

WNSLI Spring Meeting

4-9-2016

Wausau west High School, Wausau, WI – Bridge Street Exit

9:00-Noon

Noon- All are invited to the Great Dane restaurant for lunch and
Camaraderie

Roll Call

Ashwabenon – Bernie Rocheleau, Ann Jarzin (2), Bay Nordic – Noel Versch (2), Burlington – Proxy: Steve S. (1), 4-H Canski – Proxy: Amy Kuer (2), Chippewa Valley – Karl Watter, Ted Theryl, Kristin Hanson (2), Hayward – Andy K (2), Ice Age Nordic (Dale Fanney (2), Iola – Steve Swenson (2), KM North – Steve Scharer (2), Lakeland – Jim and Diane Miller (2), Madnorski – Steve Swenson, Jay Sween (2), Peak Nordic – Mary Eloranta, Anne Reindl, Donna Hoelz (2), Rhinelander – Cheril Reis, Jim Wood (2), Spooner – Anna DeMers (1), Wausau East/West – Tracy Gorzek, Scott Anderson (1), Wausau Nightgliders – Rachel Kresse (1), Wausau United – Ross Draeger, Ernie Luedke (1), Other – Bruce Manske, Yuri Gusev.

Teams Absent: Drummond, Madison East.

Secretary's Report – changes discussed by Rachel Kresse. Motion to approve minutes with changes by Tracy Gorzek, seconded by Ann Jarzin.

Treasurers Report – Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Steve Scharr, seconded by Bernie Rocheleau.

Old Business

1. Safe Sport/Code of Conduct Committee Report – (Anne Riendl, Anna Demers, Beth Reed, Donna Hoelz): No report at this time. Will meet over the summer and bring recommendations to fall meeting. Beth Reid is chair and will decide how to give feedback to group
2. WNSL Newsletter – (Donna Hoelz): Plans to do it after spring meeting and fall meeting. Send her information you'd like included in it.
3. WNDG report - State Meet/Events – No report: John Burke not here to give report.
 - Yuri discussed Telemark property, should know by June 1st about using Telemark as permanent start.
 - WNDG bid was to have meet at Telemark through 2017.

- Date of state meet: 2 weeks before Birkie (Feb 11-12, 2017)
- WNSL needs to know by July 1st if WNDG can hold the meet at the proposed venue on the dates chosen. If not, what is the venue/are they partnering? Rhinelander is a backup if needed. If WNSL has not heard back by July 1st, the bid will go to Rhinelander. Ashwabenon expressed interest in hosting if Rhinelander's Northwood Nordic Board doesn't approve.
- From end of meeting: John Burke gave report: giving back \$1500 to teams that donated time at the past three meets. Still working on financials from this year's event, new costs came up this year so they may not have made money on it. More communication will come in the next month on that.
- Confirmed this year's dates for state.
- Ken Schoville would be the person to talk to about lap race.

New Business

1. Proposed Amendment to Seeding – (Mary Eloranta)
 - a. Mary Eloranta made motion to have four spots open to each conference in the A seed at state. Steve Swenson seconded. Discussion followed. Steve Scharr called the question, unanimously approved.
2. Proposed Conference Change – (Charil Reis): Discussion. Jim Mullen made motion that Rhinelander join the Northern Conference. Mary Eloranta seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. Bruce Manske's updates
 - a. schedule of ski events: will send them out and put them on the website.
 - b. schedule of summer events: camps, runs, rollerskiing
 - i. 3 Igor camps this summer, younger members encouraged to go for development.
 - ii. U16 camp sample schedule for Rice Lake camp. Give mid-range youth that are more beginning skiers.
 - iii. Junior Development Program with different coaching this year, year-round development program – to complement your programs.
 - iv. Apr 23rd meeting on youth development program – he can get you more information.

- v. Nordic Rocks program in many schools in MN and WI. Grant help can be from Tracy Gorzek
 - c. contact list updated; including the Email list: will be updated after this meeting
 - d. Website concerns
 - e. CXC updates (Yuri Gusev)
- 4. Bids for State Meet distance and sprint
 - a. WDNG has distance meet for 2017
 - b. Sprint meet is up for bid – proposals
 - i. Minutes say 2016 for CXC, but the proposal was 2016-2017.
 - ii. Need to correct the minutes from 2015 spring meeting on that
 - iii. Rhinelander brought a bid for sprint event –passed around the bid so that people can see what they have to offer and the community support
 - iv. Next spring will be the meeting for proposals for BOTH distance and sprint bids (or can bid for both in proposal.)
 - v. Discussion on options for spring meet (obstacle course like Youth Olympic Games) and interest in adaptive, visually impaired and standing disability state ski events.
- 5. Committee formation for review of “State Meet Requirements” (guidelines)
 - a. Document was put together by Bill Pierce in 2007 on website called “Site/Course Requirements For Wisconsin State Championships.” Mary Eloranta would like to call the document to be called “State Meet Guidelines.”
 - b. Start committee to look at what should be required, what should be a guideline (adequate lodging, capable course, backup course, contracted timer etc.): Scott Putman, Tracy Gorzek, Steve Scharrer, Ken Schoville, Alan Serrano or other official.
 - c. Not bylaws, in rules of competition, recommendations for sites. Not hard and fast rules. So that people who put in bids were able to hold a state-level meet – lodging, a course, etc
 - d. Group needs to get back to WNSL in the fall
- 6. Special Pricing offers to WNSL teams – policy
 - a. Ted Theryl - want to encourage working with local skiers. Made our contact list available to shops, we will not forward things.
- 7. Discussion of State Meet dates and format – Steve Scharrer

- a. 1 day meet vs. 2 day meet, lots of down time, do sprint meet the same weekend – get more skiing in in a weekend instead of waiting around. Sprint counts towards championship
 - b. split events because it generated more excitement in Madison. Make ‘sprints’ a snow cross event? Jam as much in as you can because of travel – evidence that cramming in so much isn’t good for health
 - c. How did we arrive at the distances we came up with? USSA has some guidelines (3k) 7.5 k at Rhinelander some kids had a harder time. Youth development – this age of kids should be racing this distance – they are developing speed, not endurance.
 - d. 2 day meet is logistically hard in some ways, 1 day meet makes more room for error and putting skiers out on the course.
 - e. Social event for the skiers (and recovery)
8. Fall Agenda Topics – Fluoro wax restrictions, other?
- a. Discuss on fall agenda, Alaska called waxing truce, in different states – all low fluoro. Midwest has been reluctant to do this.

Break Out Sessions MS and HS (did not happen)

Fall Meeting date: Sept 11, 2016, time TBD

Adjourn to Great Dane

1. Carl Walters made motion to adjourn, Bruce Maske 2nded, all approved. Meeting ended at 12:05