

WNSLI Fall Meeting Minutes

9-22-2019

Wausau West High School, Wausau, WI

10:00am



Attendance

4-H Canski – Beth Reed, Dalt Collins (2); 4591 Sports Development – Kristin Hanson (2); ANST – Scott Putman (2); Bay Nordic – Noel Versch (2); Blackhawk – Mary Eloranta: proxy (2); Chippewa Valley Nordic – Andrew Johnson, Ted Theyerl (2); Hayward – Andy Kreyer (2); Ice Age Nordic – Dale Fanney (2); Iola (IWSC): Todd Williams, Kris Barnes (2); Lakeland – Erich Kern, Azael Meza (2); Madison Norski – Yuriy Gusev (2); NKMN Storm – Steve Scharrer (2); Peak Nordic – Anne Reindl, Mary Eloranta (2); Red Wing Nordic – Mick Wendland, Deb Diggins (0), Rhinelander – Charil Reis, Jim Wood (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 – Jim Anderson (Lake City Nordic – Guest Class), Yuriy Gusev (CXC); T.J. Holsen (CXC); Dan LaBlanc (CXC); Holger Petersen (MCSA and USCSA) (33 total)

Teams Absent without a proxy present: Waupaca Comets (2); North Ironwood (0); Drummond (2); (4 total)

Call to Order at 10:14 am by Theyerl

Introductions

Approval of Spring 2019 Minutes – Motion to approve by Putman, Fanney seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Presented by Wood. Balance at 2,439.56. Expenditures in report. (Treasurer's report attached.) Motion to approve by Swenson, Putman seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. State Distance Meet Updates – Ken Schoville – WNDG
 - a. Proposed fee increase for the weekend +\$5/person (requested via email). Added expense of 2 TDs at event. \$40 total/skier. Other considerations: Free event for spectators, live streaming costs
 - b. More snowmaking this year. High school course will stay the same. May be a few changes to middle school course to make it more interesting
2. State Sprint Meet Update - Yuriy Gusev
 - a. First day the same with sprints
 - b. Discussion on second day – team sprint or relay – 2 person or 3 person, simple ski-cross features
 - c. Advisory vote on ski cross features – 18 – yes, 2 – no, 10 abstain
 - d. Discussed having another race for those that don't qualify (HS and MS) – not just the few minute race in the morning, helps their excitement and want to travel
 - e. Introduced Dan LaBlanc, CXC Youth Director and Nordic Rocks Program, took Bruce's position
 - f. National Coaches conference in Minneapolis next weekend. Livestreamed or you can attend in person
 - g. Coaches training 3rd weekend in October in Rice Lake

New Business

1. Race Date Calendar – Charil Reis
 - a. Calendar and coach list passed around to update local races and coaching situations
 - b. Online calendar (where it was posted in the past) has 'at a glance': what is happening each month – easy to find what is cost, deadline., location. Below will have more info

- with more details.
- c. Let Reis know when you have updates and changes.
- 2. Race Day Code of Conduct
 - a. Are not part of the competition rules
 - b. Meza – add ‘expectations’ to #7.
 - c. Document to share with coaches, assistant coaches and parents at events
 - d. Discussed having 2 bibs per team for coaches on the course.
 - e. Committee to bring this to spring meeting – Gusev, Popp, Putman, Luedke
- 3. All State Designation for Top Ten
 - a. Top 10 Get to keep bibs.
 - b. Discussion on how do we get the media on board – get press releases out.
 - c. Have a second all-state team – next 5 kids?
 - d. Social media/media coordinator
 - e. Eloranta motioned to try on a trial basis: designation on bibs for “all state” for top 10 and work on media exposure. Putman seconded . Advisory vote: unanimous.
- 4. **Presentation of Nominations for Officers and voting** – Nomination committee Gorzek, Fanney, Putman
 - a. Gorzek presents: got people from around the state
 - b. Proposed: Reis, President; Popp, Vice President; Versch, Treasurer; Johnson, Secretary.**
 - c. No more nominations from the floor
 - d. Putman proposes to accept slate of officers, Reindl seconds**
 - e. 31 yeses (of 33)**
- 5. Guests
 - a. Deb Diggins - Community outreach committee member for the Minneapolis World Cup event - Event info and festival activities
 - i. Shared details of the Tuesday, March 17th event in Minneapolis. Final race, food trucks and beer gardens.
 - ii. Tickets on sale Oct 17-30 for three different sections. Price goes up Oct 31. One free section. 16,000 people can fit in the stands.
 - 1. Infield experience Tickets on sale Oct 17-30 – \$20 increases to \$25 after Oct 31
 - 2. Grandstand experience – finish line up close. \$65 to \$75
 - 3. \$500 in chalet and catering
 - iii. A group’s bus can go to event location. Others cannot drive up.
 - iv. More information can be found at <https://www.loppet.org/events/parallel45/worldcup/>
 - b. Holger Petersen - Director of Strategic Partnerships, United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Assoc (USCSA) – Midwest Nordic Initiative
 - i. 174 colleges and universities. 40 Nordic in USCSA. 2 in Midwest.
 - ii. Meeting Sunday October 27 at UW Stout to talk about Midwest Nordic clubs joining. College athletes at Midwestern schools can be part of it. The group has rules set up for college racing.
 - iii. Email him at holger@uscsa.com

Next meeting date: April 19th in Eau Claire in conjunction with CXC Congress
Swenson motions to adjourn meeting, seconded by Collins.

Adjourned at 12:06 by Theyerl

Respectfully submitted by Anna DeMers, Secretary

For agenda of next spring: what do we want the organization to do? Policy and state like we have? Bring in revenue, give money to new teams?