

New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

Queensbury, Glens Falls Country Club, May 19, 2019

President Brian White called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM and welcomed those present. He added that the most important part of the meeting will be developing a "to do list" for each of us to assure a successful season this coming year.

Present were: Chris Frielinghaus, Ski O Chair; Eric Hamilton, Secretary; Tyler Koziol, Shenendehowa Nordic Club; Darwin Roosa, Saratoga Biathlon; Curtis Schreiner, Saratoga Biathlon and Mid A; Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills; Brian White, Peru Nordic.

Minutes Tyler Koziol moved that the minutes of the September 30, 2018 meeting be accepted along with the minutes of the ad hoc executive committee meeting summarized February 11, 2019 by Eric Hamilton; Eric Seyse second, carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brian White shared the treasurer's report from Ed Lis (copy of summary follows). Current balance is \$31,347.86. It was noted that we have never had a budget. Discussion followed that major revenue includes membership, head tax and sanction fees. Regular annual expenses include liability insurance, website costs, NYSSRA Champs prizes and points list awards. Trip leaders are expected to have a budget for the trips they lead. It was the group's consensus that dues should remain the same for the coming year. Eric Hamilton mentioned the annual filing requirements to the IRS and the NYS Charities Bureau. He will pass along the access information to the treasurer.

Committee Reports

Insurance - Brian White referred to Sean Halligan's report that was circulated to all previously. He noted the need for biathlon and ski orienteering to include NYSSRA Nordic in the waiver and release forms. Even though they might be sanctioned by other NGBs NYSSRA Nordic also calendars the events. Discussion followed about head tax to off set costs of NYSSRA Champ prizes and awards. Eric Seyse volunteered to work up a new form to request a certificate of Insurance and work with Sean Halligan to implement. Updated versions of the Request of Certificate of Insurance and other forms for event organizers will be put on the website.

Biathlon - There is no summer schedule yet. Curt Schreiner reported that it is one of Tom Moffet's priorities in the near future.

Ski Orienteering - Chris Frielinghaus reported on the screw up with Empire State Winter Games so that ski orienteering was dropped from the schedule. He speculated why this may have happened. There was no way to determine what went into the decision because individuals assigned have changed. Chris said that we have been assured that the discipline has been reinstated for next year. But he went on to caution biathlon to be vigilant because that discipline draws similar numbers of both in-state and out-of-state competitors.

Cross Country - Eric Seyse promised to assemble a calendar of roller ski events. He also mentioned a snafu with NYSEF, NENSA and the junior national qualifier at Mt VanHoevenburg.

Bill Koch Youth Ski League - Eric Hamilton reported that the 2019 Mid Atlantic Bill Koch Festival was a big success. The organizers put on a unique Festival with a weekend full of activities for youth and their families. We are all grateful to Bill Koch and his wife for attending, the Town of

Greenfield and HURT for their facilities and organization. Eric Seyse expressed disappointment that the registration deadline was too early... more than 10 days before the event. Eric Hamilton will follow up with Janine Phaneau about the 2020 Bill Koch Festival location. Possibilities discussed included Rochester, Lake Placid, or Old Forge.

Mid Atlantic - Curt Scheiner said that there must be a minimum of 6 qualifying junior national races. If an organizer does not have sufficient snow on his home course they must have the ability to move the event to another location.

Old Business

Bibs - Darwin Roosa displayed both the NYSSRA bibs (1 thru 200) as well as the new bibs (201 thru 400, relay bibs, and yellow points leader bibs). These worked out well this past season. Darwin maintains the inventory, coordinates requests for bibs from event organizers and tracks who has what bibs.

Executive Director Search - Brian White expressed disappointment in not being able to find a candidate for Executive Director. Minimum requirements should be that the individual needs to be an enthusiastic skier, (s)he needs to be involved, needs to reach out to high school teams and athletes, promote events and new memberships, and seek potential grants. Two individuals were discussed. Brian entertained a motion that were raise the base stipend to \$2,500. Darwin Rossa so moved, Eric Hamilton second, carried with one abstaining.

New Business

NYSSRA Championships - Brian White reported the Polar Bear Ski Club with Carl Klossner's lead would host the Cross Country ski events. Would Syracuse Biathlon host at Osceola? Is there a ski orienteering map of McCauley Mountain?

Publicity/Education Committee - Eric Hamilton suggested that each club provide a member to a publicity/education committee so that we could reach down to local papers, even weekly newspapers, with our publicity and education efforts. Likewise, local clubs can feed publicity and important season information on up to NYSSRA. Brian White volunteered to reach out to each club for a representative. Discussion followed about the difference between calendaring an event versus mentioning an event in a blog post. Both get the word out, but calendaring encumbers a higher degree of liability. Eric Seyse will create a Maintenance List of updates needed for the website, SkiReg 2019-2020 membership renewals and ongoing tasks for maintaining the cross country points list.

Next Meeting - Brian White suggested we have the fall meeting on Sunday, September 29 and moved we adjourn at 1 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

Treasurers Report as of April 30, 2019

Fund	Balances
Brian McDonald Fund	\$297
Biathlon Fund	\$1,375
Youth Development Fund	\$1,556
Mid-A Fund	\$10,841
BKSL Fund	\$1,342
General Fund	\$15,937
Total	\$31,347.86