

# WNSL Minutes –Spring Meeting 2024

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**Date –April 14    Place- DC Everest HS**

**Attendees: Ben Popp, Rick Hase, Chris Lawn, Paul Van Dyne, Christel Kern, Erich kern, Bernie Rocheleau, Scott Putman, Ernie Luedke, Dan Goltz, Kory Derenne, Laura Donnelly, Kevin Donnelly, Jared Linzmaier, Niles –Canski, Sarah, Lacrosse-----Yurij Gusev, John Burke**

- 1. Fall Minutes were approved.**
- 2. 2024 State Meet discussion- Mary Eloranta suggested that State Meet postponement dates should be pre-arranged and adopted as a regular practice.**
- 3. Treasury Report- Tamara Bryant presented the finalized Report for 2023-24. With minimal outstanding bills, the WNSL has a balance of \$6,606.26**

## **4. Budget Discussion 2024-25**

**There was considerable discussion regarding revenue streams and the Administrative Director's position. Apparently there is some interest from Bruce Manske to accept the AD position and will be pursued by the League officers. A cursory job description and base pay of \$15,000 has been previously discussed.**

**There was a motion to raise the WNSL dues to \$100 per team (HS and MS). There was considerable discussion. The motion carried in favor of an increase in dues by a VOTE of 23 to 8.**

**There was a Motion to approve the Budget and the vote carried.**

- 5. Wax Protocol – With the Swix/Salmon agreement no longer in place, the WNSL will revert back to its previous policy of using any brand of NON-FLUORO waxes. ( USSA Policy)**

## **6. Camps**

**Conference Camps will be subsidized again this summer and each Conference will set policies for their camps.**

**It was also suggested by Andrew Johnson that the league consider an Educational Seminar for Team Development. There was a basic agreement that this will take place after the Fall WNSL Meeting. Andrew will plan the dates and notify the members ASAP. ( 10/27 in Wausau)**

## **7. Uniform Policy**

**In response to the array of –or lack of- team uniforms worn during the unusually warm weather at the State Meet this year, there was a general discussion about team uniforms at State Meets. After a long discussion, it was decided that a.) An ad hoc committee (Ernie and Erich) will be formed to present uniform details and b.) skiers will wear at minimum- full leg tights and a short sleeve shirt or jersey.**

## **8. Awards**

**There was a lengthy discussion regarding the number of Awards currently given to athletes at the Sprint and Distance Championships. There is also concern from some coaches regarding how and when these awards are presented. There is also an underlying concern about the decision to combine results from the Sprint and Distance Championships, but coaches were reminded that the Rules of Competition would have to be amended to change the number of awards. An Awards Committee was formed ( Erich Kern –Chair, Jake, Rick, Scott, Kory, Kevin) to discuss Rule changes and the number of awards.**

## **9. Guest Class Teams and out of State Athletes**

**Problems with the number of skiers at the Sprint Championships were discussed. Some coaches feel that the inclusion of the Guest class skiers expanded the field of athletes to an unacceptable level and that it was unfair for a guest skier to relegate a resident skier to a lower result. A motion was made to exclude Guest skiers from the Sprint Championships and the motion carried.**

**The case of an Illinois skier from Peak Nordic was discussed. She had petitioned the WNSL to be an active member of the Peak Nordic Ski**

**Team. It was decided that these cases could be discussed on a case-by-case basis. The league voted in the favor of this skier.**

**The case of the Sisu Endurance Ski Team was then discussed. The team is based in Hurley and Ironwood and has skiers from both Wisconsin and Michigan. The league voted to make all skiers from Sisu Nordic eligible for the State Meets.**

**A general idea was suggested that the current guest teams from Minnesota form a Western Conference and join the WNSL, thus eliminating the "Guest Class" from future competitions. No action was taken on this suggestion as the By-laws currently state that WNSL athletes reside in the state.**

#### **10. Team Sponsorships**

**A novel way to support WNSL through team sponsorships was presented by Mary Eloranta/Peak Nordic. The proposal is to have teams ask for local grants or sponsorships in which 50% goes to the team and 50% goes to the WNSL.. A non-binding goal of \$500 per team was suggested.**

**The meeting was adjourned and a date for the Fall Meeting is pending per Andrew Johnson.**

**Submitted by Dale Fanney**