

New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.

FALL MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2020

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

Present: Paul Allison; Marc Chmielewicz; Janet Findley, Ski Orienteering; Chris Frielinghaus, Friends of Coles Woods; Sean Halligan, Insurance Committee; Eric Hamilton, Secretary and Shenenehowa Nordic; Jason Hettenbaugh; Peter Minde; Phil Matthews, HURT; Tom Moffet, Biathlon Chair; Darwin Roosa, Past President; Curtis Schreiner, Saratoga Biathlon and Mid A; Eric Seyse, Glenville Hills; Bob Underwood, Friends of Coles Woods; Brian White, Peru Nordic; and Mitch Collinsworth.

Minutes Curt Schreiner moved that the minutes of the May 13, 2020, meeting be accepted; Phil Matthews second, carried.

Treasurer's Report - Brian White referred to Dave Lis' report (see attachment 1) showing a balance of \$50,448.63. Concerns remain about the large Mid A fund that is mostly due to the uncashed check payment for the March 2020 Junior Nationals trip lodging. Jason Hettenbaugh is working to rectify the payment with the facility that provided lodging. Eric Hamilton reported that he had talked to Ed Lis on Monday and they recommend that we have an independent accountant review the books and prepare the necessary reports for the IRS and NY State. Eric Hamilton so moved, Eric Seyse second with a \$500 limit for a service fee in mind, carried.

Committee Reports

Insurance - Sean Halligan reported that we have similar coverage as previous years and our premium has gone down because we have not had any off season training camps. The premium for 2020-21 is \$3,4233. The underwriters have added an exclusion for contagious diseases. Language for this exclusion has been added to the draft 2020-21 NYSSRA Nordic Waiver. Background checks for coaches will not be needed at this time. Discussion followed about requirements for "Safe Sport" training for all volunteers. Jason Hettenbaugh clarified the Safe Sport requirement for any coach.

Biathlon - Tom Moffett reported that the committee had met over the weekend. This is his last appearance as committee chair and Brian Burr is taking over as chair. A sub-committee is working on guidelines for conducting safe events. Syracuse Biathlon has moved their range to Osceola Ski & Sport Resort. Paul Smith's College's range is for training U S Olympic team members who are attending school there. The committee has a schedule, but it is all tentative pending the establishment of competition guidelines and compliance with state, regional, local, and CDC guidelines. The Brian McDonald Fund has been closed and the balance of \$297 has been awarded to Maddie Phaneuf.

Ski Orienteering - Janet Findlay reported four of the usual 5 ski orienteering event hosts have committed to holding a meet with a no contact format. Organizers will follow guidance from US Orienteering for conducting events. Registration will be all online, competitors will self-time and submit their results to the organizer who will compile and report results.

Cross Country - Eric Seyse reported that he has a rough schedule, but wants to hold off requiring details from organizers until we have COVID guidelines and fluoro wax policy.

Mid Atlantic - Jason Hettenbaugh said that he is still trying to work out the details of last season's Junior Nationals trip lodging. Apparently, the lodge is just beginning to reopen after the abrupt closing in March. This coming season's Junior Nationals has already been cancelled and replaced by an Eastern Regional Champs during the second weekend in March in Lake Placid. They will be using the same qualifying criteria as last year, by points. The Eastern High

School Champs & U16 will be held March 20-23. Jason will check with Erica Jordon about being a trip leader.

Bill Koch Youth Ski League - no report.

Old Business

Fluoro Wax Policy – Discussion focused on NYSSRA Nordic joining the FIS and USSA policy in banning the use of fluorinated ski wax in competition. Included in the discussion were NENSA's wax policy and aspects of the use of fluorinated kick wax and differences with use of low fluoro wax at some events. Tom Moffett moved we follow FIS and USSA, Eric Hamilton second, carried. Jason will forward guidance documents from USSA. NYSSRA Nordic will announce the policy to members before the beginning of the 2020-21 racing season. There was agreement that we should use the words "banned" and "prohibited" to communicate this policy in various postings and notices.

Election of Officers - Tom Moffett presented the following slate of officers: President Darwin Roosa, Vice President Mark Chmielewicz, Treasurer Ed Lis, Secretary Eric Hamilton. Eric Hamilton nominated Phil Matthews for 2nd Vice President. Phil initially declined but indicated he might be more available in future years. Peter Minde moved we accept the slate of officers, Eric Seyse second, carried unanimously. [Note that our immediate Past President remains on the Board and Executive Committee.]

New Business

Conducting Races with COVID restrictions - Brian White listed 14 points to be considered for a plan. Several resources for conducting race events safely were referenced during discussion, including USSA's "return to competition" COVID guidance. Jason will forward links to the documents from USSA and NENSA. Consensus was that NYSSRA Nordic needs to stay current on updates from national/state/regional/county health authorities and adjust our guidelines and procedures for events accordingly. Changes are likely to occur at the beginning and throughout the ski race season. Brian White appointed a committee of Bob Underwood, Darwin Roosa, and Eric Seyse to work out the detailed written guidance by mid-October.

Newsletter - Bob Underwood hopes to provide an e-newsletter twice a month: the first of the month and mid-month. He encouraged anyone to contribute. Also he has upgraded the bib tag timing to chip timing which is more precise and reliable and will be better for rolling starts.

Next Meeting - Darwin Roosa suggested we have the spring meeting virtually on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM.

Adjourned: Being no further business Peter Minde moved we adjourn, Darwin Roosa second, carried at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric J. Hamilton
Secretary

Treasurers Report as of August 31, 2020.

Fund	Balances
Brian McDonald Fund	\$ 297
Biathlon Fund	\$ 2,118
Youth Development Fund	\$ 1,601
Mid-A Fund	\$ 31,404
BKSL Fund	\$ 618
General Fund	\$ 14,411
Total	\$ 50,448.63