

Minutes of NESSA Annual Meeting
5 November 2000
Moses Brown School
(Amy Gross-Kehoe taking notes for Rob Hurd)

1. Secretary's Report (Rob Hurd)

- a. Four schools were eligible to be upgrade from New Member status to Regular member status. None fulfilled the requirements as stated in the by-laws. None are put forward for consideration at this time.
- b. Correction to the minutes from 7 November 1999. Did Streit was listed as representing Greenwich Academy. In fact, she is the representative from Greenwich HS. The record will reflect this change to the minutes.
- c. Attendance sheet is being passed around the room. Please make sure you sign-in. Attached is a copy of the 2001 Roster. An updated version will be sent out in the January Mailing. If there are corrections, e-mail them to me at: RSHurd@aol.com
- d. As of today, NESSA has 57 paid members. There are 25 schools with outstanding membership dues, which should bring our projected 2001 membership to roughly 80 schools.
- e. My home computers' hard drive crashed this summer. Thankfully, I had backed up the NESSA e-mail list as of 28 August 2000. If anyone would like to be added to the list, or thinks that they were purged in the hard drive coup, please e-mail me with your address. The Secretary is investigating a new e-mail server. ICSA uses a system for the distribution of e-mail and information that appears to be successful and reasonably priced. More information to follow.
- f. I am enjoying my time coaching at Navy. One of my jobs last week was to run a HS regatta for Mid-Atlantic. It is clear that NESSA is a far more advanced organization.

2. Treasurer's Report (Rob Hurd)

- g. Balance in the account as of 1 September 2000 = \$3109.00
- h. Income exceeded expenses by + \$825.31 last year.
- i. In June 2000, Fleet Bank sold the NESSA bank account to Sovereign Bank as part of their merger with Bank Boston. To date, the Secretary/Treasurer is happy with the new bank.
- j. 2001 will bring added expenses, especially with our web page. Rather than raise dues, the Treasurer has recommended to the officers that we continue to policy set in 2000 of charging a small regatta fee (\$10/school) for the O'Day regatta.
- k. 2001 Budget. (Income: \$8,420.00: Expenses: \$8,375.00)

3. Vice-President's Report (Jim Terkelsen)

Scheduling and damage problems discussed.
Remind sailors to treat borrowed boats better than their own.

4. President's Report (Roger Rawlings)

Talked about differences between NESSA and other districts.

5. Kevin Baker: ISSA Video

Audience- Schools, AD's, YC's, CBC's ... Sponsorship??
Looking for stories from our programs
Disney \$\$\$- thru Haines

6. Mallory 2002: Sneaking up fast!!

Can you offer a site with 40 boats or at least 20??

NB: 24 November 2000 addition: For the membership:

Roger Rawlings, as NESSA President and representative to ISSA, has agreed to change the current championship allocation and have PCISA host the 2002 Mallory. The championship schedule for the years past 2002 will be rewritten to better realize east/west travel as well as north/south travel for all of ISSA.

7. CONGLOMERATE/REGIONAL TEAM: Rachael Miller of the Burlington Area Sailing Center requests an “official status” for her “Conglomerate Team.” She has 23 sailors from 6 schools and home-schooled. She would like a recognized status simply to help her generate credibility with the local school systems and potential sponsors (‘fund raising projects’).

Issues Discussed:

Conglomerate/Regional Team would not be eligible for NESSA (and therefore ISSA) Champs.

This would be an entirely new class of membership- How to handle Dues, etc...?

Presently, RI & Mass will let student athletes cross-district lines to compete in a club or Varsity sport that his/her school may not have.

Will these sailors compete in and out of their own school team to compete on the conglomerate team?

Race Results against this team should not count on a Mark Trophy Resume, or any other qualifying event.

Preserve NESSA Team Sanctity Designate important regattas as Varsity Regattas and let ONLY Regular Member Teams compete in them.

Possible Definition: Community-Wide Team (Regional Team)

Kids from different high schools or home-schooled coming from within a particular region.

Able to race/compete as a non-varsity, non-qualifying team in dual meets and open regattas.

Reviewed annually by NESSA

All agreed it was a good idea to build interest from schools and community. Most showed concern that we must protect the sanctity of our organization. Did not vote as we did not have a specific-enough motion on the table.

8. ANET: After a brief discussion of the Merits and Shortfalls of the All-New-England-Team, the group voted 11 to 4 to abolish it.

Merits: Gives kids an added distinction when applying to college and college sailing.

Problems: District is too big to keep general records and/or get to know sailors well enough to decide if they warrant nomination.

9. KINETICS/JUDGING: Should we have more active judging at regattas?

Kids not policing themselves; it’s hard to turn in your competitor, or even suggest to him.

When we tell them we’re watching, they are careful. Likewise, if we tell them we’re not watching, they are horrible.

Adopt a graduated penalty system.

Good Judges can be hard to find, many are not knowledgeable about dinghy kinetics.

Judging Team Racing on water is tricky, too much to watch.

More Damage in Fleet Racing than in Team Racing.

Inexperience of sailors means more possibility of damage.

Solutions:

Set up guidelines between coaches, will help set standard for NESSA.

Don’t discourage protests, don’t let judges say “I hope I don’t have to meet any of you...”