

NESSA Annual Meeting
Sunday November 8, 2009
Tabor Academy – Lyndon South Auditorium
66 Spring Street. Marion, MA 02738
AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. REPORTS:

a. SECRETARY/ TREASURER'S REPORT – EVAN OLMSTEAD

Secretary's Report

- a. Minutes from the November 2008 NESSA Annual Meeting were posted on the NESSA website in December 2008. Are there any questions, comments, or corrections at this time? Move that we waive the reading of the minutes and that the minutes from November 2008 be accepted:
- b. Based upon by-laws (amended in November 2004), any regular member who has paid 2009-2010 dues and is in attendance has voting privilege for this meeting. That number stands at 50 as of November 6th, 2009.

A New Member School may request a change of status from New to Regular Member if they meet the requirements as listed in Section I; Article C: Membership of the By-Laws. No school has requested such a change, and has met the requirements necessary for that change.

- c. Attendance was taken when you registered. Please make sure you signed in so that you are on the official list.
- d. As of November 6th, 2009 NESSA has 50 member schools. 4 other schools have sent Purchase Orders demonstrating their check is being processed. 2 others have sent emails indicating that paperwork has been sent to be processed. There were 82 paid members for the 2008-2009 season. I expect our final membership numbers for 2009-2010 to be comparable. Per NESSA by-laws Section I, Article C, sub-section 3, schools that do not pay their dues by the annual meeting "may not appear in the annual official NESSA active Membership List and may not be eligible for all NESSA sponsored regattas." Schools that cannot abide by the organizations rules and regulation cannot expect to share in the benefits. All members from 2008-2009 will be offered an extension past the date of the annual meeting, and must have checks postmarked by December 20, 2008 or they will be declared ineligible for NESSA championship regattas. The Secretary/Treasurer is offering this 6-week extension for those who have not paid their dues yet. Members are being notified of this policy now. There will also be an email to the membership notifying all member schools of this decision.
- e. Probations:
 - 1. The following schools have violated Article L of the By-Laws and are presently on probation.
 - a. **Brewster Academy** until 04-19-2009 – O'Day qualifier
 - b. **North Kingstown HS** until 05-09-2010 – Hereshoff Trophy
 - c. **Pingree HS** until 9-26-2010 –Healy Trophy (no show)
 - 2. No schools have been removed from probation having served two years without further incident.
 - 3. There are no schools with a second violation of Article L while on probation.

Schools are reminded that they have an obligation to their competitors when registering for events, and are encouraged to review section L of the bylaws.

- f. All official correspondence is done via the website and the NESSA list-serve. Each school is responsible for checking the website and ensuring they are on the list-serve. Information for how to subscribe to the list-serve is on the website. As a courtesy, NESSA also completed a paper mailing to all schools regarding dues, important dates, and this policy.
- g. The Website (www.NESSA-Sailing.org) is working well. You are expected to use it as the primary source of information. Ensure that your team roster and information on the NESSA site is accurate.

Treasurer's Report

- a. At the end of fiscal year 2008-2009 the balance in the account was \$7667.62
- b. Last Year – income exceeded expenses by - \$1,117.02
- c. This year NESSA switched to a business account so the organization could have a checkcard. This was necessary for setting up the new website, and is also helpful for bill pay. The caveat is there is a \$12.95 sent fee if a purchase is not made on the check card that month. The treasurer will make an effort to use the check card at least once a month, when appropriate.
- d. The Treasurer recommends that NESSA continue to collect small regatta fees to cover website expenses, trophies, and other expenses. All regatta fees are made out to NESSA with the exception of the O'day qualifier. The \$10 fee per school will go directly to the host school. In turn, NESSA will not send the O'day qualifier site a check for hosting the event. The O'day host MUST collect \$10 from everyone. If they do not need those funds, they may forward them to NESSA.
- e. Schools that host NESSA regattas and experience breakdowns are encouraged to contact the NESSA secretary/treasurer about availability of NESSA funds to assist with breakdown costs. Available funds will be used to assist host schools with those repairs.
- f. Expenses for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget are expected to exceed income by \$1,450.

MINUTES ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

b. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANDREW NUGHES

A. 2009 Review

1. NESSA Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

April 25 and 26, 2009

5 Qualifying Sites and Chairs:

1. Hyannis Yacht Club (MA)	Barnstable HS/ <i>Andrew Nugnes</i>	9 races/div, SW 10-15kts
2. Brewster Academy (NH)	Brewster Academy/ <i>Peter Colcord</i>	4 races/div, NE 0-6kts
3. Fan Pier	BBN/ <i>Tom Moscarillo</i>	7 races/div, SW 5-12kts
4. Ida Lewis YC (RI)	St. Georges/ <i>Roy Williams</i>	10 races/div, SW 5-15kts
5. Greenwich High School (CT)	GHS/ <i>Evan Olmstead</i>	3 races/div, NW 0-8kts

Qualifying Round, April 25, 2009

5 sites with 9-12 teams per site, a total of 52 teams sailed a qualifying round across New England in varied conditions with winds from 0-15knots. 3 schools from each site advanced to the Championship. Thank you to each of our hosts for running quality races to qualify 15 schools in 1 day, allowing the finals to be run the following day at SailMaine.

Advanced to Championship:

Barnstable Qualifier: Tabor Academy (MA), Barnstable HS (MA), Wellesley HS (MA).
Fan Pier; Duxbury HS (MA), Portsmouth Abbey (RI), Moses Brown (RI). Brewster Academy Qualifier;
Hotchkiss (CT), Brewster (NH), St. John's Prep (MA). St. Georges Qualifier; Milton (MA), St. Georges (RI),
PCD (RI). Greenwich Qualifier; Williams (CT), East Lyme (CT), Green Farms Academy (CT).

Championship Regatta, April 26, 2009

SailMaine (ME)

All Maine Schools/*Sarah Helming*

REGATTA HIGHLIGHTS: The day began beautiful and warm, very light wind conditions with hope of increasing wind throughout the day. Current would prove to be the deciding factor on the day, as the advantage would go to those teams that figured how to drive their bows down into the chop. The clouds did eventually roll in and the wind did pick up. 6 races were sailed in each division to determine the 2009 New England Fleet Champs.

Many thanks to Sarah Helming, and all of her crew from SailMaine, for running the event.

Finally, congratulations to Portsmouth Abbey for winning the 2009 O'Day Trophy and to the Tabor Academy, St. Georges and Williams for also qualifying for the ISSA Fleet Racing Championship (Mallory trophy) sailed at the University of Southern Florida.

2. NESSA Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

May 16, 2009

Connecticut College, New Haven, CT

PRO/*Doug Heil*

32 schools were ranked first thru last using the format (50% computer rankings, and 50% executive committee) set forth by the NESSA officers. The top 8 schools were determined by awarding automatic bids to schools ranked 1-4 (1-St. Georges, 2-Duxbury, 3-Tabor, and 4-Hotchkiss). Schools ranked 5-8, who had not qualified for the Mallory, 5. Portsmouth Abbey and 8.Williams, qualified for the Mallory and were awarded an automatic births to the Mark (6. Sharon HS, 7-BC High) sailed 1 of 2 "Wild Card" regional regattas on May 9, 2009, against schools ranked 9-14 (9-Brewster, 10-Darien, 11-Hingham, 12- Moses Brown, 13- Barnstable HS, 14 – N. Kingstown) for the remaining 2 births.

Wild Card Regional Regattas – May 10, 2008

Moses Brown beat out BC High(Host), Barnstable and Brewster Academy to grab control of the 7th berth to the Mark Trophy. While North Kingstown took control of the 2nd Wild Card playoff against Sharon (Host), Darien HS, and Hingham earning the 8th and final spot.

Our very own Doug Heil was the race operator (Event Chair) and Connecticut College was kind enough to lend their boats to NESSA for the weekend. The Mark Trophy was sailed this year with on the water umpiring. The Rotation Dock was located near the Starting line which allowed for quick and efficient boat rotations. NESSA's VP Andrew Nugnes acted as chief umpire. He was assisted by NESSA's Mary Farrel, former NESSA coach John Faudree, Moses Brown's assistant coach _____, and the director of SMSailing's team racing, Joel Hanneman.

Qualifying Round: Breeze was really light in the morning leaving coaches and sailors alike wondering if the championship would even happen on Saturday. A well needed wind shift arrived shortly after 9am out of the right direction and racing began for the day around 10:30. A consistent wind blew right off of the base area of Connecticut College allowing us to set up a nice even digital N course. 28 races were sailed in the qualifying round using a Digital N course to complete a full round robin around 3:30. Duxbury HS led due to a tie break

(6-1), St. Georges (6-1), then Moses Brown (5-2), and Tabor Academy (4-3), all advanced to the Championship Round.

Championship Round: Racing resumed shortly after the completion of the Qualifying Round allowing the RC to complete 12 races for a double round robin on day 1. The RC headed back out onto the water to decide the NE champs in one day. The Championship round showed just how close each team was and how hungry they were to get to the Baker Trophy. Each team would win 3 races and lose 3 races leaving the scores pretty much the same since the qualifying round. No one could seem to knock Duxbury from the top and ultimately a tie breaker between them and St. Georges would decide the champion. Congratulations to Duxbury High School for winning their first NE team racing Championship and to be the first public school to achieve such accolades. Both Duxbury and St. Georges received births to the Baker Trophy held in San Francisco, CA

3. NESSA Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

May 10, 2009

Massachusetts Maritime Academy

MMA/Ian McLeod

MMA hosted 13 teams for the 22nd annual Herreshoff Trophy on Saturday, May 9th.

Doug Heil and a slue of NESSA volunteers headed to the Cape on Herring Pond to challenge 13 schools and to determine the 2009 best Women's team in NESSA. A special thanks to the extremely qualified group of people who helped make the regatta a success.

Duxbury kept up their winning ways scoring only 35 points in 7 races in each division and took the women's crown followed by Winchester and Tabor respectively.

FALL 2009

4. 2010 NESSA Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)

September 27, 2009

Conanticut Yacht Club (RI) Jay Gowell

PCD, Jamestown RI

28 Radial and 15 full sailors sailed out of Conanticut YC right outside of Jamestown, RI. Racers braved the weather conditions as a steady 15-18 knot day saw puffs of 25 by the end of competition. Driving rain lasted throughout the day as well. Special thanks to Jay Gowell and Peter Gerard, and all of the CYC volunteers for a job well done.

Winning the Radial Division and the Healy Trophy was Nick Johnstone (Tabor – MA) followed by Liz Dubovic (Portsmouth Abbey - RI), Pearson Potts (St. Georges - RI), and Oriane Longerstaey (ISOB). All qualified to represent NESSA and their school in the Cressy Trophy.

Qualifying for the Cressy Trophy in the Full Division were Matt Gowell (E. Greenwich - RI), who also won the Healy Trophy, Gabe Salk (PCD- RI), Chris Aitken (Tabor - MA) and Tim Entwistle (Fitch HS -RI).

5. Polar Bear Open

(Great Oakes Regatta Qualifer-1)

September 6, 2009

Bowdoin College

Bowdoin Sailing/Brunswick, ME

Nine teams competed in the Polar Bear Open hosted by Bowdoin College. The breeze started NW at 5-8 knots and shifted between NE and SE until a nice sea breeze arrived at 1:30. Courses were W3s and W4s with offsets and gates. A big thanks to all the Polar Bears that helped run the event. There were no protests and no breakdowns.

1. Wellesley HS (MA)

A 7 1 1 5 4 1 19
 B 1 1 1 1 1 1 6
 8 10 12 18 23 25 25

2. North Kingstown HS (RI)

A 3 2 3 4 2 5 19
 B 2 3 5 2 4 4 20
 5 10 18 24 30 39 39

3. Falmouth HS (ME)

A 1 4 2 1 1 2 11
 B 6 4 7 4 7 3 31
 7 15 24 29 37 42 42

6. Casco Bay Fall Open

(Great Oakes Qualifier- 2)

October 25, 2008

Sail Maine

Portland Maine

The Casco Bay Fall Open consisted of 12 teams from across the region who embarked on Casco Bay in Portland, Maine. 4 races were sailed in each division. A special thanks to all of the programs from SailMaine that made this event possible

A division = 4 Races

B division = 4 Races

	A	B	TOT
1. Falmouth ME.	19	14	33
2. North Kingstown	19	19	38
3. St. John's Prep	11	36	47

7. Arnold Brown Regatta

(Great Oakes Qualifier -3)

September 19, 2009

What a day! Started off upwards of 20 knots and just enough North that made Vineyard Haven Yacht club bumpy. Wind got lighter all day and backed to the West and so the sailors got to compete in a variety of conditions. No protests and other than a few rudders missing in the morning and an elvstrom bailer going straight threw the hull, a great day of sailing. Congratulations to North Kingstown I hope you make it to Great Oaks and many thanks to all who made the trip to MV. My thanks to Brent Jansen and Cape Cod Academy for the use of their powerboats which facilitated the rotations. Arnold Brown would have loved the day of sailing, be proud of the sailors and the competition.

Special thanks to Andrew Burr and the crew from Sail Martha's Vineyard for a job well done.

N. Kingston	49	1
East Lyme	51	2
Cape Cod Academy	53	3
Xavier	54	4

8. NESSA Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)

(Great Oakes Qualifer – 4)

October 11 & 12, 2009

Community Boating Inc.

Mass Bay League/Carl Zimba

Sailors were greeted by brilliant sunshine and a brisk breeze. With the temperature in the 60's, the wind was from the west at 8-12 knots, with gusts up to 20 knots. Courses were modified port-triangles. Over the 16 races, there were 8 capsizes and 2 swampings. Two teams retired early due to the conditions.

There were 4 protests, resulting in one DSQ. There was a request for redress from a boat that was fouled near the finish line that was dismissed. A request for redress to correct a scoring was granted.

Thanks go to Mike Dining (Natick) who was RC for the day, Warren Silver (Nauset), Rob Knecht (Duxbury), and the Southern Maine coach for hearing protests, and Joe Moore (Natick) for setting the course and RC boat. Thanks also go to the staff at Community Boating for promptly rescuing the capsized sailors and their boats.

Dover-Sherborn was a no-show as is subject to Article L of the NESSA Procedural Rules. They thought that the regatta was Monday and were practicing at their home venue.

Duxbury won the day with 5 bullets in the B Division and consistent finishes in the top half of the A Division. Sharon took the honors in the A Division while North Kingston won the B Division, both by finishing consistently in the top third of the fleet with several top-3 finishes. ..

	A division = 8 Races		
	B division = 8 Races		
	A	B	TOT
1. Duxbury	51	36	87
2. Falmouth (ME)	48	44	92
3. St Johns Prep	44	55	99

B. 2010 Season

2010 Fleet Racing Championship (O'Day Trophy)

April 24-25, 2010

Qualifying Regatta's - Saturday, April 24, 2010

Venues with 10+ boats needed. **Sites are confirmed.** NOR's out in January 2010

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| 1. Barnstable, MA | 4. Portland, ME |
| 2. Lakeville, CT | 5. Duxbury, MA |
| 3. Newport, RI | |

Championship Regatta – Sunday, April 25, 2010

Indian Harbor, CT

2010 Team Racing Championship (Mark Trophy)

Saturday and Sunday – May 15-16, 2010

Site needed for 8 teams. 18 boats

2010 Women's Invite (Herreshoff Trophy)

Saturday – May 8th or 9th, 2010

Site needed for 15 teams

2010 Single-handed Championship (Healy Trophy)

Sunday – October 3rd, 2010 (tentative)

Need a site that can accommodate 50+ Lasers

2009 Polar Bear Open (tentative)

Sunday September 5, 2010

Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

2010 Arnold Brown Regatta (tentative)

Saturday September 18, 2010

Vineyard Haven YC, Martha's Vineyard

2010 Casco Bay Fall Open (tentative)

Sunday September 25th, 2010 Sail Maine – Portland ME

2010 Fall Funfest (Gleekman Trophy)

Sat and Sun – Sunday, October 10th, 2010

Community Boating, Boston

Regatta Chair- Carl Zimba

VP REPORT ACCEPTED BY THE
MEMBERSHIP

c. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DOUG HEIL

BACKGROUND

I am proud to have been involved with NESSA for 13 years. In that time I have seen this organization from different roles; first as a coach, then a coach and an officer, and in the past 2 years as President. As a coach, I focused on developing a team and creating marine opportunities for the youth of Martha's Vineyard. As a coach and an officer, I focused on learning the by laws, PRs, and how NESSA operates to serve NESSA and better coach the MV team to reach its goals. As President, I have focused on running the organization with a fair, consistent process within the by laws, and to listen to needs/wants of the membership.

BY LAWS

I have learned that member schools want the by laws to be rigid to protect them in day to day operations, but be flexible when they need an exception. The Officers responsibility is to govern the organization by interpreting and upholding the by laws. We understand the human factor and try to make the by laws work for its members needs. The By Laws are designed to be fair to the masses, are agreed upon at each Annual Meeting and only be changed at that time.

If membership wants the officers to govern on a case by case basis, then it must give the officers power to do so. This power will come with great consequences, not be as fair, and will loose the integrity of the organization. Each coach must take accountability of their actions, or lack there of, instead of putting their responsibility onto NESSA.

If the By Laws and PRs need updating, you have the right as a NESSA member to present changes for vote or discussion at the Annual meeting. The By Laws are working documents that need to be amended to handle new issues and make them more clear or fair. This is your organization. You hold the power to make changes.

COMMUNICATION

NESSA continues to use the email list serve to communicate info to its members. This is an effective way for the officers to reach the masses. It is nearly impossible for NESSA officers to reach the entire membership using individual addresses or phone numbers. It is imperative and the responsibility of each school to have a representative subscribe and monitor the emails on a regular basis. If you are not receiving emails at the start of the racing season in early march, subscribe again or contact a NESSA officer. Not receiving emails is not grounds for an appeal to a NESSA policy, procedure or deadline.

This fall I sent out a hard copy mailing to the Athletic Directors of current and past members outlining how NESSA operates including important dates. This was time consuming and cost money, but an active step for NESSA to communicate beyond the list serve.

The NESSA website is operational and a good source of info. This summer Rob Hurd had worked on the site to allow up to date postings done in house. Coaches should be checking the website often as it will become a more important tool.

O'DAY TROPHY

The O'day is an amazing feat to pull off each year. To run a qualifier and Finals in 1 weekend takes everyone to pull together from every corner of the district. The doomsday scenario is always in the back of our minds and we do have a back up plan but a better solution should be explored.

The registration process is done via email and works fine but could be improved. Registration opens for NESSA events Feb 1st with the deadline at the beginning of racing season (early April), giving schools plenty of time. An automated online system may work and should be considered, but would need to be adapted to our needs. Securing venues is always a challenge and then awarding school's their first choice and balancing the sites is a full time job for the VP. Most importantly, I believe that schools need to be NESSA members in good standing before they are allowed to register.

The O'Day and the Healy are the fast tracks to NE Champs and Nationals. On Saturday morning, every team has equal opportunity during the following 2 days to win the NE Champs and qualify for nationals. Unlike the Mark, which requires a season of racing to qualify just to compete, schools only need to be a member, properly register on time, sail 3 meets and show up with at least 4 kids.

Over the years I have heard a lot of talk about the O'Day being too early in the season with not enough time to get in 3 meets, is during public school break and that it's scheduled around the Mallory. It's important to remember that the O'Day serves as a NESSA's District qualifier for Nationals and the NESSA Fleet Championship. One solution is to move the Fleet Champs later in the season (Memorial Day weekend or 1st week in June) to accommodate this, then also run the district qualifier when the O'day is currently. It's another regatta to run and will present a whole new set of challenges to overcome. With almost 2/3rds of the membership racing in it each year; it may be best left alone.

MARK TROPHY

Team Racing continues to be strong focus in NESSA. There were 42 schools that registered on time to be considered for the 2009 Mark Trophy. Since the registration process is now all done via email and the fee is paid only when a school advances to the Wild Card or Mark (voted on at the 2008 meeting) this is the largest number I have seen in my years with NESSA.

This year 2 schools wished to register after the deadline as posted in the NOR. NESSA Officers and Ex Comm studied and searched the by laws, policy, and procedures that would allow them to accept a late registration. Deadlines posted in the NORs are firm and there is no by law, policy or procedure that will support an acceptance of a late registration which is fair to the schools who registered on time. If you are basing your whole season on getting into the Mark, make sure you are registered before the deadline. Updates to the status of registration are sent by the NESSA VP to the email list frequently, especially as the deadline approaches.

The Team Race Sailing Standings and Computer Ranking System have been working well, allowing schools to track and compare their progress with other schools throughout the season. This would not be possible without Carl Zimba (ranking program) and Rob Hurd (standings) who spend hours inputting data every day, and the selection committee who help with the final rankings. Every school in NESSA should register for Mark consideration. No matter the level of competition or a team's season goals, the ranking system and the sailing standings are a helpful tool for coaches and sailors. It allows online access to a school's up to date results and record which can be used for comparison, strategy or sharing with others. This service is for all NESSA members and only meets with NESSA schools are considered in the standings.

NESSA's DIRECTION

With 82 member schools in 2009, NESSA is a strong district committed to its members. Quality of racing, an increased level of competition and ability, and creating more opportunities across the board are most important to NESSA and its members.

I believe NESSA is supporting teams from the grassroots to the national level but needs to focus more on the mid level teams, which is the bulk of the membership. In the next year it will be important to research what can be done to "further the sport of sailing" for the teams that are not interested in competing at the national level,

but are serious competitors in their local league/area or the district. Each team, no matter the level of seriousness of a school's programs, has a role and a place in NESSA, and is essential to the success of HS Sailing in the entire district.

The relationship with ISSA also should be evaluated to show the value of being part a national organization for all 82 members. The qualification process for NESSA's berths to nationals is extremely important for the growth of teams at all levels. The top level teams, whether public or private, drive the competition and motivate schools to challenge their own abilities and improve, which trickles down to mid level teams, then developmental teams creating more growth and depth.

NESSA has supported the creation of new invite and "mid level championship" events by host schools resulting in more opportunity. Whether it's the Terk invite, the Downeast in Maine, the RI/CT/MA state champs, the Tabor JV invite, there are now more end result goals for teams to strive for. It is also important to explore how NESSA can help these events and if they should become NESSA sponsored events

PASSION

The one thing that all member schools can agree on is their passion for the sport, the kids and High School Sailing in New England. That's why we are out coaching and sailing in 40 degree weather with near freezing water temps and dedicating evenings and weekends. It is important to all of us to offer the kids of New England the best opportunities in the sport. So as I leave office, remember this is your organization and it needs your help to continue to make a difference in kid's lives. Get involved and take it to the next level.

DISCUSSION

WINCHESTER HS – have yet to be able to field a strong team due to date of O'day (5 years as coach). Strongly urge that NESSA seek a new date for the O'day qualifier.

TABOR – You cannot run it too early; want it late enough for the three meets. Need time prior to Mallory to ensure you get the regatta off. (religious holidays, school break). My guess is many public schools use that week to practice.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: Varsity sport may ask kids to make that commitment to sail for the week.
ST. G's – First weekend problematic because of SATs

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report from the ISSA Annual Meeting. (Report from Rob Hurd)

Change of ISSA bylaws (annual meeting will fall between Sept and Dec 1st – 60 day notice posted on ISSA website.

First sponsored regatta in ISSA – All-state Sugar Bowl

ISSA budget – according to docs, it is almost balanced. ISSA expected to Run a \$1,400 deficit.

Largest part of budget goes to One-Design Management for ISSA (Rob Hurd believes it is too much)

43% of ISSA budget goes to One-Design Management

No fall newsletter was sent this year from ISSA

School recognition is not required in all districts. It is required in NESSA. Rob believes next development for ISSA is to have more controlled and checked growth for high school sailing (rather than uncontrolled growth particularly of teams that are not recognized by their high school). It is a significant liability issue that many sailors around the nation are sailing without school recognition.

- b. Mallory 2010 Update – Rob Hurd

Hosting 2010 Mallory at Indian Harbor Yacht Club. PRO Jonathan Nye of IHYC. Ron Hopkins chief judge. Pretty activist – expect rule 42 to be called an other calls.

- c. Awarding of the Stephan B Leslie Sportsmanship Award

Goes to the team that other teams in NESSA enjoyed sailing against. This year the award goes to Duxbury.

- d. ISSA database- each school should check their ISSA directory page
Check accuracy of ISSA database. It is okay not to have sailors names on database for NESSA events. If you plan to sail an ISSA event, then your athlete's names must be on your website.
ST. G's – Discussion of legality of interviewing minors and posting interviews (Sail Groove) will need to happen.
- e. Report on ACC's – Rob Hurd
Will rotate between three districts. Was in Rochester, NY. Fun event. 2011 will be in Portland Maine (NESSA). Same weekend as Baker Trophy.

4. NEW BUSINESS – By Law Changes

a. BY-Law Changes

Proposal #1. Submitted by Roger Rawlings

Change Article E, section 1

Change: “designated adult alternative “ to “ designated representative-who are not student in high school”

Each school shall be entitled to be represented at meetings by one or more adult delegates: faculty coach, faculty advisor or *designated representative- who are not students in high school*. Regular Members shall be entitled to one vote for each school. No New Member may vote. Students are welcome to attend meetings with the adult delegate but may not vote.

Proposal #2. Submitted by Robert Salk

In the fall we have a number of regattas that qualify our schools to attend the Great Oaks Regatta. I propose that the qualifying regattas use the A division results as the only method of selecting the schools that move forward.

The Great Oaks is a one division regatta. Our current system rewards the school with the best combined score, not necessarily the best A team. I suggest that we change our NOR's , use the A score as the only factor in selecting the schools that move forward.

PROPOSAL IS NOT ENDORSED BY THE SCHOOL (THIS IS THE PROPOSAL OF A PARENT; NOT A COACH). DISCUSSION WILL BE TABLED TO A LATER DATE.

Proposal #3. Submitted by Doug Heil

Add Section 6 below to Article C: Membership

Section 6

- a. NESSA shall communicate info to its members and conduct business, via email, on the NESSA listserve.**
- b. Each school must have at least 1 representative subscribe and monitor the NESSA email list serve.**

Proposal #4. Submitted by Doug Heil

Change Article C Section 3

To be a NESSA member, Regular or New, a schools must complete an Annual Membership Form and pay dues ~~to be~~ issued on a school check or a check that is accompanied by a letter of authorization from the school, by the Annual Meeting. Schools ~~may~~ who register after ~~that date~~ the Annual Meeting by following the above procedures,

~~but these schools may~~ will not appear in the annual official NESSA active Membership List and ~~may~~ will not be eligible for all NESSA sponsored regattas until registration is complete and dues are paid.

Proposal #5. Submitted by Rob Hurd

Those applying for consideration to the NESSA Team Racing Championship must submit a check, made payable to NESSA, for \$350 subjected to the following procedures:

1. If a school is not selected for either Wild Card Weekend or the Championship regatta, then the entire amount will be refunded.
2. If a school is selected for Wild Card Weekend and/ or the Championship regatta, but do not qualify for the ISSA Team Racing Nationals (Baker Trophy) or the Atlantic Coast Challenge, they will have \$315 returned. The remaining \$35 is their regatta fee.
3. If a school is selected for Wild Card Weekend and/or the Championship regatta and qualifies for either the ISSA Team Racing Nationals (Baker Trophy) or the Atlantic Coast Challenge, the \$350 fee will be consider as follows:
 - \$35 to NESSA for regatta fee,
 - \$315 as a down payment for airline tickets, if necessary.
4. Furthermore, schools that qualify for the championship round are required to bring a check for airline tickets to the regatta.

Suggest that board look into a line of credit through the bank that requires two signatures. There is concern that teams will not compete in wild card standings due to “sticker shock” (\$350 upfront).

The officers will further explore this question. One possible solution may be what is proposed here. Other solutions have to do with a line of credit or creation of a NESSA credit card for this purpose. BOARD WILL REPORT BACK TO THE MEMBERSHIP BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

Proposal #6. Submitted by Andrew Nugnes **Add Section 3 and Section 4 to article G: Dues**

Section 3: If annual dues, by a particular school, are not paid by the annual meeting; schools will only have until February 8th, of the current sailing season, to submit dues as explained in Article C. Any school who fails to meet this requirement will not be eligible to compete in any NESSA sponsored event.

Section 4: A school may only register for a NESSA sponsored event if they have fulfilled their annual dues obligation.

NESSA WILL NOT ADOPT THE ADDITION OF SECTION 3 & SECTION 4. SUGGESTION IS THAT THE N.O.R. MAKE IT CLEAR THAT DUES AND REGISTRATION MUST BOTH BE COMPLETE WITHIN THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

- a. Website Update
- b. **Baker in NESSA 2012** – start accepting bids
- c. Hereshoff date – currently scheduled for Mother’s Day weekend (Sunday May 9th). Should this event be pushed to Sunday, April 11th? Membership recommends staying with Sun. May 9th.
- d. ACC qualification? – Andrew recommends teams ranked 9-16 should be the pool for ACCs. Ranks #1-8 should remain focused on the Mark/Baker. Need to consider who we send in relation to sailors from other districts. We want level of competition to be somewhat equal. Perhaps one berth should come from Terk (#9-16), one from the Mark who just missed Baker, and another from one of the previous scenarios. ACCs was designed for teams finishing 3-8 at Baker. Having something for teams #9-16 to seek out is important (ACCs, Terk, etc). Our #10, 11, 12 teams will be competitive with other districts

(Roy Williams). Perhaps treat like Great Oaks to share participation among many schools. Above all, we MUST send teams to this event each year (Roy Williams). Otherwise it will die. It is up to the district director (NESSA Pres.) to decide how qualification will occur.

e. NESSA/ISSA Discussion

Value of being a member of NESSA / ISSA. There will always be an organization in New England as a feeder to ISSA. The question is whether we want to establish our own organization for New England sailing that is not affiliated with NESSA/ISSA.

What do we want?

- ISSA shall ensure that allocations for the next season are based upon recognized school programs.

Pres. suggests we create an adhoc committee formed by the officers. They will take volunteers. Carl Zimba, Roy Williams, Roger Rawlings, Evan Olmstead, Cindy Muther, Doug Heil, Nick Judson, Rob Knecht and Beth Holland.

5. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Proposed Slate of officers

President – Andrew Nugnes

Vice President – Rob Knecht

Sec/Treas – Nick Judson

NEW OFFICERS ADOPTED

6. ADJORN

Motion to adjourn adopted.