New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.
FALL MEETING MINUTES
SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica, Sunday, September 25, 2011

President Darwin Roosa called the meeting to order at 12:37 PM and welcomed those present including voting representatives Pat Gallagher, Lake Placid Ski; Nick Gretzinger, Syracuse Biathlon; Eric Hamilton, Shenendehowa Nordic; Russ Houck, Syracure Nordic; Tim Huneck, HURT; Jim Kobak, Peru Nordic; Margaret Maher, NYSEF; Tom Moffett, Saratoga Biathlon; Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills Nordic; Larry Wilkinson, Wolverine Ski; Jamie Wilson, WFRA and Dana Wood, Lake Placid Biathlon. Also present was Sean Halligan, Saratoga.

Darwin Roosa reviewed attendance and determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes of the spring meeting were accepted as posted and distributed on a motion by Jim Kobak; second by Tom Moffet; carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - See attachment #2.

Committee Reports

Biathlon - Nick Gretzinger announced that the ESWG biathlon would be a single event, relay format on Sunday afternoon, February 5, 2012. There are few qualifying rules. He also announced a new level one club: Capital Region Nordic at Pine Ridge. The NYSSRA - Nordic Biathlon Championship will be March 3 and 4, 2012 concurrent with NorAm Biathlon Cup competition, but with separate awards.

Cross Country - Larry Wilkinson noted that only a third of the local clubs had renewed their affiliation at this point. He pointed out that the cross country events are posted in the on-line calendar. The ESWG competition will include a "Tournado": a 2.5 k race Friday night under the lights; the Loppett on Saturday; and a 7.5 k classic event on Sunday. Pick one or two or do them all. All NYSSRA series races are encouraged to use the USSA classifications and J1 and older should go the same distance. A technical delegate seminar is planned early season in Jackson, NH, but there's a possibility of coaches training someplace closer. Larry will keep us informed. The NYSSRA Championship will include a long classic race on Saturday, March 3 and a skating club relay on Sunday.

Ski Orienteering - Eric Hamilton reported that qualification for ski orienteering at ESWG would require minimal orienteering experience. We are looking at Dewey Mountain, Saranac Lake. NYSSRA Championships at Mt Van Hoevenburg would require two qualifiers and participants would accumulate double points for both ESWG and the Championship.

Masters Series - Jim Kobak said that the "cross country masters committee" should be changed to "NYSSRA point series committee." All is in place for the coming season.

Bill Koch Youth League - Eric Hamilton announced that this year's Mid Atlantic Bill Koch Festival will be February 11 and 12, 2012 at McCauley Mountain, Old Forge. He recommended that those going should make reservations now. There are two new BKYSL clubs: one in Cayuga and one in Tug Hill. We are organizing a coach's clinic at Middlebury, VT. There's a ski swap at Hudson Highlands State Park, Cold Spring NY Sunday, Nov 13, 2011 from 9:30 to 3 PM.

Mid-Atlantic Junior Committee – Margaret Maher reported that HFL will do two JO qualifiers. Six JO qualifiers will be held to get more racers from colleges. J1 will be behind JO classification.

Other Committees

Website and NY high school racing web page - Tim Huneck reported that although Dave Kvam was unable to attend the meeting, Dave emailed the following report: "I have set up the page that is ready to be posted up to the NYSSRA site for the High School Race Results. The page includes areas for each section (2,3,5,7,9,10) and also an area on the bottom for HS racer of the week. I was thinking I could send out a short interview form to some of the top racers around the state and feature them on the site. All I need from you guys is a list of contact names from each section before the start of the race season so I know who to reach out to during the racing season."

Membership - Jim Kobak reported that membership renewal has been open since early July at SkiReg.com. He reminded everyone that the membership year now runs July 1 to June 30. So far, the usual number of memberships have come in. When snow is in the air renewals will pick up. He will send an email blast renewal reminder to the membership list.

Liability Insurance - Sean Halligan said that all policies have been renewed including a non-auto rider. Rather than providing certificates of insurance to everyone who had one in the past we are providing them to only those who need them. When you request a certificate of insurance carefully ask for what you need. The pending litigation has been settled.

Old Business

501(c)(3) - Eric Seyse has the IRS 1023 nearly complete. He needs financial information from the Treasurer for the last three years.

Winter Schedule - is posted live on the NYSSRA - Nordic web site.

NYSSRA Championships will be in Lake Placid on March 3 and 4, 2012.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment - Darwin Roosa noted the proposed amendment to the bylaws proposed at the spring meeting and attached to the minutes involving equal opportunity, hearing processes, and athlete's rights. Passed unanimously.

Club Issues - Jim Kobak reported that the 2011-12 Club Points standings will include combined XC and biathlon club points.

Presidential Citation - President Darwin Roosa presented Syracuse Nordic Club and the Shenendehowa Nordic Club with a Presidential Citation for their contributions to promoting Nordic ski sport in their local area. Russ Houck accepted on behalf of Syracuse and Tim Huneck accepted for Shenendehowa. Criteria for presidential citation is posted on line in the club pages.

A.W.A.R.D. - Darwin noted that four All Winter Accumulated Race Distance awards were mailed to the recipients following the spring meeting. These included Jim Kobak, gold; Tim Huneck and Jerry Curcio, silver; and Eric Hamilton, bronze.

New Business

Adirondack Sports and Fitness Winter Expo - Sat. & Sun. November 19 and 20 at the City Center in Saratoga. Darwin encouraged members to volunteer in shifts to staff a NYSSRA Nordic booth at this outreach event. He will ask the Expo organizers to waive the booth fee if NYSSRA Nordic can offer a schedule of activities, demonstrations, and seminars. The booth should include a sign up list for participants to provide their email addresses for receiving follow up information.

Open Forum - Jamie Wilson announced that the Tourathon will be in early March with a full 50 k distance option.

Meeting Format - Russ Houck posed the question why not go an annual meeting, rather than bi-annual? Can we transact all our business in one session? Discussion followed. Darwin Roosa noted that NYSSRA Nordic bylaws state that "the Board of Delegates shall meet on a twice yearly basis in the spring and fall." He pointed out that an alternative to a face-to-face meeting could be considered such as an "electronic meeting" for transacting business matters. Darwin will investigate the possibility of a "webinar" or video conferencing on April 1, 2012. Margaret Maher has used conference call services and will provide some information on freeconference call.com that NYSEF has used.

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

---------- Attachment 1 ----------

Presented April 3, 2011 at Spring Meeting of NYSSRA-Nordic, Inc.

and passed unanimously at Fall Meeting September 25, 2011

Insert under ARTICLE III – Membership

[in sequential number after #2 as numbered here.]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS OF NYSSRA-NORDIC, INC.

3. NYSSRA-Nordic as an amateur athlete organization in compliance with the requirements set forth in Section 220522(a)(8) of the Amateur Sports Act, shall:

a) provide an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators and officials to participate in athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, or age; and

b) provide fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing to any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or other official before such individual may be declared ineligible to participate in any NYSSRA, Nordic, Inc sanctioned event. Any hearing conducted hereunder shall be conducted in accordance with the hearing procedures of Chapter 31 of USOC, IOC bylaws of the individual sport as is pertinent to their sport.

4. Refer to Section 9 (formerly Article IX) of the USOC Bylaws-Athletes Rights.

----------Attachment 2 ----------

NYSSRA NORDIC		
Fall Meeting 2011		
Treasurer's Report		
Balance 10/15/11	$10,436.93	
Balance 3/22/11	$ 15,520.78	
Brian McDonald Fund	$397.00	
Bill Thayer Fund	$500.00	
Biathlon fund	$1,414.16	
Eastern High School/JII	$1,210.05	
Youth Development	$5,398.95	$1065 is member contributions
General Fund	$1,516.77	