

WNSLI Fall Meeting
4-30-2017
Metropolis Resort, Eau Claire, WI
10 AM-12 PM

Attendance

ANST – Ann Jarzin (2); Bay Nordic – Noel Versch (2), Catherine Egelhoff; Blackhawk – Steve Swenson (2); 4-H Canski – Dalt Collins (2); Chippewa Valley – Ted Theyerl, Carl Walters (2); Hayward – Proxy: Jim Sokup (MS) (1); Ice Age Nordic – Proxy: Mary Eloranta (2); Iola (IWSC): Gary Weier (2); NKMN Storm – Steve Scharrer, Matt Meyer (2); Lakeland – Jim and Diane Mullen (2); Madison East/West: Karmen Whitham (2); Peak Nordic – Mary Eloranta, Anne Riendl, (2), Donna Hoelz; Rhinelander – Charil Reis, Jim Wood (2), Brian Hegge; Spooner – Anna DeMers, Ben Popp (1); Wausau East/West – Tracy Gorzek (1), Eddie Gurney; Wausau Nightgliders – Rachel Kresse (1); Wausau United – Ernie Luedke (1); Other – John Burke, Sandy Bolger, Amy Cichanowski, Yuri Gusev, Kris and Bjorn Hansen, Bruce Manske, Ken and Pam Schoville, Catherine Egelhoff, Jim Sokup, Mick Wendland (Red Wing Nordic), Tom Wood (31 total)

Teams Absent without a proxy present: Ladysmith, Hayward HS, Burlington

Amy Cichanowski explained and presented the Wisconsin Skierwrx Awards

Meeting called to order by Theyerl at 10:14 AM

Secretary's Report –Minutes from the October 18, 2015 Meeting were approved with changes regarding the name of NKMN Storm

Move to accept with changes by Meyer, seconded by Gary Weier, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

- Current balance is \$2,137.65

Steve Scharrer motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Ann Jarzin, passed unanimously

Old Business

1. Allocation Committee report (Sally Wenzel and Tracy Gorzek)
 - Youth Skier Development Grant Program Application to access the funds that we have
 - i. Specifics of report/application that was sent out. In application looking for details of how many roller skis are needed, how many athletes are going to benefit, etc. Basic grant writing questions.

- Discussion followed
 - i. Need to officially vote on it and adopt it; don't want to drain our funding, so how would we fundraise to keep money in there
 - ii. Meyer – suggested having a reserve of money
 - iii. Hoelz – have Skier Development Committee to choose winners (and then the whole league would then vote to approve - Gorzek)
 - iv. Gorzek – have few restrictions on paper for the grants, so that the Skier Development Committee can make the decision on who is most qualified/in need
 - v. Scharrer – can we donate money to the Birkie grants to WI teams, since they already have a grant program in place? Answer: there is no guarantee that WI teams would get specified amount of money
 - vi. Reporting back to the league was added to document presented, but not sent to the league yet because Wenzel hadn't confirmed to add it prior to the meeting
 - vii. Reindl not comfortable with document without time to review it
 - Will go back to committee to flesh it out better to use it, ready to vote on in the fall
 - Everyone needs to give feedback on it so that they can create a good application and process
2. Code of Conduct Committee Report concerning Code of Conduct #10 – (Beth Reed, Tracy Gorzek, Jim Mullen, Dale Fanney):
- Performance enhancing drugs taken out at fall meeting
 - Positives of having a list – it gives an answer (yes/no) instead of 'performance enhancing drugs' includes caffeine and Sudafed
 - WIAA list very straightforward – banned taking a medication that's not prescribed to them – lists things that are discouraged. Coaches should be prohibited from giving athletes these things. Educational document, directed towards Wisconsin high school athletes.
 - i. Legalities – we don't own it so can't just take it and put it on our bylaws. We can't claim it as our own by changing wording
 - ii. Can't be enforced – we don't test the athletes (WIAA doesn't do that either) – not a great reason to not have a policy
 - Change of #10 – “WNSL athletes, coaches and parents agree to abstain....
 TO: *WNSL athletes, coaches, and parents **should** abstain from the use of performance enhancing drugs. Athletes, coaches, and parents should refer to the most recent WIAA Performance Enhancing and Banned Substances document as guidance in determining what is acceptable.*

- i. Reindl – good to not rewrite, but reference the WIAA document
 - ii. Meyer – Change the word ‘should’ to ‘may’
 - iii. We have to get used to guidelines that can’t be tested for
 - iv. Hoelz – the link can be taken out of the document because it might not be current each year
- Gorzek made the motion to accept above wording for #10 in the Code of Conduct. Mullen 2nd. Passed unanimously

New Business

1. Presentation of State Championship Distance Bids and Voting
 - a. WNDG – document sent out prior to meeting, presented by Sandy Bolger
 - b. Rhinelander – document sent out prior to meeting, presented by Brian Hegge
 - c. 15 – Rhinelander, 16 – WNDG (winner)
2. Presentation of State Championship Sprint Bids and Voting
 - a. CXC – document sent out before meeting, presentation by Yuiriy
 - b. Vote on giving meet to CXC – approved unanimously
 - c. Add ski cross individual sprint, 4 man sprint relay the 2nd day – approved unanimously
 - d. Change of date for meet – 15 for first weekend, 5 for 3rd weekend
3. Update – ‘Coaches Race Day Conduct’ document – Mary Eloranta
 - a. Changes:
 - i. 1. Coaches can only ski in the direction of a race *to a specific point*
 - ii. 7. Coaches are encouraged to share race day conduct with all assistant coaches ~~and~~ parents *and athletes*
 - iii. ADD: 8. Wax testing protocol will be determined by the race director
4. Guest class addition – at conference and regional meets (non-scoring) – Ted Theyerl
 - a. Let those who are not from WI race in our meets, but they wouldn’t count in team rankings, and would be listed in the results
 - i. Was visited 7 or 8 years ago with a skier from IL
 - ii. Lots of inclusive events have happened since then– Junior Nationals, MN Cycling League
 - b. Send it to committee to make a proposal for the fall meeting: Theyerl, Weier, Collins
5. Formation of Nominating Committee for election of officers at fall meeting

- a. Donna Hoelz, Rachel Kresse, Carl Walters. (Needed to be approved by members.) Passed minus one vote
- 6. CXC update – Bruce Manske
 - a. (SEE DOC)
 - b. discussion on email list should being transparent (Meyer and Manske will work together to make this happen)
- 7. Website upates and additions – past champion list, history, other items?
 - a. Can we have these on the website? Help legitimize the league if it was on there
 - b. Gorzek – state meet results on there: she will seek out past results
 - c. List of past officers
- 8. Discussion items –
 - a. Wax restrictions and pole length policy
 - i. JNQ rules for state meet. No pure flouros – powder, solid or liquid – for glide allowed on in classic races.
 - b. WI Skiwerx Race Series
 - i. Cichanowski encouraged the league in what we are doing already
 - ii. Kresse doesn't support the WI Skiwerx race series
 - iii. Cichanowski wants the network to grow, and have local races for students to do. Research-based information if you want to know more.
 - c. CXC – Coaches certification, benefits, application
 - i. At fall certification, someone will talk about how to work with athletes at all levels, and safe sport person, sports psychology
 - d. Growing the league and keeping interest – athletes, teams/clubs, publicity, credibility, skier development, training programs

Fall Meeting date: Meyer motion, Swenson 2nd, Sunday, September 17th in Wausau, 10 am

Adjourn : Ted Theyerl made motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Swenson, all approved. Meeting ended at 3:07