

WNSLI Fall Meeting Agenda

4-28-2019

Lismore Hotel, Eau Claire, WI, CXC Congress

10:00am - noon

Attendance

4-H Canski – Beth Reed, Doug Liphart (2), Dalt Collins; 4591 Sports Development – Kris Hanson (2); ANST – Scott Putman (2); Bay Nordic – Dave Hess (2); Blackhawk – Steve Swenson (2); Chippewa Valley Nordic – Andrew Johnson, Ted Theyerl (2); Drummond – Dalt Collins: proxy (2); Hayward – Andy Kreyer (2); Ice Age Nordic – Dale Fanney (2); Iola (IWSC): Kris Barnes (2); Lakeland – Erich Kern, Azael Meza (2); Madison Norski – Carly Ziegler (2); NKMN Storm – Dale Fanney: proxy (2); Peak Nordic – Mary Eloranta (2); Red Wing Nordic – Mick Wendland (0), Rhinelander – Charil Reis, Dave Slette (2); Spooner – Ben Popp (2), Anna DeMers; Wausau East/West – Tracy Gorzek (1); Wausau Nightgliders – Rachel Kresse (1); Wausau Nordic United – Ernie Luedke (1); Other – John Burke (WNDG/Performance Timing), Yuriy Gusev (CXC), Sandy Bolger (WNDG), Ken and Pam Schoville, Megan Popp (33 total)

Teams Absent without a proxy present: Waupaca Comets (2), North Ironwood (0)

Call to Order at 10:19 am by Theyerl

Introductions

Approval of Spring 2018 Minutes – Motion to approve by Sharrer, Putman seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Balance at 2,481.21. Expenditures in report. (Treasurer's report attached.) Motion to approve by Putman, Swenson seconded. Motion carried.

Amendments – presentation and voting:

1. Bylaws: Spring meeting date – Eloranta
 - a. Eloranta makes motion to change Bylaws:
Article V: League Meetings
Sec 1: There will be two League meetings each school year. The first meeting will be before November 15. The second meeting will be held **within 60 days after** the Wisconsin State Championship Ski Meet.
Shall be amended to read:
Article V: League Meetings
Sec 1: There will be two League meetings each school year. The first meeting will be before November 15. The second meeting will be **held within 90 days after** the Wisconsin State Championship Ski Meet.
Seconded by Hess.
 - b. Explanation: proposed because the last two years we have broken the rules to have the meeting in conjunction with the congress.
 - c. No discussion
 - d. Passes unanimously
2. Rules of Competition – Distance – Jury Committee Makeup – Eloranta
 - a. Eloranta makes a motion to change Rules of Competition to read:
E. HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 10.
Competition/Jury Rules Committee

10. Competition Jury/Rules Committee: A competition jury will be formed by the State Championship Meet host to oversee the Championships. The jury will be composed ***of 5 people; 3 visiting coaches representing separate Conferences, the race director, and a USSA Licensed Technical Delegate (TD)***. The TD will be the head of the jury.

Shall be amended to read

10. Competition Jury/Rules Committee: A competition jury will be formed by the State Championship Meet host to oversee the Championships. The jury will be composed ***of 3 people; the Chief of Competition, a USSA Licensed Technical Delegate (TD), and a USSA licensed Technical Delegate serving as Assistant (Assistant TD)***. The TD will be the head of the jury.

Seconded by Putman

- b. Explanation: Race director was named in previous one, chief of competition added in this one. Having coaches is unusual, and privilege extended to 3 coaches is not best practice. Officials should be officials and coaches be coaches.
 - c. Discussion on it being a learning experience for coaches, helps make sure coaches and skiers know rules. Could have a training as part of the fall meeting to give the professional development.
 - d. Passes unanimously
3. Rules of Competition – Sprint – Jury Committee Makeup – Eloranta
- a. Eloranta makes a motion to change Rules of Competition to read:
F. HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS 6. Competition Jury/Rules Committee

6. Competition Jury/Rules Committee: A competition jury will be formed by the State Championship Meet host to oversee the Championships. The jury will be composed ***of 4 people; 2 visiting coaches, the race director, and a USSA Licensed Technical Delegate (TD)***. The TD will be the head of the jury.

Shall be amended to read

6. Competition Jury/Rules Committee: A competition jury will be formed by the State Championship Meet host to oversee the Championships. The jury will be composed ***of 3 people; the Chief of Competition, a USSA Licensed Technical Delegate (TD) and a USSA licensed Technical Delegate serving as Assistant (Assistant TD)***. The TD will be the head of the jury.

Seconded by Fanney

- b. Explanation: Consistent with second amendment
 - c. No discussion
 - d. Passes unanimously
4. Rules of Competition – Guest Class – Theyerl
- a. Theyerl makes a motion to change Rules of Competition to read:
(Please see attached document)
Seconded by Reed
 - b. Explanation: we have tried this on a trial basis and want to integrate it into the bylaws
 - c. Discussion on how it benefitted the guest skiers, concerns over quality of course and event as a whole with more skiers in lap races, how races can be set up for less congestion and limitations of the amendment.

- d. Passes unanimously
- 5. Bylaws - Conflict of Interest – Steve Swenson
 - a. Steve Swenson makes a motion to add to the Bylaws:
Article XIII: Conflict of Interest
Any voting member who has a financial official interest in, or conflict of interest with any matter pending before the voting members of the WNSL of such nature that it prevents or may prevent that member from acting on the matter in an impartial manner, must offer to the officers to voluntarily recuse him/herself and will refrain from voting on said item. The exception is the coach of a team who is making a bid for the state meet on behalf of their school or local club.
Seconded by Slette
 - b. Explanation: To make sure that there are no conflicts of interest in voting for league interests. A common practice amongst organizations.
 - c. Putman amends his motion to add language that the bylaw include that this applies to both the spring and distance state meets.
Slette Seconds
 - d. Discussion on how it can work when it is voluntary and there is no process to remove someone from voting if it is not voluntary, and who it applies to.
 - e. Liphart makes a motion to table, Fanney seconded
 - f. Motion passes
 - g. Committee formed to address this amendment: Reed, Eloranta, Swenson, Fanney

Old Business

- 1. Grants for Junior Cup Races –Popp, Haggemiller
 - a. The offer for grants/scholarships was created last fall and funded through the Birkie Foundation, as there was discussion about price being a barrier but wanting to give athletes opportunity to try a JNQ. The Birkie offered to pay half of the entry fee for any youth participating in their first JNQ for a U16/U18/U20. Last year we had a request for 3 youth. No plans to continue as the committee didn't feel like it made a real difference, though they willing to consider in future if there becomes an actual demand.
- 2. Club development –Gusev, Popp, Liphart, WNDG
 - a. Gusev talked about how to grow clubs and get more skiers.
 - b. \$200-300 for clubs to draw in more kids
- 3. State Meet Adaptive scoring –Burke, Gusev, Liphart, Reis
 - a. Method by which skiers get their factor for disability: send email to US Paralympic Committee and work with them. We can point people to Burke for questions.

New Business

- 1. Presentation of State Distance Meet Bids and Voting

- a. WNDG proposal presented by Bolger
 - b. Discussion on timing and getting sponsors
 - c. Eloranta makes motion to award state distance bid to WNDG, Putman seconds
 - d. Passes unanimously
 - e. Review of 2019 state meet
2. Presentation of State Sprint Meet Bids and Voting
 - a. MadNorSki proposal presented by Gusev
 - b. Weren't expecting as many people and will adjust for more parking next year
 - c. Switching to classic for team sprint, freestyle for sprint.
 - d. Putman makes motion to accept the state sprint bid with no date set, Gorzek seconds
 - e. Passed unanimously
3. Wisconsin joins Great Lakes - Putnam – Schedule/State Meet date discussion (note: GLD JNQ schedule was confirmed on 6.13.19 and is below)
 - a. Dec 14-15 GANC/Duluth JNQ (Super, with MW)
 - b. Dec 21-22 Houghton JNQ (Super, with MW and CCSA)
 - c. Jan 25-26 Cable JNQ Gitchee Gamee games (With CCSA)
 - d. Feb 15-16 MTU/Houghton JNQ (with CCSA)
 - e. Doug – hard to have a consistent league race that has JNQ and sprint races that overlap randomly now
4. Formation of nomination committee for election of officers at fall meeting
 - a. Committee asks people if they are willing to run for officer positions for two year term. 3 or more names needed.
 - b. Putman, Fanney, Gorzek
5. WNSL Communications position
 - a. Someone needed to upkeep website, contact list, bio document, schedule of events, conference coaches emails, etc.
 - b. Charil Reis takes position
6. Coaches Race Day Code of Conduct – delayed to fall meeting
 7. All-State Designation for top 10 – delayed to fall meeting

Next meeting date: Sept 22nd in Wausau

Liphart motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Collins.

Adjourned at 12:23 by Theyerl

Respectfully submitted by Anna DeMers, Secretary