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# NEW ENGLAND SCHOOLS SAILING ASSOCIATION

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2013-2014 NESSA Annual Meeting  
AGENDA

November 24, 2013

Boston College High School

Bulger Amphitheater Room

150 William T Morrissey Blvd.

Boston, MA 02125

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

27 Schools were in attendance. 23 Schools representing had regular voting status while 2 were new schools and Yarmouth, ME and Portland ME were accepted as regular members before members voted on the proposals.

### **Schools in attendance were:**

Barnstable  
Barrington  
Bay View  
BBN  
BC High  
Bishop Stang  
East Greenwich  
Falmouth ME  
Hingham  
Hotchkiss  
Manchester/Essex  
MV  
Middletown HS  
Milton  
Moses Brown  
North Kingstown  
Portland  
Portsmouth HS  
Portsmouth Abbey  
Rogers  
Sharon  
St. Georges  
St. John's  
Tabor  
Williams  
Yarmouth ME

## **2. REPORTS:**

**A. SECRETARY/ TREASURER'S REPORT Nicolas Judson (Not available at mtg)**

**B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Alexa Schuler**

**C. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Andrew Nugnes**

**D. Update on ISSA – Rob Hurd**

Rob shared with us the most recent news regarding ISSA after attending the annual meeting held at Newport YC during the Cressy Championship. He spoke of Tim Hogan's 3 tier agenda that is now entering Phase 3, trying to get a better grasp on the scoring programs for all championships.

## **3. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Cressy 2014 Update – Roy Williams

Roy spoke on behalf of Sail Newport and his staff regarding a smoothly run Regatta. Special thanks to Ron Hopkins and Peter Johns for their jobs well done with PRO and Chief Judge respectively and their teams.

b. Awarding of the Stephan B. Leslie Sportsmanship Award - Andrew Nugnes

Mary Farrell was the 2013 recipient of the Stephen B. Leslie Award

c. ISSA database- each school should check their ISSA directory page – Andrew Nugnes

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Proposal #1 – An adoption of the new ISSA 3 tier regatta system: - Rob Hurd**

-Rob continued his ISSA update by explaining to NESSA the steps ISSA is taking to classify the district's different regattas that are held. Rob gathered concerns and questions moving forward with ISSA proposal that may impact NESSA and their championships should this tier policy be enacted. He will inform NESSA of any progress being made and hopefully membership can ratify this proposal sometime in early January.

**b. Proposal #2 – A codification of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade rule: -**

During the 2011 NESSA annual meeting it was voted on to allow integrated 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to compete on a varsity level and count towards varsity resume's. It was a 2 year policy that was revisited at this year's annual meeting. A favor vote was counted to lift this policy and to strictly stick with ISSA procedural rule 1.2 for eligibility for any NESSA sailor. **Only 9-12 grade sailors will be able to compete in varsity level meets.**

**c. Proposal #3 – NESSA Team Racing Championship Proposal –**

Last year NESSA took a different approach to the end of the year team racing championships. A 3 Championship format was used with an Open Championship, a public championship and an independent championship and what we found is that the competition

became extremely watered down as we got closer to the end of the year and trying to find teams that wanted to compete. It was proposed to return to the 2 level Championship and to bring back the Terk Trophy. This proposal received a positive vote. **This year's Mark Trophy will consist of the top 8 teams ranked by computer and EXCOMM members (50/50). There will still not be a Wild Card and the resume cut off will be Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>. The next 8 teams will compete in the Terk Trophy in which the winner will receive a berth to the NIT. Both regattas will be a 2 day regatta run by the same format with umpires.**

**d. Proposal #5 - Bylaw Change 3 meet rule clarification – Alexa Schuler**

Alexa proposed, and it was voted in favor, that we use new language within our Bylaws under Article K to clear up what exactly is meant by the 3 meet rule. The new verbiage can be viewed under Article K in the NESSA Bylaws on the NESSA website.

**e. Proposal #6 – Cooperative Schools – Brad Read**

Brad proposed to the membership that a cooperation of teams, (unlimited), can combine efforts of sailors, (not all from the same school), with a limit of 20 sailors, for a time limit of 3 years, and compete at all levels of NESSA (including O'day weekend, the Herreshoff Women's Championship and the Mark Trophy) Membership voted this proposal down **14-11**

**f. Nominating Committee – President Andrew Nugnes (Barnstable HS)**

**Vice-president Alexa Shuler**

**Secretary/Treasurer Kevin Dooley (Manch/Essex RHS)**

After 2 year terms by President Andrew Nugnes and Vice President Alexa Schuler, they have been unanimously accepted to remain the President and VP for an additional term. Kevin Dooley was nominated by the committee (Rob Hurd) as the new volunteering officer for the Secretary/Treasurer's position. A unanimous vote was passed to accept Kevin as the new Secretary/Treasurer which replaced current Sec/Treas. Nic Judson.

<b><u>5. ADJOURN</u></b>
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