New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic
September 29, 2019
Glens Falls Country Club, Queensbury

Brian White welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Others present were Paul Allison, Peru Nordic Masters; Chris Frielinghaus, Ski Orienteering Chair; Sean Halligan, Saratoga Biathlon and HURT; Eric Hamilton, Secretary and Shenendehowa Nordic Club; Tyler Koziol, HURT; Tom Moffett, Saratoga Biathlon; Darwin Roosa, Saratoga Biathlon; Curt Schrieners, Saratoga Biathlon; and Eric Seyse, GHN-ADK. It was determined that all those present had voting privileges.

Minutes of the spring meeting on May 19, 2019, were accepted on a motion by Chris Frielinghaus, second by Tyler Koziol, carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brian White shared the treasurer's report from Ed Lis. See attachment 1. Balance totaled $35,604.70 with $14,742 in the general fund. It was pointed out that insurance premium has been paid.

Committee Reports

Insurance - Insurance - Sean Halligan has reviewed the insurance policy. The additional insured endorsement is the same as last year and the trigger is an agreement to name the party as an additional insured rather than automatic as in years past . If someone requests a certificate of insurance and or needs to be named as an additional insured clubs and organizers should file a new request via Ed Luban. Sean will update the Insurance instructions form and Eric Seyse will post it to he web site. The policy does not yet require a background check for all coaches as we expected to be the case, but we should assume that it is coming, most likely with the next renewal. Eric Hamilton agreed to look into www.ncsisafe.com as he is going through the process for another NGO. Sean reinforced the fact that he needs all the waivers and sign in sheets (or copies if the club wants to hold on to the originals). Biathlon and Ski O sign in sheets should also name NYSSRA – Nordic if they are on our calendars and he needs a photocopy of these as well. Biathlon and Ski-O Chairpersons need to let the clubs know this.

Biathlon - Tom Moffett reported that the committee had met on Saturday. The season schedule is included as attachment 2. He observed that there were plenty of open dates.

Ski Orienteering - Chris Frielinghaus reported that he would have to step away from chairing this committee. Brian White thanked Chris for his many years serving and chair. He also initiated the effort to fill the position. The season opener is planned for December 15 at Lapland Lake. It would be desirable to have something in writing concerning the status of Ski Orienteering at the ESWG.

Cross Country - Eric Seyse announced some races pending including:

- North Creek Festival December 7 & 8
- Osceola Pie Race Dec 22
- Shenendehowa Classic at Saratoga Biathlon Jan 4
- Adk Vauhti at Saratoga Biathlon Jan 5. Other races on SkiReg include:
- HURT Mega Relay Jan 11
- Winona Forest Try-It 12.5k Classical Jan 12
- Winona Forest Tourathon Jan 12
- HURTathon Feb 8.

Mid Atlantic - Curt Schriener announced that the junior national qualifiers would be as follows:

- December 21 & 22 in either Rochester or Lake Placid (whichever wants this date)
- January 11 & 12 in Rochester or Lake Placid (in the other)
- January 18 & 19 at North Creek

If the host cannot hold the event on their home course because of snow conditions they must be prepared to move to another venue that can host.
BKYSL - Eric Hamilton passed along information from Janine Phaneuf. She has received little feedback from requests about the 2020 Bill Koch Festival. Rochester said they might be able to do it in conjunction with their youth festival if no one else comes forward.

Old Business
Executive Director Search - The position offers an annual stipend of $2,500. No candidates have expressed interest in the position. Discussion followed but no action taken.
Officer Positions - It was observed that Rochester has two very active clubs, but are not represented at the meetings. There was a suggestion to get a representative from either or both the Rochester clubs as a second vice president since Amanda Zullo had to back out. We also discussed having a conference call for the next meeting.
NYSSRA Championships - It was general consensus that without a facility like Mt Van Hoevenburg it is difficult for one venue/club to handle biathlon and cross country on the same weekend. Therefore the 2020 XC Championships will be scheduled at Saratoga Biathlon Club on Feb. 22 & 23 and include the Mini Marathon. The NY Biathlon Championships will be either Feb. 29-Mar. 1 or Mar. 7-8. If Lake Placid can not host, they will be at Saratoga Biathlon Club Feb. 29-Mar. 1.
Publicity Plan - The draft plan is out for review no further action has been taken. Discussion revolved around two audiences: the outside community and within the organization. We need a weekly message or blog to the membership, and a compelling message to potential new members.

New Business
Roller Ski Championship - Paul Allison is working on a race in the Glens Falls area. The possibility of a November 9 or 10 date was discussed.
NYSSRA Race Bibs - Darwin Roosa reminded those present that he has bibs and will coordinate bib needs this season at race events. Let him know when you need them and return them in the condition you got them. Race organizers are reminded to assign a volunteer at the finish line to collect all bibs from racers PLUS dry bibs and put back in numerical order ready to be passed on to the next race event.
Grant Applications - Eric Seyse reported that the committee had received only one application for a training grant. The application is from Maddie Phaneuf on the U S Biathlon Team. She anticipates she will need $5000 to support her training needs and competition at the international level. After review and discussion the committee recommended we make a $1000 grant in consideration of all her contribution to Nordic ski sport from the BKYSL, junior competition and her potential on the international level.

Next Meeting - We will try a conference call or *GoToMeeting.com* on line meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 7 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton

Attachment 1

Treasurer's Report August 31, 2019	
Fund	**Balances**
Brian McDonald Fund	$297.00
Biathlon Fund	$1,782.00
Youth Development Fund	$1,556.00
Mid-A Fund	$15,886.00
BKYSL Fund	$1,342.00
General Fund	$14,742.00
Total	**$35,604.70**

Attachment 2

Biathlon's Proposed Schedule

There are lots of open dates if anyone wants to add another race contact Tom Moffet.

Dec 29 - Old Forge (sprint)
Jan 18 - Osceola (sprint)
Jan 19 - Old Forge (pursuit)
Jan 25 - Saratoga (sprint)
Jan 26 - Saratoga (pursuit)
Feb 1 - ESWG (sprint)
Feb 2 - ESWG (pursuit)
Feb 8 - Saratoga (individual)
Feb 9 - Old Forge (TBD)

NY Biathlon Championships:
* First choice, Lake Placid on either 2/29-3/1 or 3/7-8
* If Placid can't host they will be at Saratoga 2/29-3/1