

New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.
FALL MEETING MINUTES
SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica, Sunday, September 26, 2010

President Jim Kobak Called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and welcomed those present including Rick Costanza, Lake Placid Biathlon; Shawn Forney, CNYO and Syracuse Biathlon; Pat Gallagher, Lake Placid Ski; Nick Gretzinger, Syracuse Biathlon; Sean Halligan, Saratoga; Eric Hamilton, Shenendehowa Nordic; Lee Mahood, Treasurer; Tom Moffett, Saratoga Biathlon; Russ Myer, Polar Bear; Darwin Roosa, Saratoga Biathlon; Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills Nordic; Larry Wilkinson, Wolverines; and Jamie Wilson, WFRA.

Jim thanked those present for two great seasons and received a warm applause from all. He summarized the organization's accomplishments over the past two years;

- Moved from region based representation to club based, and
- A quality NYSSRA Championship that includes cross country, biathlon and ski orienteering.

He also mentioned a disappointment, but moved on...

Jim Kobak reviewed attendance and determined that a quorum was present and that each of those present were voting members of the Board.

Minutes of the spring meeting, done by Darwin Roosa, were accepted as distributed on a motion by Eric Hamilton; second by Jim Kobak; carried.

Treasurer's Report - Lee Mahood distributed copies of his report (attachment 1) which shows a balance of \$888.22. He noted that the dramatic difference between the current balance and that of a year ago was the fact that the insurance bill is paid. We also made 11 racer grants, a club promotional grant. He added that clubs should take advantage of these opportunities.

Committee Reports

Biathlon - Nick Gretzinger reported on the line up for Biathlon leadership. Carl Klossner is vice chair and Marty Maynard 2nd vice Chairman.

Cross Country - Larry Wilkinson pointed out that the schedule for next season is on line. Lee Mahood added that organizers need to submit sanction form(s). Tom Moffet demonstrated a new, user friendly spreadsheet program for race organizers.

Ski Orienteering - Eric Hamilton said that the first Ski Orienteering ESG qualifier would be at Lapland Lake in mid December.

Empire State Games - The Games are scheduled for February 25 - 27, 2011 in Lake Placid. The ESG staff is waiting any changes in the qualifying rules for each Nordic discipline.

Bill Koch Youth League - Eric Hamilton recommended that NYSSRA - Nordic continue its practice of waiving first year BKYSL member fees. This year's Mid Atlantic Bill Koch Festival will be February 19 and 20, 2011 at Highland Forest. We will be using the new lodge and use a hotel closer to Syracuse. In 2012 the Festival will be in Old Forge.

Nominating Committee - The nominating committee chaired by Jim Kobak, with Chris Rose and Sean Halligan presented the following slate of officers: Darwin Roosa, President; David Kvam, Vice President; Tim Huneck, 2nd Vice President; Eric Hamilton, Secretary; and Lee Mahood, Treasurer.

Membership - Jim Kobak is maintaining the data files this year. Membership will open on October 1 at SkiReg.com. Memberships will be good until a new year starts on June 1, 2011. The fees remain unchanged from last year. There is no need for membership numbers. Skireg is very close to having a better, more efficient way to pay for Club team and Family memberships. Local clubs will be encouraged to attract new members. Members of NYSSRA receive an automatic membership in NENSA. Club sanctioning will be by paper similar to last year. Last year we had approximately 650 members.

Liability Insurance - Sean Halligan reported that we changed agency to the COOL. The cost went up about \$1600 and those bills have already been paid. There is a \$250 deductible on secondary medical insurance coverage. There is no cost for additional insureds. Covered activities include cross country skiing, Nordic ski programs, dry land training and fund raising. We do not have coverage for jumping, Alpine, open road activities (like roller skiing on open roads). Signed waivers are required for all activities.

Old Business

EMPO Map Funding - Eric Hamilton moved that we provide a grant to Empire Orienteering Club for a new map of Moreau State Park, Russ Myer second. Discussion followed. We had a ESG ski orienteering qualifier on the old map last year. The new map will cost over \$7000. Most of this cost will come out of entry fees from the "A meet" scheduled on October 16 & 17, 2010. Will open up a whole new area for possible ski orienteering. Motion carried.

Winter schedule - will be as posted on the NYSSRA - Nordic web site pending completion of sanction agreements by each organizer.

NYSSRA Championships will be in Lake Placid (tentative) on March 12 and 13, 2011.

Race Officials - Russ Myer reported that the biathlon discipline was strongest in the numbers of officials.

New Business

Adirondack Sports and Fitness Winter Expo - It was consensus that that we should have a booth at the discretion of the President.

Elections - Jim Kobak reviewed the slate of officers nominated by committee and opened the floor for nominations. Eric Hamilton moved that nominations be closed, Russ Myers second and added that the secretary case one ballot for unopposed offices, carried. Vote so cast.

Tri State Biathlon - Russ reported the event is struggling with low participant response but their will be competitions for a small field. He will be able to take applications past the Sept. 25th deadline.

Fund Raising Opportunities Plan - Darwin Roosa said that the purpose of the plan is to increase revenue should the opportunities arise. On line sales of Nordic items is available, but there's no link to the store. The possibility of a 2012 calendar was discussed. No action taken, but if members have ideas please contact Darwin.

NENSA and NYSSRA Relationship - Jim Kobak out lined the benefits to our relationship. Provides access to NENSA events as long as we continue to accept NENSA members to our events for the same fees as NYSSRA - Nordic members.

Open Format - Rick Costanza and Pat Gallagher are preparing a bid for JOs for 2014. This will include certification of the course by FIS. There was question whether any course in the U S could meet FIS requirements.

Winter Jubilee - Russ Myer stated that there will be a special event at Osceola on December 18 and 19, 2010.

Spring Meeting will be May 1, 2011, at SUNY - IT.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jim Kobak; second by Larry Wilkinson; carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric J. Hamilton, Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Balance 9/26/10	\$10,363.14
Balance 4/25/10	\$11,023.15
Brian McDonald Fund	\$ 397.00
Bill Thayer Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00
Biathlon Fund	\$ 2,203.27
Eastern High School	\$ 2,315.15
Youth Development	\$ 4,059.50 (\$1065 is member contributions)
General Fund	\$ 888.22

Insurance has been paid for the year \$8,777.00