

**WNSL Spring meeting
May 15, 2022**

Attendance in person: Ben Popp (Spoooner HS/MS), Steve Scharrer (NKMN Storm), Matthew Meyer (NKMN Storm), Tamara Bryant (Madnorski), Jacob Huseby (Madnorski), Rick Hase (Peak Nordic), Scott Putman (ANST), Yuriy Gusev (CXC), Trisha Spice (Bay Nordic), Jasmine Wiley (Bay Nordic), Greg Pederson (IWSC), Mark Torresan (Blackhawk, US biathlon), Chris Lawn (Blackhawk), Azael Mesa (Lakeland), Erich Kern (Lakeland), Mark Ernst (Bay Nordic), Dave Hess (Bay Nordic), Nick Reckinger (Bay Nordic), Jon Oesterich (Wausau Night Gliders), Dave Slette (Rhineland), Dale Fannery (Ice Age Nordic)

Online: John Burke (WNDG)

State meet discussion: Scott, motion to adopt the changes to the ROC to include overall state champion title (Rick H. Second)

- State meet would have combined champion title for HS that includes sprint points
 - current sprint format is Kings Court so each athlete sprints at least 4 times
- Goal would be that the state meet(s) move around the state to different snow making venues so teams would not have far distances to travel every year
- improving sprinting opportunities important for athlete development in the sport and building strength in JNQ athletes
- multiple teams suggested combining sprint and distance into one weekend (3 days) vs two separate weekends
 - concern about athletes missing school if one weekend
 - suggested that as a league we can work on our relationship with our schools, send a letter explaining our season and races from the league
 - two weekend concerns about athlete health, costs of travel, weather changes
- discussion about having more sprinting opportunities within other races or conferences prior to state meet

Vote: 15 yes, 8 no, no abstaining

Yes: Spooner (2), Madnorski (2), Peak (2), ANST (2), Bay Nordic (2), IWSC (2), Wausau Night Gliders (1), Rhineland (2)

No: NKMN Storm (2), Blackhack (2), Lakeland (2), Ice Age (2)

MOTION PASSES

Discussion about rotation around moving the meet around the state: overall everyone felt positively about having the meet(s) move around the state in future seasons, will stay as is for 2022-2023 season

Committee formed for what the state meet might look like and bids would look like, what would a rotation look like, how many weekends etc: **Scott, Mark, Yuriy, Jasmine, Andrew, Ben, Tamara, Steve, Erich, Azael**

CALENDAR:

Send race schedule to Ben or Charlie ASAP

Summer training camps: ideally one in the north, central, south – primarily to kids in each region but open to anyone

- Northern Aug 5–7 hosted by Hayward and Spooner, sprint and agility focus
- Central June 15-18 (scott, UWGB)
- Southern July 18-22

Biathlon presentation: see slides

- camp at Blackhawk June 10-12 for kids with biathlon racing experience
- safety certification courses

JN Presentation (Scott): See Summary document.

- Overall strong performance (won the small division!) but much room for improvement compared to Midwest/other regions
 - increased training hours for athletes, camps
- JNQ Races (tentative):
 - Dec 10-11th Duluth (super tour)
 - Dec 17-18th Houghton or Birkie (super tour)
 - Jan 28-29th TBD (?Brillion)
 - Feb 18-19th Wirth (super JNQ)
 - JN Trip Fairbanks Alaska March 10-18th
 - U16 and U18 trips TBD

Yuriy update:

- schedule update (as above)
- coaches conference Cable October 22-23 + ? roller ski racing
- L100: 26 coaches, L200: 12 coaches
- Going to have a L50 course for coaches just entering – watch for working group – will have volunteer coach membership, would need certification at USSA levels for race course access at their events etc
- No fluoro here to stay
- Mens and womens distances changing at World Cup level, may change distances at JNQ
- ski cross is coming
- Roller ski races coming
 - Jacob offered Swenor fleet for races

Budget: See budget documents already sent out

- budget sent out did not include state sprints
- Expenses: new item is camp idea: league provides some funding for camps within the league (three regions)
 - website expenses: ? Bids
 - League administrator?

- concerns expressed about what would happen if sponsorship go away and we had an administrator– how would we pay them?
- Biggest concern with league administrator is the amount of funds being allocated to that role vs doing other stuff with that same funding , before allocating funds we would really need to define that position before we think about adding that to the budget. Require what percentage of sponsorship to be earned back etc?
- consider increasing dues
- what we are trying to tackle has bloomed– state meet, summer programming. More potential to have and do an impact.
- Motion to approve budget with increasing camp budget to \$4500 (\$1500 per conference) and dropping the \$10,000 admin budget (Steve, dale second).**
 - conferences to work together amongst teams to decide how to allocate the \$1500– does it go to one camp? Split between teams? Up to each conference to decide**
 - Plan to discuss admin budget long term.