New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.
FALL MEETING MINUTES
Lake Placid, Olympic Training Center, September 17, 2016

President Tim Huneck called the meeting to order at 12:57 PM and welcomed those present.

Present were: Patrick Gallagher, Lake Placid Ski Club; Sean Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon; Eric Hamilton, Shenendehowa Nordic; Tim Huneck, HURT; Margaret Maher, NYSEF; David Paarlberg-Kvam, HURT; Tom Moffett, Saratoga Biathlon; Chris Rose, Peru Nordic; Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills, and Steve Tomb, Johnsburg. It was determined that everyone present represented a club that was paid up and had voting privileges. A discussion followed about who updates the website content.

Minutes of the spring meeting were accepted as circulated on a motion by Chris Rose; second by Eric Seyse; carried.

Treasurer's Report - Tim Huneck shared the treasurer's report from Lee Mahood. The Report is attached. Current balance is $24,801.41 with $12,846.89 in the general fund.

Executive Director's Report
Tim Huneck briefly summarized Greg Malia's achievements during the first year including:
- 42% increase in membership this year
- Published 3 newsletters during the season (helped feed the membership)
- He sent 12 weekly e-blasts
- He brought in 2 advertisers

Reasonable Goals:
- Grow by 100 members this year
- Publish at least four newsletters (but need help from member contribution, from disciplines and clubs).
- We could get grant money for events, but need a ideas for fundable projects from the organization to make a compelling "ask".

Committee Reports
Insurance - Sean Halligan reported that we have a new insurance carrier with an premium less than half what we paid the previous season. Premium is based on membership numbers. The policy has better coverage for the type of activities we do and more reasonable deductibles. Further all our affiliated local clubs are "named insured" verses the old policy under which we were "additionally insured." There are new risk management requirements one of which is an emergency contact person for each participant.
Biathlon - The committee will be meeting next week.
Ski Orienteering - An e-mail from Chris Frielinghaus reported that the ESWG and the NYSSRA Champs ski orienteering will each be a two day event. Eric Hamilton added that he will try a season opener at Lapland Lake on Sunday, December 18.
Cross Country - A tentative schedule is posted on the NYSSRA calendar is on the home page.
Mid Atlantic Committee - Tim Huneck summarized the qualification requirements for Junior Nationals including the requirement to race in 3 of the 4 scheduled qualifying races. Also discussed was participation in the Eastern High School Championship and "sense of team." We also discussed use of a debit card for team costs such as lodging payments. Eric Seyse will contact the treasurer to discuss this possibility and procedures necessary.

New Business
Junior Nationals - will be in Lake Placid March 3 - 12, 2017. This happens about once every 15 years. ORDA is host with Mike Batiste and Chris Seymour are the key people. See Mt Van Hoevenberg's Facebook page for details.

Changes at Gore - Steve Tomb described the construction that is going on at the Ski Bowl with large earthmoving equipment carving out a 2.5 k loop with 30 foot wide trails and with wide turns, snow making equipment and lights. Eventually the goal is to have 6 different homoguated Olympic quality courses. He also named the individuals who have helped with the design. Tim Huneck will confer with Greg Malia about how NYSSRA could be involved.
Calendar - Preliminary calendar is posted; biathlon and ski orienteering to come.
New Documents for Insurance - Eric Seyse described some new policy documents included in the draft NYSSRA Nordic Safety Program. Chris Rose moved that we accept these documents as policy, Tom Moffet second, carried. This will be posted under "race organizers" form on the website.
Election of Officers - Tim Huneck reviewed the slate of officers: Eric Seyse, President; Chris Rose, Vice President; Eric Hamilton, Secretary; and Lee Manhood, Treasurer. As of the meeting no one had stepped forward to volunteer for the 2nd vice president position. Members at the meeting brainstormed people who might be interested. Some people who we thought of were contacted by phone. Darwin accepted. Eric Seyse moved that the slate of officers be accepted, Sean Halligan second; carried unanimously.

Old Business
USSA Affiliation Update - Tim Huneck reported that there is nothing new. The program will roll over to a new season. Margaret Maher reported that USSA has a "Nordic rocks" program in which USSA will supply a school with kids sized skis with strap bindings, no poles, for youth to try in a gym class situation if school agrees to provide coaching by a local club. She found 2 qualifying elementary schools in N Y State with gym teachers willing to try this coming season. She suggested we be prepared to find more schools to participate if this program is continued next year.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 PM on a motion by Sean Halligan, second by Chris Rose, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

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Treasurers report 09/07/2016.

Balance 09/07/2016	$24,801.41
Balance 04/20/2016	$25,706.53
Brian McDonald Fund	$297.00
Biathlon fund	$1,864.91
Youth Development	$2,055.65
Mid A	$5,143.00
Eastern High School/U16	$779.55
BKYSL	$1,814.41
General Fund	$12,846.89