

MCSA 2021 Spring Meeting #3
Sunday, May 23, 2021 @ 7pm EST
Zoom

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, Nicholaas (Nick) Zomer
 - b. Actual attendance:
 - i. Elisabeth, Libby, Nick, Eva, Grace, Sam, Christiana, Peggy Menzies, Scott Corder, Craig Mueller, Avery Lawrence, Geoff Pedrick, George Griswold, Maggie Swasey
 - c. Location: Remotely via Zoom call
2. Approve old minutes
3. Updates from each position
4. Elisabeth Johnson
 - a. Work with Grace – team check ins
 - b. Meeting with regatta hosts – techscore, RP forms, etc. – Sam and Elisabeth
 - i. End of August, early September
5. Grace Goszkowicz
 - a. Talked to Joe from CSU – helped get their team started
 - b. Reached out to St. Thomas
 - c. Team check ins
6. Sam Bartel
 - a. Finalizing schedule by Wednesday night
 - b. Getting in contact with race clubs – fall champs/match race quals
 - i. Match race – Bayview, Wayzata
 - ii. Geoff – need to get started on umpires
 - c. Asking people to submit NORs, due August 1st
 - d. Geoff – new racing rules of sailing specify that NOR should be published before scheduling meeting, SI can come later
 - e. Scott – standardize NORs
7. Eva Rossell
 - a. Connect Facebook to Instagram
 - b. Flickr account – reach out to teams
8. Christiana Scheibner
 - a. Starting to focus on fall clinic for beginners
 - b. Women’s clinic in the spring
 - c. Advanced clinic – maybe a couple teams could put that together and we could support
9. Libby Reeg
 - a. Website
 - i. Eva, Libby, and Nick to meet and discuss
 - ii. Meeting minutes need to go up/other updates to policies/bylaws.

- iii. Videos of the clinics – Youtube? Can we embed them in the website/how do we want to share that
 - iv. Grace – how to start a team
 - v. Sam – guide to hosting a regatta
 - b. ICSA meeting next Saturday
 - i. Send link
 - ii. Women’s scores at co-ed events – part of the discussion
 - iii. Exclusion for sailors graduating in 2021
 - 1. Elisabeth – could set a precedent, what does that look like for college sailing?
 - 2. Scott - could be abused, but also could be great for small teams and keep them engaged, continuity benefit
 - 3. Geoff – want to make sure that other grades don’t get hosed, maybe ensure that if the conversation goes beyond this class of seniors, make sure there’s a deadline
 - 4. Eva – MSU wasn’t allowed to have any new members, so no sophomores this year.
 - 5. Overall consensus – seem okay with making exemptions for COVID classes but make a clear end date, not a perpetual thing
 - c. Slack – let me know if you want to join the ICSA slack channel where they post updates and discussions
 - i. Sent link to join to the Zoom
- ~~10. Review application to join MCSA from St. Thomas + vote~~
11. Treasurer position
 - a. Nicole Coleman submitted her resignation
 - b. Nicholaas (Nick) Zomer instated as Treasurer
 - i. Plan to move forward to be as professional as possible
 - ii. Getting MBA for the next couple years, has business experience
 - iii. 501c3 non profit status, submitted paperwork, waiting to hear back – IRS is pretty behind on paperwork – George should get something in the mail when we get reinstated
 - iv. Need to have really solid accounting records
 - v. Confirmation from survey again – reconfirm this summer who is going to be at different membership levels this fall
 - vi. Vote passed unanimously
 - c. Libby needs reimbursement for OnlineDraft – also probably the Flickr
 - d. Can we have a card set up to charge expenses like that?
12. Draft process discussion
 - a. Scott – any specific examples?
 - b. Avery – OSU
 - i. Weren’t able to get into Cary Price
 - ii. Had to wait 40+ picks before their first one
 - iii. Newer members, live farther from yacht clubs, harder to get into more competitive regattas

- c. Nick – What specific issue is in the existing policy/bylaws that we can adjust to make it more fair?
- d. Craig – Toledo – ability to travel in general, can't tow to regattas
 - i. Big thing that some schools have to think about – do they have the type of boat/condition of boats match?
 - ii. Shock for a lot of the smaller teams – how low in the list they fell
 - iii. Tiered system that we used this year put a lot of schools at a disadvantage
 - iv. Some regattas they wanted to go to – on their list, close, could have taken a lot of people – by the time it was their turn, first few choices were already gone
- e. Elisabeth
 - i. Take out the bell curve?
 - ii. Avery agrees – ranking is fine, the bell curve is the issue
- f. Scott
 - i. We're serving different audiences – teams trying to gain points to go to nationals, but also developmental teams that want to sail at places nearby, just want a chance to play
- g. Sam
 - i. Reasoning for the bell curve – the best teams get to choose the best events to make those regattas the most competitive
- h. Libby
 - i. Is the best way to make our conference more competitive only letting the top teams racing against each other?
 - ii. Yes we want to support the top 3 teams, but don't want to do that at the detriment to the bottom 30 teams
- i. Sam
 - i. Go to more smaller events to be able to support attending bigger regattas with scores
 - ii. Clinics and practices are for learning
- j. Elisabeth
 - i. Clinic – teams can't always drive 12 hours
 - ii. Should still encourage clinics in different parts of the conference
 - iii. Survey – gauge where teams are at with the system, what they think
- k. Scott – database of who has boats and trailers?
 - i. Elisabeth and Susannah can look into that
- l. Craig
 - i. Will want to know if teams have boats to tow, but need to ask about condition of boats too
 - ii. How many boats, average age of boats, condition of fleet?
- m. George
 - i. If you're going to have a spreadsheet – also need to ask about the ability of teams to have a car that can tow

- n. Nick
 - i. MCSA Annual Report
 - ii. Included stuff like what we're discussing about boats
 - iii. New board members, etc.