

WNSL Minutes – Fall Meeting 2024

Date – October 13 Place DC Everest

Attendees: Andrew Johnson, Tamara Bryant, Dale Fanney, Rick Haase, Christel kern, Erich Kern, Scott Putnam, Ernie Luedke, Dan Goltz, Kory Dereene, Nick Rickenger, Kevin Donally, Steve Scharrer, Bruce Manske, Oliva Dreger, John Gillian, Jake Barnes, John Burke, John Oestrich, Gunnar McFate, Katie Eichten

Absent: Blackhawk, Hayward, Sisu Nordic, Menomonie, LaCrosse, Canski

- 1. Spring Meeting Minutes approved**
- 2. A State Meet Postponement date of March 1-2 2025 was proposed in the event of a cancellation in February.**
- 3. Bruce Manske was introduced as the new Administrative Director. He discussed his current activity and proposals for Sponsorships. He also discussed his ideas for a “League Friends and Alumni Sponsorship “ campaign.**
- 4. Summer Camps were reviewed and each conference presented their 2024 experience. The *Northern Conference* had a very successful camp in Manitowish Waters with 60 participants from several teams. Cost was \$125 inc. food and lodging. The Central Conference had a camp in Iola and the Southern Camp was at Lake Farm in Madison with approximately 25 skiers. Cost for Central and Southern was \$60. ANST also had its annual Porkies Camp costing \$200. The general consensus was that Camps are worthwhile and affordable and that funding should be continued. There is also a consensus that Summer Camps are best held in August.**

5. WAIVERS

There was a long discussion regarding waivers, Bruce and Ben recommend that the Generic race waiver and Team Waiver be discontinued and that each race develop its own waiver for their events. This was supported by John Burke. There are no automatic waivers with payment for races paid by check from teams. This means that we would return to the old system of having Teams collect waivers from each skier for each race that they participate in. It was recommended that each race OC send out their respective waiver to all teams **ASAP** so they are available at registration and Start of Season Team Meetings. A committee was formed facilitate this by 10/25. (Dale, Tamara, Steve, Bruce and Ben.)

6. AWARDS

Jake presented a follow-up for awards. There are various options and general consensus was that we continue giving awards for the Distance Events (10 places and 3 teams) at the Distance Meet. When to give Awards for Overall classes was not clarified. Any changes to the issue of Overall Awards will be done at the Spring Meeting when Rules of Competition can be changed. It was generally felt that cost was not an issue although the \$17 water bottles might be dropped. **The bigger issue is how and when to present Awards.** This will be discussed by the State Meet OC.

7. NEW BIBS

Since we no longer have the Swix/Salomon sponsorship, we have discussed new WNSL bibs for the State Meets. Various options are being considered and the use of previous WNSL bibs was discussed. The cost for new bibs is relatively high and the longevity of new is considerably less than older bibs. Bruce Manske and Ben will be looking into this further.

8. WNSL DUES and Team/Coaches Update Form

Tamara discussed WNSL dues and the new form for coaches to use to update their team info, Safe Sport, and sign waivers. It has not been clarified as to whether teams need to sign a Code of Conduct form.

