

WNSL Fall meeting  
October 19, 2014 Lakewoods Resort cable WI  
Minutes of meeting

1. The meeting was called to order by Jake Barnes at 12:13 PM. 23 members were present.
2. Doug Liphart offered the Olympic values of Excellence, Friendship & Respect as ground rules for the meeting.
3. The minutes for the 2014 spring meeting were read by Secretary Steve Swenson and accepted as written.
4. Bruce Manske read the treasurers report. The WNSL has a current balance of \$1,949.18. The treasurer's report was accepted as written.
5. Election of officers. The floor was opened for Nominations. The only nomination made that was accepted was that of Catherine Egelhoff for treasurer. Motions were made and carried to close the nominations. Election results; Jake Barnes, president. Doug Liphart, vice president. Catherine Egelhoff, treasurer. Steve Swenson, secretary.
6. WNDG presentation, Ken Schoville reported that the course has been by widened, reducing the overall climb improving a difficult downhill corner and providing an improved warm up loop. Catherine Egelhoff stated that the WNDG will pay volunteers from WNSL teams to help at the state meet. A total of \$2500.00 will go back into individual teams through this process. Meetings and awards will be held at a new location that is pending. Awards onsite in a tent are also a possibility. Teams will have the use of Wax trailers from the IPC world championships for the state meet. Bruce Manske reported that WNDG made approximately \$8600.00 from the state meet after expenses. \$2500.00 of the income will be donated to WNSL teams in the form of camp and program subsidies and \$4800.00 will be used as seed money for the 2015 state meet.
7. Bruce Manske presented his findings from a survey concerning the WNSL structure. The results are too long for the minutes but every member present received a copy. There was no consensus for significant structural change to league structure. A group consisting of Rachel Kresse, Beth Reed and Ben Koenig was formed to clean up the league by-laws.
8. Rachel Kresse reported on a survey for regarding middle school skiers at the state meet. There will be MS team awards at the state meet. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade can "ski up" and participate but cannot score points for their team. Greg Kresse commented that sometime in the future he would like to the MS skiers to start first.
9. John Burke reported on seeding. John did not call a committee for seeding. The following was proposed: Middle School seeding will be at the discretion of the coaches. For High School, Top 6 from each conference are Elite seed. Next 10 from each conference are "A" seed (plus residual top 20s from previous year). C's and D's are coaches' determination. If a conference meet cannot be held for whatever reason, the coaches will need to agree on their top seeds based on prior competitions. Each conference can decide their process for agreeing on selections.

\*If a top skier fails to qualify for their expected seed due to issues beyond their control and the conference coaches are in agreement, they may place that skier in either the "A" or Elite groups but would have to bump the lowest ranked skier to the next level down. The coaches decision rule would not be a means of placing an extra skier in either the A or Elite group. These proposals were voted on and accepted by the league.

10. Jake Barnes presented a report on the Igor camp for U16 skiers. The camp was a success with over 50 skiers attending. The goal will be to repeat this camp at IWSC and possibly other locations for the summer of 2015. Steve Gromka noted that ANST offers camps which are no cost (except food for any skier in the league who would like to participate).
11. Jake Barnes presented an Ad for the WNSL that will be in the December issue of Silent Sport magazine, the ad cost the league \$108.00.
12. Athletes switching teams and teams switching conferences was discussed and will be clarified in the upcoming by-law review process.
13. Bruce Manske presented the winter 2014-15 racing schedule and requested that teams present a Bio for publication in the state meet program.
14. Yuri Gusev presented CXC initiatives, the American Birke foundation will establish a fund to help clubs pay coaches. They would like to start with five clubs. Yuri also presented the "Safe Sport" program which covers coach, parent and team behavior and provides a hotline for reporting violations. He also noted the creation of a U14 Midwest cup series that will culminate with a U14 championships in Minnesota.
15. Jake Barnes reminded the membership that WINN Korte sponsorships requests need to be submitted to Anne Reindal.
16. The call was put out to submit bids for the 2016 state championships and state sprint championships.
17. New business, Submit coaches' hall of fame nominations to Jake B. Each conference should submit a jury member for the state championships to John Burke.
18. Jake asked the league members to carefully consider," what do we want the WNSL to be five years from now?"
19. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Steve Swenson  
Secretary WNSL