New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.
FALL MEETING MINUTES
Siena College, Newtonville, Sunday, September 27, 2015

President Tim Huneck called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed those present.

Present were: Eric Brower, Adk Vauti; Sean Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon; Eric Hamilton, Shenendehowa Nordic; Tim Huneck, HURT; Carl Klossner, Polar Bear Biathlon; Jim Kobak, Peru Nordic; David Paarlberg-Kvam, HURT; Greg Malia, Kingston; Tom Moffett, Saratoga Biathlon; Darwin Roosa, Saratoga; Chris Rose, Peru Nordic; Carl Snow, Syracuse Biathlon; and Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills. Those entitled to vote include the discipline committee chairs, officers, and delegates from 2015-16 sanctioned clubs: Hudson United Racing Team, Peru Nordic Masters, Rochester Nordic Racing, Rochester XC Ski Foundation, and Shenendehowa Nordic.

Minutes of the spring meeting were accepted as posted on a motion by Darwin Roosa; second by Carl Klossner; carried.

Treasurer's Report - Tim Huneck shared the treasurer's report from Lee Mahood. The Report is attached. Current balance is $21,787.33 with $7,958.51 in the general fund. The question was asked if we have any revenue outstanding from ski organizers for past season racer head taxes. Membership for NYSSRA plus NENSA is due by December 1. Any Life members that want NYSSRA plus should let Jim Kobak know by that date as well.

Executive Director's Report
Greg Malia briefly summarized his early achievements including creating membership benefits like reduced trail passes and discounts on merchandise. He firmly believes that we need to get our membership numbers up before going into fund raising, but he will be pursuing grants for specific and compelling reasons. If you have an idea that might bring grant moneys please contact him. He has worked up a number of advertising packages, the largest would be a $500 Gold Package. Details will be circulated in the near future. Also look for an e-newsletter in the future. A discussion followed about the need for a membership card, electronic or hard copy, but no decision was made. We also discussed possible "participating merchant" posters to remind NYSSRA - Nordic members of this membership benefit when shopping.

Committee Reports
Insurance - Sean Halligan summarized the actions taken this spring when our insurance premium came in with an excessive (oppressive?) increase. He took a more detailed look at and refined the numbers used to determine our risk exposure. This reduced the increased insurance cost. Eric Seyse also tracked down another carrier who looked at our exposure with different metrics. We also increased our accident deductible from $250 to $1000. In short our insurance coverage is costing us about $7,500 now.
Eric Seyse suggested we set aside a fund to cover the change in the accident deductible. Discussion followed. It was the general consensus that we to set aside $1000 in a "rainy day" fund as protection against an insurance claim or some other such calamity.
Biathlon - Carl Klossner announced that the biathlon schedule is available from the NYSSRA website. The Empire State Winter Games biathlon on Saturday will be a sprint and a mass start on Sunday. USBA has a new event hosting policy. The NYSSRA Championship Biathlon events will be designated a Regional Championship Race with national ranking.
Cross Country - Discussion followed on how to increase participation in Empire State Winter Games by high school racers. Eric Seyse moved that we offer anyone under 18 a free first year membership, David Paarlberg-Kvam second, carried.
Ski Orienteering - no report. Eric Hamilton said he and Chris Frielinghaus had discussed having a two event weekends for ESWG and the NYSSRA Championships.
Wilkinson Cup Series - The events are on the draft calendar, with only minor changes in the series description.

New Business

Listing Non-Sanctioned events - It was consensus that if the event organizers provide us with a certificate of insurance naming NYSSRA as additionally insured, we should have no problem listing the event. The executive committee will have discretion as to what is listed as a non-NYSSRA event.

Affiliate of USSA - Tim Huneck reported that USSA is looking to increase its membership and have a greater presence at the local level. We have been offered an affiliate membership in the organization in exchange for an exclusive territory that includes N Y and PA. There is no fee and an agreement can be terminated. The big benefit is to any NYSSRA member who needs a USSA membership or competition license the fee would be only $15 for the season (vs over $100 currently). Jim Kobak moved that we authorize Tim Huneck to sign an agreement with USSA, Eric Hamilton second. Discussion followed. Chris Rose closed discussion by calling to move the question, Jim Kobak second, carried. The motion passed by a unanimous show of hands.

Calendar - David Paarlberg-Kvam noted that the cross country calendar is posted on the web-site and pointed out that there are two open dates: Jan 10 and Feb 20.

NYSSRA Championships - will be the weekend of February 27 and 28 at Day, NY. Unfortunately due to the size of the venue and the tight schedule there is no ski orienteering event.

Western N Y Expansion - Discussion followed on how to expand Nordic skiing in the Buffalo area or Erie, PA. No action taken.

Spring Meeting - Tim Huneck asked for comments on format for the spring meeting. Consensus was for a "beer summit" to focus on season debriefing and brainstorming for the coming year. It will be in late March at the President's discretion.

EHS Championships - David Paarlberg-Kvam moved that we allocate $3000 for an EHS team suit, Jim Kobak second, carried.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM on a motion by Jim Kobak second by Eric Seyse, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

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From Lee Manhood:

Here is the treasurers report as of 9/18. We still have two insurance payment to make. Otherwise this up to date. I have included the amounts from the anonymous donation.

Balance 9/2015		$21,787.33
Balance 4/25/2015		$ 19,142.15
Brian McDonald Fund		$297.00
Biathlon fund		$1,790.91
Mid A		$5,948.30
Eastern High School/U18		$1,199.55
Youth Development		$2,805.65
General Fund		$7,958.51