

WNSL FALL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: OCTOBER 6 2025

LOCATION: DC EVEREST HS

ATTENDANCE:

Dale Fanney-MNS/Ice Age	NKMN- Kevin Donnelly	Scott Putman-ANST
Blackhawk- Alysa Hinde	Bay Nordic- Nick Reckinger	CVN-Andrew Johnson
Peak Nordic-Rick Hase	Wausau United-Ernie Luedke	Snowflake-Dan Goltz
Spooner- Ben Popp	Wausau United-Olivia Dreger	Rhinelanders-John Gillen
Lakeland-Christel/Erich Kern	Ryan Thieme-Adm. Director	Bay Nordic- Dean Rodeaver

Absent: Iola, Hayward, Canski, Lacrosse, Menomenie, Rochester, MVN, Sisu Endurance

1. The meeting was called to order and the roll call recorded as above. The Spring 2025 minutes were approved and notes made by Scott Putnam from the Spring meeting were added as an addendum.
2. Administrative Director----- Ryan Thieme was introduced as the new WNSL Administrative Director. Ryan was a former WNSL skier and recently graduated from UW Green Bay where he also skied. He will taking over the duties from Bruce Manske who recently resigned.
3. Financials and Treasurer Report---Rick Hase presented the 2024-25 Financials.

The 2024-25 WNSL Financials were reviewed. The combined cost of the State Meets was 31,344.65 and revenue was 32,379.64 with a net gain of \$1035.

WNSL non-State Meet Revenue was 19355.71 and expenditures were 19326.89- basically a wash with a net gain of \$29. However, it was noted that the \$8000.00 WNDG donation offset a **loss of \$7036**

The Ending Cash Balance for the year was 36,030.09

The 2025-26 Budget was briefly discussed with plans to submit a budget by 11/15. It was noted that the change in timing for the State Meets will result in significant savings this year.

4. **Membership Dues, SafeSport and new WNSL Email list-----the Google form for team info, membership dues, Code of Conduct and SafeSport download is working well. Teams and Head Coaches were encouraged to complete their forms and pay dues ASAP. The WNSL email list will be updated.**
5. **Summer Camps--- The Summer Camps 2025 were reviewed by all participating coaches. There were at least 6 WNSL camps in addition to 2 GLD/CXC camps and 1 NMU camp. The North and Central Conferences held successful camps and Snowflake, MNS, Peak and Blackhawk all had team camps. The number of camps with somewhat late planning made participation challenging for some skiers. There was general satisfaction with the WNSL revenue sharing among conferences. There were suggestions to consider increasing the funding for summer camps if league funds were available.**
6. **Smart Waiver and submitting Rosters---The Race Committee has been researching the use of a Smart Waiver for Team Roster registration. This form can be used as a single template for Team rosters, State Meets rosters, and waivers. There is a cost per waiver that is relatively inexpensive. Tamara Bryant is finalizing the form.**
7. **Guest Class Report-----A working Committee for the Guest Class was formed at the Spring Meeting to entertain the possible invitation of Rochester and MVN to join the WNSL. Dale Fanney contacted these teams as well as the Michigan Ski League teams and determined that there no strong interest to join the league at this time. Rochester and MVN are pleased with the Guest Class status for the 2026 season. There was discussion regarding the possibility of joining the WNSL in the near future.**

The Guest Class document in the Rules of Competition was re-written for clarity and updates regarding the Sprint Championships and changes regarding seeding. The new document was submitted to a general vote and passed.

8. **Race Committee and State Meets Report----- There was a brief discussion regarding the WNSL State Meets. Changes to the Rules of Competition had been previously discussed and voted on by the league coaches. Ben Popp and others will be working with Ryan Thieme regarding the management of the State Meets. The Race Committee will finalize the Smart Waiver process. The League officers will appoint a 3 member Race Seeding Committee to oversee the eligibility and seeding process.**

9. League Friends and Alumni Program---Ben Popp briefly discussed the plan to develop a Friends /Alumni program for WNSL sponsorships and donations. There was a general discussion about increasing revenue streams for the league. Bruce Manske had started to work on this program and Ryan Thieme is interested in continuing its development.

10. Election of Officers-----The nominating committee offered a slate of new officers: Dale Fanney-President, Dean Rodeaver-Vice President, Rick Hase-Treasurer, Ernie Luedke - Secretary. They were elected by a unanimous vote.

11. Race Schedule--- The Race schedule was reviewed and will be updated a submitted to Charlie Keller and placed on the website. There is a general commitment to 2 tiers of racing: A/JNQ level ----a BC level ---all skiers

12/06	ABR Race	Invite/open	5k SK		
2/13	Duluth JNQ	Spirit MTN			

12/14	Duluth JNQ	Spirit MTN			
12/20	Cable JNQ	Blackhawk	6k CL	Winman	7.5k Skate
12/21	Cable JNQ	Santa Race	Ariens		
12/27	Spooner Dash	Cable	skate		
12/28	Hayward Dash	Cable	CL Sprint		
01/03				Blackhawk	6k Skate
01/4-9	USSA Senior Nationals	Lake Placid			
01/10	Snekkevik	Wausau	6k CL		
01/11	Iola Skate	Iola	6k Skate		
01/13	South Conference	Lapham	5.8k CL		
1/17	Hodag	Rhinelanders	5k Skate	Lapham Loppet	11k skate
01/18	Hodag	Rhinelanders	5k CL		
01/24	Ariens JNQ	Ariens		Ariens HS races non JN	
01/25	Ariens JNQ	Ariens		Iola Norseman	6k skate 10k CL
01/27	North Conference	Minocqua			
01/31-02/01	State Sprint Championships	Ariens			
02/07-02/08	State Distance Championships	Cable			
02/14-15	Twin Cities JNQ	Theodore Wirth		Greenbush 2/14	
02/20	Korteloppet	Seeley			
03/07	Great Bear Chase	Calumet	MI		
03/09	USSA JN Week	Cable			
03/09	Nordiq Canada	Quebec		U18	
03/13	NENSA U16	Hanover	NH	U16	

12. The Meeting was Adjourned. No Date was set for the Spring Meeting. (suggested date -April 5)