New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.
SPRING MEETING MINUTES
Siena College, Newtonville, Saturday, April 25, 2015

President Tim Huneck called the meeting to order at 11:10 PM and welcomed those present.

Present were: Eric Brower, Adirondack Vauhti; Chris Frielinghaus, HURT and Ski Orienteering; Brian Halligan, HURT; Sean Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon; Eric Hamilton, Shenendehowa Nordic and HURT; Tim Huneck, HURT; Greg Malia, Executive Director; David Paarlberg-Kvam, HURT; Darwin Roosa, Saratoga Biathlon; and Matt Torniainen, Adirondack Vauti.

Minutes of the September 28, 2014, meeting were accepted as posted on a motion by Eric Hamilton; second by Frieglinghaus; carried.

Treasurer's Report - Tim Huneck went through a report from Lee Mahood (details in attachment 1). Balance is $19,141.37 with $7,995.20 in the general fund.

Executive Director's Report
Membership - Greg would like to work on increasing membership by greater membership benefits including reduced rates at ski centers, discounts on sports equipment, increased communication with members to keep NYSSRA and NYSSRA sanctioned events out front, and e-blasts about ski conditions and appropriate waxing.
Outreach - Greg proposed an conscious outreach to skiers in the lower Hudson Valley and Metropolitan area, to high school athletes, and to those who don't ski competitively.
Fundraising - Greg will be pursuing grants from foundations and other organizations. Sponsors by any endurance sport supplier and equipment manufacturer or retailer and health care industry or any business in preventive health. In exchange we would provide exposure on web site at $200 for a tile all year and $350 for a banner. A half page in four e-newsletters will be $200, quarter page $100, and eighth page $50. In twelve season e-blasts a tile would be $25 and a banner $50.

Committee Reports
Empire State Winter Games - Darwin Roosa reported that the ESWG are scheduled for February 4 through 7, 2016.

Old Business
Listing non-Sanctioned Events - Sean Halligan is preparing a document form that will be filed with NYSSRA - Nordic for those events that wish to be listed on our calendar but not sanctioned. We will expect to be named as additionally insured by those organizers, but full details have yet to be worked out.

Club Grants and Racer Grants - Four club grant applications were received HURT for silver, Peru Nordic for bronze, RXCSF for silver, and Saratoga Biathlon for silver. David Paarlberg-Kvam said that he would be tweaking the required documentation.

A question was raised about whether racer grants should be reinstated. Discussion followed on need based grants vs performance based grants and the $1800 in the youth development fund. To be eligible for a Racer Grant one would have to be a U18, a sanctioned club member and a NYSSRA member prior to December 1. Other requirements may surface, but David Paarlberg-Kvam will draft criteria.

Reporting Race Results - Race organizers are encouraged to use the standard template for reporting. Tim Huneck will check to make sure this template is still timely and posted on the race organizers page on the website.

New Business

Registration Process - David Paarlberg-Kvam will be clarifying the skireg sign up process in two ways: when registering you will be asked to confirm your masters class. When your club gets their sanction it will show up on a drop down menu.

Membership - In order to smoothly coordinate with NENSA we need to have a Dec 1 deadline for NYSSRA-Plus membership. It was also consensus that we make individual membership for U18 $10 to encourage more memberships by high school athletes. It was also pointed out that this might impact the number of family memberships. Remember the first ski race your club can get points for is the number of NYSSRA memberships the club is credited with by December 1. It is expected that U18 memberships will be driven by local clubs.

Qualifying Process - The qualifying process for Junior National and Eastern High School was reviewed. No action taken.

NYSSRA Championships - A bid from a consortium of the Adirondack Vauhti, Saratoga Biathlon and Shenendehowa Clubs to hold the NYSSRA Championships on two consecutive weekends at Day was received. The HURT team who hosted the championships last year strongly recommended that the Championships be held at Mount Van Hoevenberg Olympic venue. It was pointed out that NYSSRA needs a stronger relationship with ORDA who has been most supportive of Nordic ski sport. No action was taken on the bid.

Fall Meeting - to be arranged.

Adjourn - Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM on a motion by Eric Hamilton, Tim Huneck second, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

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

	NYSSRA - Nordic	
	Spring Meeting 2015	
	Treasurer's Report	
Balance 4/20/14		$19,141.13
Balance 9/28/14		$14,110.32
Brian McDonald Fund		$297.00
Biathlon Fund		$1,650.91
Youth Development		$1,805.65
Mid A		$5,908.65
U16/EHS		$699.55
BKYSL Festival		$784.41
General Fund		$7,995.20

I am still awaiting the final Mid A accounting from this years JN so that line item may change.

Also we have six outstanding bills to pay from the general fund (five club promotions and money to NENSA for their part of our memberships. I will pay those bills as soon as I receive the and will keep you up to date on the general fund balance

We have added a new account line for Mid A BKYSL Festival. Eric can answer questions on this.