

WNSL Spring Meeting Take Two May 23, 2023

Attendance: Ben Popp (Spoooner), Jasmine Wiley (Bay Nordic) Steve Scharrer (NKMN Storm), Scott Putman (ANST), Dale Fanney (Ice Age), Ernie Luedke (Wausau United), Mary Eloronta (Peak Nordic), Rick Hase (Peak Nordic), Chris Lawn (Blackhawk), Jacob Huseby (Madnorski), Christel Kern (Lakeland), Kristin Barnes (Iola), Nick Reckinger (Bay Nordic)

Votes by proxy: CVN

State Meet Location:

Scott: Motion to accept what was written up in our email regarding state meet locations as proposed in the email. Seconded by Dale.

- Arien's can only do first weekend, can do sprint weekend
 - Dale: concerned about \$60 per athlete cost (\$30 per day)
 - Steve: can we see a budget before we decide since we haven't seen a budget for state meet
 - Ben sprint was \$40 last year
 - Mary: can the league pick up the \$20?
 - Ben: concern that would make us not break even, which is going backward
 - would save money with John if league admin because we paid him for timing last year but that would be included this year
 - live stream costs around \$6k
 - Scott: really nice venue to sprint at, a couple of nice sprint courses, high visibility, pretty good price, likely to be the state meet cost going forward
 - Steve: could people pay for the live streaming?
 - Dale: Could we do a single day fee option?
 - Ben: We had moved away from that just from an administration standpoint
 - Kristin: clarifying location and who is running, we could have sponsorship if we have an administrator
 - Ben: league year round involvement vs race sponsorship
 - Will set the max cost per athlete of \$60, final price to be determined at the fall meeting– amended
- Cable for distance meet
- We will work on a lodging list for the Brillion area as there is only one hotel in town

Vote: Unanimously passed

Administrator discussion: helping from organizational standpoint, goal of bringing in sponsorships and partnerships.

Scott: Motion to hire John Burke as the assistant to the league, as written in the job description. Jacob: second the motion.

-Scott: John brings a lot of maturity and experience, helped with transition between WNDG, helped with state meet organization, timing. Non-industry sponsorships should be the focus. If it doesn't work, then it was a good try.

-Dale: I agree, we are lucky John volunteered! Do we have to vote on it?

-Ben: John would like to mentor someone else to take the role over in the coming years. Hiring is annually and there is a contract. Dates of contract are open, June 1st/July 1st, sooner the better. Top goal may be alumni organization.

-Dale: do we have an official fiscal year?

-Ben: Currently calendar year, but there was movement to April 1st

-Mary: We had discussed possibly working on a commission basis at the last meeting, that way the league can get something for sure

-Ben: only concern is that we don't want him to ONLY be working on fundraising, want him to also help support new teams, keeping the website updated

-Jacob: would not recommend commission only payment

Vote: Unanimously passed

*Officer nominating committee: Jake Barnes, Dale Fanney, Beth Reed

*Talked about having a monthly, optional meeting for the league once John takes his role moving forward

*Camp funding to be announced soon

*Fall league meeting TBD