

New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.

SPRING MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2020

By Zoom.us

President Brian White called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Nate Cheneenko, Rochester Nordic; Sean Halligan, Insurance Committee; Eric Hamilton, Secretary and Shenendehowa Nordic; Tom Moffett, Biathlon Chair; Darwin Roosa, First Vice President; Jack Rueckheim, Cayuga Nordic; Curtis Schreiner, Saratoga Biathlon and Mid A; Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills; Bob Underwood, Friends of Coles Woods; Brian White, Peru Nordic; and Erin Wilson, Buffalo BKYSL. Eric Hamilton certified that all had voting privileges.

Minutes: Curt Schreiner moved that the minutes of the September 29, 2019, meeting be accepted; Darwin Roosa second, carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brian White referred to the most recent file that Ed Lis had uploaded to DropBox.com (see attachment 1). Concerns were raised about the large \$38,275 amount in the Mid-A fund. Brian explained that the lodging for the 2020 Junior National trip has been paid, but the check had not cleared. This will be taken care of well before the end of June. Brian White also stated that the N Y State Charities filing was up to date.

Committee Reports

Insurance - Sean Halligan reported that we are in good shape with coaches' background checks. The premium for liability insurance has been going down as the underwriters gain a better understanding of our organization and what we do. Sean noted that he only received 9 sets of waiver and release forms. He noted the need for biathlon and ski orienteering to include NYSSRA Nordic in their waiver and release forms. Eric Seyse will provide Sean Halligan a link to race results so that he can figure out who is not compliant. Sean also asked for biathlon and ski orienteering waiver forms from the 2019-2020 racing season. He also needs numbers of participants [not numbers of entries!] from each of the disciplines to determine the cost of next season's premium that is expected to be approximately \$3,423.

Biathlon - Tom Moffett reported that the committee would be meeting soon. They were looking forward to the USBA meeting next week which is expected to address COVID-19 issues and procedures that will affect biathlon clubs and events across the U.S. After that the N Y Committee will meet. Tom lamented the loss of Syracuse Biathlon's range at Osceola Ski Touring Center but noted that Paul Smith's College is developing a range. Someone commented that the nearby new Osceola Ski & Sport Resort that Dustin Hite is developing will eventually include a biathlon range.

Ski Orienteering - Brian White referred to Janet Findlay's report that numbers of participants are up because of the good snow for events that were held this season and they have been able to attract out of state and Canadian participants.

Cross Country - Eric Seyse pledged to do the points list again this coming season. But we need someone or a group to do the blog posts.

Mid Atlantic - Curt Schreiner said that the trip to California pulled off two races, then everything shut down both due the COVID19 pandemic and the resort was buried in snow the following week. The Eastern High School Championships were a success, but the second trip for the J2 Championship was cancelled due to the pandemic. Eastern H S Champs Erica Jordan requested that we pay her for the second trip with all the planning and organization required. Eric Seyse moved we pay Jessica Jordan, Eric Hamilton second. The amount for payment would be

\$550 as determined typically by 50% of entry fees times number of racers participants. Discussion included whether Erica Jordan would be interested in leading the trip again next year Bill Koch Youth Ski League - Janine Phaneuf provided a detailed report. Her two major points were that we had good participation this season in local club memberships; at the Mid A Bill Koch Festival and at NENSA's Festival. Lake Placid would like to host the 2021 Bill Koch Festival provided that ORDA has their reconstruction in the final stages. Eric Hamilton added that he has a supply of BKYSL ribbons: first place through fifth and participant for any club holding an event where more than one club is participating.

Old Business

Executive Director - Brian White congratulated Bob Underwood and thanked him for accepting the position. Bob thanked Tom Moffett and Janet Findley for help with the newsletter. He said he would like to continue and has good ideas. He also asked those present for suggestions.

Fluorinated Wax Policy - Bob Underwood reported that NYSPHSAA has made the decision to ban the use of fluorinated waxes in accordance with USSA rules. No one knows how any organizers or officials can enforce these rules. The high school racing circuit will use the honor system. Actual testing equipment is so expensive that it is beyond the capability of most clubs. The most important advice for racers is not to bring your wax box to a competition or event. Someone will want to inspect it! A NYSSRA Nordic waxing policy will be prepared for the 2020-2021 race season. Bob Underwood and Darwin Roosa will draft a policy more or less aligning us with the waxing policies of NENSA and NYPHSAA and present it for consideration at the fall meeting. Tom Moffett added that biathlon had banned fluoros at the development level where they can control what is used.

Second Vice President - Brian asked for nominations and ideas for the currently vacant position. Tom Moffett promised an article for the newsletter devoted to the duties of the position: promotion of Nordic ski sports and "blogger-in-chief."

New Business

Race Schedule for 2020/21 Season - Speculation and opinions were expressed about how the lock down and pandemic will impact training and racing in the 2020-2021 season. It was the consensus that we should encourage virtual training events this summer. Bob Underwood moved that we waive race sanctioning fee for those who submit sanctioning paperwork before November 1. Those who sanction later would be subject to the sanction fee only if the race happens, Eric Seyse second the motion, carried.

Website - Tom Moffett agreed to review and update the website content over the summer. Chris Cox will host next year and Eric Seyse will review the contributors.

Fund	Balances
Brian McDonald Fund	\$297
Biathlon Fund	1,782
Youth Development Fund	\$1,601
Mid-A Fund	\$38,275
BKSL Fund	\$618
General Fund	\$20,009
Total	\$60,582

Fund Raising - Bob Underwood led a discussion about where to start. Tom Moffett will provide statistics on website and Facebook hits.

Next Meeting - Brian White suggested we have the fall meeting virtually on **Wednesday, September 16 at 7 PM.**

Adjourned: Being no further business or further discussion Brian White adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

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

Treasurers Report as of April 30, 2020.