

Minutes from meeting May 10, 2020

Meeting held on Zoom. started about 11:15 after Mark was able to get mic working.

Attendees:

Mark Patek, Eric Kirton, Jeff Hall, Heidi Fiori, Doug Frauenholz

John Fulghum, Olivia Fulghum

Approved minutes from last meeting 3/8/2020 - moved by Mark, 2nd by Eric, all approved.

Items discussed:

Should we set definitive date for go / no go date?

Agreed to wait to set go/no go date and to just send letter out now..

Summary of conclusions:

Will send letter to parents giving program status, and will give them a link to a survey to determine interest in a modified program.

Get feedback - what do you want from kids

Include link to survey of interest.

Shall we open registration now? Agreed not yet. Will use survey to gauge interest.

Status of staff:

Are they willing to work week by week? Agreed to send survey to get answers.

Current status reported by Mark:

Offer letters went out March 13 with job title, hourly rate, estimated weekly hours and summer total (rate times weekly hours for the 7 weeks of class)

17 offers: of these 3 are unpaid CIT's, 2 live out of state but still hope to be here for 4 weeks,

Signed acceptances from Olivia, Collin Murphy, Mike Kairevich, Ethan Angersbach, Hayden Hall and CITs: Alea Jaral, Parker Hastings. (TBD - should all offers not yet accepted be formally withdrawn or modified as conditional and undermined hours?) Could also be part of a query to willingness to work this summer under changed circumstances.

Only Olivia has L-1; So far on-the water US Sailing L-1 classes are not available but are now only last 2 day of 4 so L-1 candidates can still do first 2 days but it is costly if they can not complete the last 2. **Lack of L-1 certified instructors is clearly a risk with any program.**

I think we can tell instructors that completion of first half, and other L-1 pre reqa will provide priority relative to employment

Discussed possible description of scaled back program

Opti classes:

- Maximum class size

- Number of instructors

- Need for support instructors: social distancing, maintenance

- Outdoor location: (wharf, parking lot where 420's would be, park, Dory Club patio possible

- Number of motor boats: probably ned at least 2.

Assign team to work on logistics: Will need to do this work:

- Getting Optis, trailers and motor boats from Bunker with social distancing

- Storage and distribution of sails, spars, tillers and rudders,

- Cleaning and or ID's to make sure kids use same equipment every day

- Safe operation of power boats (2 instructors at 6'?) rescue protocol

- Prop guard installation _ Eric will install on one powerboat for now.

Discussed feasibility of other options: Survey to gauge interest and if enough interest will poll Laser sailors for possible loans.

Lasers with radial sails for advanced single handed class. (Radial sail \$125, Radial mast \$150) - mast floats to eliminate turn turtle risk

Stand up paddleboard

Remote control laser sailboats, \$300, radio transmitter \$20, 8" race mark \$13. AA batteries, other desirable: Boat stand \$40, carry case \$75

Virtual classes

Virtual races

Could beginner adults learn in Opti's? Not really

Adult class possibility - use lasers

Letter to parents and others

Reviewed and approved draft - see below

Doug will set up distribution list and Olivia will send out

Other questions: will need to be addressed in formulating the program.

See "NSP ideas and US Sailing documents for many questions and some answers

Will any classes be open to non-Nahant residents?

Including summer relatives?

Quarantine for students, instructors and others if coming from outside Mass?

Testing vs. trusting parents

Meeting adjourned - 12:30PM

Copy of letter sent out:

Dear Sailors, Parents and Supporters,

I hope that you and your family are well. I wanted to bring you up to date with the Nahant Sailing Programs developing plan for the upcoming season. To be clear, we are not giving up the ship!

During Governor Baker's stay-at-home advisory and essential services order there can be no sailing lessons. Once this order is lifted and we have approval by the Town of Nahant's various departments, NSP plans to provide opportunities for young sailors to get out and enjoy our harbor. It will be a modified program developed with safety as a priority and in compliance with the guidance and requirements set forth by Federal, State, and local agencies.

The program will certainly be different this year.

To help develop programs and ideas, we are also participating in on-line meetings and discussions with other sailing programs around New England and the rest of the country.

Our sailing program will likely be single handed opportunities only. While we are disappointed by the potential of such a limitation, it is the only way sailing programs like ours can be run with safety as a priority. Unfortunately, because of social distancing, we do not anticipate having our Rhodes 19 classes such as Learn to Sail, Adult Sailing and Adult Racing this year. Nor do we anticipate offering the regular 420 classes. We may also modify the format of classes so that a single group of students will be able to attend class every day for a week or

two rather than for ½ day, three times per week all summer. In the short term, we are evolving virtually.

We are also exploring other possible single handed on-the-water options.

Starting this month, the instructors will undertake steps to obtain or develop lessons and information videos to share with our young sailors at no cost. Information will be shared through various outlets, including but not limited to our website and Facebook pages. Past program participants will receive e-mails with details. Future participants or interested parents will be able to obtain more details from our website.

We are continuing to suspend registrations through the website until we know more about the specific form of the summer's offerings. However, **please respond to a survey** to help us determine interest in the modified program and in some of the possible alternative offerings we are considering offering.

Here is a link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/79UxdNiLR2kjEbv6>

Your survey input will help us to understand the potential demand for classes as we develop the summers offering, as a result we will be giving registration priority to families who respond and help us to plan accurately for the summer. We will contact those families and open registration as more guidance is provided by the Town and/or State. If you have questions or suggestions please enter them in the comment section of the survey so that the information is available to this year's director, olivia.fulghum@gmail.com and the entire NSP committee.

Finally, we thank our community who continue to support our program year after year even under these difficult times. You clearly understand the huge benefits of getting young people on the water and the leadership development and growth benefits that are provided to our high school/college aged instructors. Thank you!

If you have questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me at jmpatek@gmail.com

J. Mark Patek