New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.
SPRING MEETING MINUTES
Glens Falls Country Club, April 17, 2016

President Tim Huneck called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM and welcomed those present.

Present were: Chris Frielinghaus, Ski Orienteering[1]; Brian Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon; Sean Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon; Eric Hamilton, Shenendehowa Nordic[1]; Tim Huneck, HURT[1]; Nick Kulina, NYSEF; Margaret Maher, NYSEF[1]; David Paarlberg-Kvam, HURT[1]; Greg Malia, Kingston; Tom Moffett, Saratoga Biathlon[1]; Darwin Roosa, Saratoga; Chris Rose, Peru Nordic[1]; and Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills[1], Bob Underwood.

Minutes of the spring meeting were accepted as circulated on a motion by Eric Hamilton; 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 $25,706.58 with $13,772.01 in the general fund.

Executive Director's Report
Greg Malia briefly summarized his achievements since the fall including:
- 42% increase in membership this year despite lack of snow; it would have been 22% if it were not for the Wilderness Wildcats from PA.
- Weekly newsletter to the membership during the season (helped feed the membership)
- Advertiser support in the form of grants flopped.

Recommendations:
- Need membership cards for proof of membership for discounts at participating businesses.
- Sponsors have offered product that could be used for silent auction or bib prizes.
- We could get grant money for events, but need a local host to make a proposal.

Discussion followed on how to generate a membership card either electronically or hardcopy that would be automatic and authentic. We also discussed the possibility of having the NYSSRA Championships in Pennsylvania with the Wilderness Wildcats as host. Greg also raised a real concern for Section IX high school Nordic sports. Perhaps Bellayre could provide a limited area with man made snow on rolling terrain. They are operated by ORDA now and the other ORDA facilities, especially Gore Mtn has demonstrated that it can be done. It was also consensus that it would not hurt to write a letter to NYSPHSAA to encourage equal number from each of the Sections like all other high school sports.

We also discussed snow making and its impact on Cross Country. The combination of Gore Mountain snow making in the North River ski bowl and Steve Tomb's enthusiasm to grow the sport are inseparable and a huge success.

Committee Reports
Insurance - Sean Halligan reported that our insurance premium is based on race participation numbers. A two day event is counted as a single participation. Participation in ski orienteering and biathlon counts half as much as a participant in a cross country event, because these events are also covered by their respective NGBs. In addition to the COOL Agency who provides our current coverage Merriam, SportsInsurance.com, and Loomis & Lapan also could provide sports coverage. Each of the insurance products have differences.

Sean asked that each of the disciplines provide him the needed participation data by May 2 so he can make sure we have insurance in place on July 1. He will also follow up with each of four race organizers who have not filed waiver and release form with him.

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[1] Voting member: officers, discipline committee chairs, and delegates from 2015-16 sanctioned clubs

Mid Atlantic Committee - Tim Huneck presented a proposal to rebuild the committee. (The proposal is Attachment 2.) In summary we need active committee members. After some discussion it was decided that it would be a committee of seven:

- The four leaders of the three trips - U-16; EHSC; and the Junior National Trips,
- Two at large members would be elected by the remainder of the committee, and
- A NYSSRA Nordic representative would be appointed by the president.

It was noted that a max of 42 competitors are allowed from each division at JNs. The proposal to make the Mid Atlantic Committee a seven member committee was approved on a motion by Bob Underwood, Eric Hamilton second, carried.

New Business

Payment for Junior Trips - David Paarlberg-Kvam recommended that we establish tighter rules on athlete payments for trips. Discussion followed and the item was referred to the new Mid Atlantic Committee.

Election of Officers - Tim Huneck noted that his term of office is up with the fall meeting. We need a new Cross Country Chairman and a second vice president. Eric Seyse volunteered to be X C Chair if we can force organizers to use the official race report form that can easily "feed" the points list. No one volunteered for the 2nd VP, but one of the former presidents present indicated he might run if we were unable to find a candidate. Greg Malia said he would include a call for 2nd VP in the next newsletter.

NYSSRA plus NENSA - It was consensus that this offer would not be extended beyond December 1, 2016.

Membership - Discussion followed on whether we could open membership now for 2016/17. Consensus was that last season's membership could be closed and a new year opened.

Next Meeting set for Sunday, September 18 tentatively in Lake Placid.

Adjournment - Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM on a motion by Darwin Roosa, second by Eric Seyse, carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

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From Lee Manhood:

Here is the treasurers report as 4/20/2016. The general fund is in great shape due to the increase in membership and we have had no major bills except for insurance.

Balance 4/2016		$25,706.53
Balance 9/2015		$21,784.33
Brian McDonald Fund		$297.00
Biathlon fund		$1,844.91
Mid A		$5,143.00
Eastern High School/U16		$779.55
Youth Development		$2,055.65
BKYSL		$1,814.41
General Fund		$13,772.01