

REPORT of MASSA ANNUAL MEETING - FEB 25, 2001

The MASSA annual meeting was held from 11am to 2pm at the Naval Academy Sailing Center on February 25, 2001.

Attendance: 15 schools were represented at the meeting: AACCS, Severn, Gunston, McQuaid, Patuxent, Richard Montgomery, Georgetown Day, Pt Pleasant, Southern Regional, Severna Park, Annapolis, Broadneck, St Mary's, Southern, and Key. 9 others had responded by eMail.

Director's Report: Membership is down from 43 at this time last year to 32. The largest losses are in the Long Island area (14 to 7) and New Jersey (8 to 6). We anticipate two schools joining in the near future but there are perhaps 6 schools that are still trying to get organized or having trouble with the school administrators.

Treasury: The MASSA bank account has increased to 1498.93 from 1141.01 last year. Income so far this year was \$480 and expenses (USPS 67.20, Copying 73.65, and Plaques 59.45) were \$200.30 – the major expense to come this year will be the spring plaques. We opened a new checking account in Annapolis and both Bill Schneider and Andrew Cole have access to it.

New Rules: the membership was informed that ISSA is continuing to operate under the old rules through the spring semester. Some discussion resulted concerning the new rules.

Awards: Pt Pleasant Boro High School, New Jersey, was awarded the plaque for last year's overall MASSA championship and St. Mary's High, Annapolis, was awarded the plaque for the fall season championship.

Agenda items:

The Navy Mallory qualifiers should be 2 days rather than 1 day. motion passed

MASSA should award 2nd and 3rd place trophies for the season championships. motion passed

There was much discussion on the subject of awarding MASSA championship points to local regattas. Motion: Local regattas may be awarded championship points if they are "open regattas" for all district schools, not just the local schools. motion passed

MASSA should designate a weekend each season devoted to "local regattas". motion passed

(Bill Schneider noted that Easter weekend was available for this concept this spring)

The selections for the Mallory qualifiers and the Spring MASSA championship regatta, based on current championship point standings, will be the Monday before each event. motion passed

The selection for the Baker qualifiers will also be based on the current championship point standings. motion passed

Andrew Cole was appointed as MASSA Assistant Director.

Bill Schneider was nominated as MASSA representative to the ISSA Board of Directors.

The championship points system was extensively discussed, particularly with regard to awarding double points at the fall and spring championships. No motion was made.

MASSA should recommend to the ISSA board that, if the host organization for the Baker National Team Racing Championships can accommodate more teams than 12, then ISSA should allow more teams to attend. motion passed

The teams selected regattas they wished to attend.

Meeting adjourned.