

New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.
SPRING MEETING MINUTES
Glens Falls Country Club, May 7, 2017

President Eric Seyse called the meeting to order at 12:23 AM and welcomed those present.

Present were: Chris Frielinghaus, Ski Orienteering¹; Patrick Gallagher, Lake Placid Ski Club¹; Brian Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon; Sean Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon; Eric Hamilton, Shenendehowa Nordic¹; Tim Huneck, HURT¹; Jim Kobak, Peru Nordic¹; Margaret Maher, NYSEF¹; David Paarlberg-Kvam, HURT¹; Greg Malia, Kingston; Tom Moffett, Saratoga Biathlon¹; Darwin Roosa, Saratoga Biathlon; Chris Rose, Peru Nordic¹; and Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills¹.

Minutes of the September 16, 2016 meeting were accepted as circulated on a motion by Jim Kobak; second by Darwin Roosa; carried.

Treasurer's Report - \$24,947. Eric Seyse provided details from Lee Mahood in the attached. Eric Hamilton noted that an annual report is due to N Y S Charities Bureau by June 31 covering our 2015 year when we went over the \$25,000 threshold for net worth. He will complete the report down to the financial detail then send details to Lee Mahood.

Committee Reports

Cross Country Ski - Eric Seyse chairs the committee including Chris Rose and Eric Hamilton. Eric Seyse does the calculations, compiles reports and points lists. Season went well, natural and man made snow allowed for most of the schedule. Only Holland Patent and PA Wildcats had to cancel their races. Although there is interest in establishing a roller ski race series it doesn't seem to be coming together for this summer.

Biathlon - Tom Moffett chairs the committee. Pat Gallagher is vice chair. The committee is working on a full summer schedule that will be posted soon.

Ski Orienteering - Chris Frielinghaus summarized that the sport needs consistent snow. He is encouraging more Try-it events.

Insurance - Sean Halligan reported that our insurance premium with the new carrier is based on membership numbers. This brings our premium down from \$7800 to \$4500. The snowmobile exclusion is still there, but he is working on that issue. A discussion followed on what needs a sanction: club activities don't need a separate sanction, but a training event with an entry fee needs to be sanctioned.

Membership - After lengthy discussion it was the consensus that we keep the membership year the same. Both club and individual/family memberships are due for renewal on July 1. Shouldn't you consider a life membership?

Executive Director's Report

Greg Mailia reported a 58% membership increase. Take out the the PA Wildcats and we still have a 35% increase. The total is 641 members this season. It was the consensus that the Newsletter is a good idea. It provides a value for membership and keeps the members informed and inspired. It also provides a opportunity for advertising and generating a limited amount of revenue from ads. Greg also posed the question: what can we do to make PA Wildcats and those in the western part of NY feel more a part of the organization.

New Business

Budget - David Paarlberg-Kvam proposed that the organization establish a budget for grants to make the application process more transparent and to foster a more sound platform from which to gather sponsorships and apply for grants. This was well received by those present. He will have a more detailed proposal for the fall meeting.

¹ Voting member: officers, discipline committee chairs, and delegates from 2016-17 sanctioned clubs

Joint NYSSRA/NENSA Membership - David Paarlberg-Kvam moved that we eliminate joint memberships and the reciprocal agreement we had with NENSA, Chris Rose second. Discussion followed. Greg Malia offered to approach his contacts to see if something could be worked out. A \$5 one day membership fee/racing license will apply to all those who are not members of NYSSRA - Nordic.

Calendar - NYSSRA - Nordic Championships will be at Saratoga Biathlon in 2018. Discussion followed about having the championships earlier in the season and opening the possibility of a spring series of races especially if we have snow later in the season. Other venues that should consider hosting championships include McCauley Mountain in Old Forge, Bristol Mountain in Canandaigua.

N Y State Charities Registration - Eric Hamilton announced that the N Y State Department of Law is conducting a symposium for not-for-profit organizations and their board members on May 16, 2017. The symposium is entitled *Doing Well While Doing Good*. Everyone present is encouraged to attend. The half day symposium will include:

- The attorney General's Oversight Role for New York NFPs,
- Accounting from the Inside Out, and
- Working Together - Views from the Board Room and the Office.

Next Meeting tentatively set for Sunday, September 17 tentatively in Lake Placid.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM on a motion by Brian Halligan, second by Chris Rose, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

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

Treasurers Report

Balance 4/2017		\$24,947.07
Balance 9/14/16		\$24,801.51
Brian McDonald Fund		\$297.00
Biathlon fund		\$1,644.91
Mid A		\$4,143.00
Eastern High School/U16		\$679.55
Youth Development		\$1,855.65
BKYSL		\$1,514.41
General Fund		\$14,812.55