lot of new leadership hasn’t been through a normal college sailing season yet
4. Elisabeth
  - a. Denison
    - i. Saw on Instagram that they are rejoining the conference
    - ii. Seem excited and financially sound
    - iii. Close to OSU

- iv. Will be voted to be reactivated at Midwinters
    - v. Were voted out two years ago
  - b. Going through the website – who can work on each section to see what we can update
- 5. Sam
  - a. MCSA Google Drive folder – update for 2021
  - b. Survey results
  - c. Help make sure website documents (regattas-specific) are up to date
  - d. Planning the spring schedule
  - e. Presentation
    - i. Good turnout
    - ii. 67% of teams can practice
    - iii. Travel capabilities – 6
    - iv. Where to travel?
      - 1. 1 team – anywhere
      - 2. 9 – no travel
      - 3. 6 – regionally (between states)
      - 4. 3 – in state
      - 5. 4 – undecided
      - 6. 3 – N/A
    - v. Hosting (Elisabeth)
      - 1. Original plan – 1 day scrimmages in states/regions
      - 2. Most teams can't host events
      - 3. This question may need more follow up – may have been confusion about this question
    - vi. Testing capabilities
      - 1. Yes – 21
      - 2. Kind of – 4
      - 3. No – 2
      - 4. N/A – 2
      - 5. Most teams are able to be tested pretty easily, results within 1-2 days – follows ICSA rules
      - 6. Reach out to teams who are able to travel but not get tested to help with that
    - vii. How are teams doing financially?
      - 1. Large spread in how teams are doing, some are really struggling to make ends meet, most teams are doing okay, some doing very well
      - 2. Maybe meet with teams who aren't doing financially to see how we can help them
      - 3. Comments – unable to collect dues/ universities aren't giving them a lot of resources
    - viii. Take aways
      - 1. 21 teams that are able to be tested, can likely participate in regattas/clinics
    - ix. Thoughts from the group

1. Elisabeth – can be more on teams to invite other teams if they're able to host?
  2. Craig – from smaller university standpoint, are able to travel but not as their team. Toledo thinking about practicing with Michigan or Miami. Can't operate under the university's name. Presentations to the university/club sports about COVID safety. Toledo thinking about hosting something outside of the college.
  3. Sam – Practice with high school teams, other teams, is great, from MCSA sanctioned events – by the books
  4. Libby – even possible to have an MCSA sanctioned event this spring?
  5. George – as chairman of the ICSA eligibility committee – recommendation to the ICSA that eligibility for spring 2021 will not count, except if there are teams that are participating in district championships/ICSA finals
    - a. Some of the eastern schools want to have practice sessions – since they aren't a regatta, they would be permitted to do that
    - b. May have whole ICSA spring season cancelled
  6. Libby – teams can practice together, but putting regatta onto MCSA schedule, no regattas
- f. Motion to cancel spring season – Libby
- i. Seconded – Grace
  - ii. Zoom poll – Motion to cancel has been approved
6. Grace
- a. SVSU Team
  - b. Joshua – sailing instructor for 6 years, his club allows for team to use their boat, also partnered with Bay City Yacht Club – allowed to go out with their lightning crew to work on tactics
    - i. 11 members – 2 juniors, most sophomores, 3 freshmen
      1. 3 members with >5 years sailing experience, 2 with minimal, rest are brand new
    - ii. Full board
    - iii. No club sport practices for the fall, looking forward to actually practicing
    - iv. Why now?
      1. Really wants to do everything right the first time, learn everything possible before season kicks off, start on the right foot
    - v. Funding?
      1. No money from university annually, can apply for allocations to get reimbursed for events
      2. Dues structure - nothing set in stone yet, looking for some guidance on what appropriate dues look like
      3. Sponsors from local sailing organizations

- vi. Motion approved – SVSU is a fundamental team for 2021
7. Eva
    - a. Social media schedule – consistency
    - b. Senior Sundays/Sailor or Team of the Month/Week
      - i. Grand Valley is the first one next week
    - c. Burgee stickers
    - d. Make Flickr account more accessible
      - i. Contacting social media chairs of host teams when we get back to regattas
    - e. Introduction posts for each board member
    - f. Sam – memes? Burgee bracket
    - g. Nick - Tell tale newsletter – collaborate with Eva
  8. Christi (update given by Elisabeth)
    - a. Spring clinics – not able to have in person clinics
      - i. Zoom chalk talks – beginner and advanced
      - ii. Zoom panel to talk about developing new team, fundraising, etc.
    - b. Fall clinics
      - i. Attempt at planning an in conference event
        1. Wisco or Foundry – reached out to both
        2. Potential morning clinic then afternoon regatta
      - ii. MCSA foundation grant – possible hotel for clinicians
    - c. Could be involved in getting MCSA teams to participate in TIDE events?
    - d. Starboard portal – find best videos for teams, we can add to our website
    - e. Sam – virtual clinics are great, if teams can practice on their own – Zoom clinic in the morning – sailing in the afternoon?
  9. Susannah
    - a. “How to market your team” resources
    - b. Regional groups –help get nearby teams in contact with each other
    - c. Outreach – something the ICSA has been talking about doing
  10. Nicole
    - a. 2021 Budget
    - b. Discuss MCSA Foundation grant request
    - c. Do we charge dues this year?
      - i. Need some type of cash flow
      - ii. Nick – put to ask out – have teams to petition to not pay if they aren’t able
      - iii. Susannah – whatever happens, needs to happen quick, move teams dues to next year if they can’t pay?
      - iv. George – 1. Charge the regular dues, 2. Reduce the amount of dues, 3. Assessment to cover expenses from last year that were unexpected
      - v. Nick – instead of calling it dues, call “assessment”, provide transparency to what that money goes to/fixed costs, what

does the organization need in the first 6 months, last 6 months to stay afloat, come up with a plan before schools are out for the year

1. Look for another time to reconvene as a board – think through a couple different proposals for bare minimum money that we need. What an appeals process would look like.
2. Nick, Nicole, Susannah, and Libby to talk it through more, Elisabeth happy to help and brainstorm
- vi. Mason – can the Foundation help teams with dues?
  1. George – yes, once we have nonprofit status.
- d. Maintenance cost for ICSA website?
- e. Nick - Nonprofit status
  - i. Records of submissions?
  - ii. Can't receive money from MCSA foundation until we have nonprofit status again

#### 11. Mason

- a. Scheduling interconference events?
- b. Not much happening right now
- c. Fall season is tentative to unlikely – probably more in than out of conference
- d. Can we send teams to nationals if we don't have a spring season?
  - i. Possibly through ranking
  - ii. Libby to ask Geoff

#### 12. Looking forward

- a. Plan the next spring board meeting
- b. Fall season?