

Minutes of the OISRA Alpine Division Steering meeting of April 15, 2017

Location:

Multnomah Athletic Club.
1849 SW Salmon St
Portland OR 97205

Attendance:

Gary King, Division Director
Jason Gillies, Assistant Director
David Moulton, Commissioner
Laura Gentry, Metro League Representative
Garrett Shields, Mount Hood League Representative
Spencer Raymond, Three Rivers League Representative
Richard Sellens, Alpine Division secretary/treasurer

Commenced at 9:30.

Minutes from previous meeting as posted on the web site were approved.

The Director reported that, he had continued with reaching out to the students and parents of the OSSA with encouragement to participate in the OISRA - in particular at State. The fruits of his efforts were the participation, as guests, of girls and boys teams of racers who attend at Summit High School in Bend – and the participation of a skier from Lakeview as a Temporary Member school skier.

The Commissioner reported

State 2017 Report:

Secretary Treasurer; reported the following:

OISRA Alpine Division Treasurers Report for 2016-2017, and budget estimates for 2017-2018

1. Copy of Cheque register 5-1-2016 to 4-14-2017.
2. Propose Budget for 2017-2018
3. Actions on 2016-2017 Budget.

DISCUSSION: The activities listed and paid for from the Alpine treasury are for Alpine Division operational expenses. The Alpine Divisions' State championship is self funded and the payments are collected by the electronic payment system on behalf of the Alpine Division.

No team or league operating costs are collected by the electronic registration program. Teams are self funded, and the leagues are likewise self funded.

The exceptions to the handling of moneys by the OISRA for the leagues and teams are when a sponsor makes a donation that is processed through the OISRA treasury so that recognition may be made for the donor and this is recognized with the issuing of a W-9. The Sportsmanship program, until now, is a board activity and funds are processed through a separate ledger account supervised by the board and handled by the OISRA treasurer.

The Division is in a strong financial position.

Because of two impending claims against the OISRA, both related to the Alpine division, it is in the realm of possibility that the premium costs of OISRA indemnity insurance could face a 20% increase and it requires the stewardship of the Steering committee to address this with the setting of this year's budget.

As is the case there will be a trickle down – it well may be of torrential proportions, with the ski areas raising their fees for team training space, league race arenas, and the Division's State event. Regarding the League event spaces, please take note that only league representatives can sign agreements with the ski areas for event space. This is important should there be any future litigation. Additionally the only sanctioned races are league activities.

The report was accepted and the proposed budgets; division and State event, were accepted on the understanding that they may be revised at the fall meeting. The State event budget included provision for additional travel by the state host committee to Mount Bachelor, additional accommodation, and an official videographer.

It was moved by David Moulton seconded by Gary King, that the Secretary be paid a per diem of \$400 per month for the work carried out for the Division during the months of December through March. This was passed retroactively for the season just concluded.

It was moved by Jason Gillies and seconded by Spencer Raymond that the federal mileage be used for mileage reimbursements for travel on behalf of the Division of over than 100 miles. (Currently .53.5 cents per mile). Passed.

The OISRA Executive Director, reported on the different types of school membership registration forms that are available. These have been designed to allow for different school district policies surrounding non-OSAA sports. These school membership forms provide indemnity for the schools, coaches, and volunteers.

The report from the State 2018 outlined the actions taken, to hold State 2018 on the first Wednesday through Friday in March 2018 at Mount Bachelor, and the aspirations of the committee to pursue sponsorship from a broad specter. There was discussion on the policy instructions and it was moved Spencer Raymond and seconded Jason Gillies: To add to the SCRC policy's: The SCRC make decisions for State Race Specifics, such as; Venue and runs, when needed. **PASSED.**

There was a discussion regarding ticket sales for "Snowvana"- the feeling was as there was the presence of alcohol, it would be left to each team/league to consider.

11:30 inclusion of discussion items from interested parties, as listed in the agenda:

Mike McManus:

a. Refer Alpine Policies: Section B paragraph 5; substitutes may only be substituted for the venue that they have been registered for. This is an editorial clarification.

b. Academic Certification and Hardship Applications:

- Upon receipt by the Registrar of notification from the student's High School that a student is not meeting the required academic certification as defined in OISRA/OSAA Rule 8, that the student has six days in which to submit a "Request for Hardship Application".
- The Executive Director will process this application within 5 business days.
- A student whose Hardship Application is denied by the Executive Director may appeal that decision to the OISRA Board of Directors.

- A student whose Hardship Application is denied may not participate in OISRA state meet qualifying events.
 - A student whose Hardship Application is being processed may participate in a league state qualifying event, but their scores will not count until the Hardship Application is approved.
- c. Gate Judge clarification: Section II Race Rules, Paragraph O. Protests, and sub paragraph 5:
New c. change following d. add e.
- c. A properly documented gate judge card will stand as presented unless;*
- 1) There is video evidence demonstrating a proper gate passage, or*
 - 2) There is qualified eye witness testimony witnessing proper gate passage, or*
 - 3) It is determined that the gate judge did not understand the proper gate passage, or*
 - 4) A gate judge prejudice against the athlete or team can be demonstrated.*
- d. At the vote on the protest, only the Jury members are to be present. The TD chairs the proceedings. The decision requires a majority of all voting members of the Jury, not just of those present. In case of a tie, the TD's vote is decisive. There reigns the principal of a free evaluation of the pieces of evidence. The rules on which the decision is to be based shall be applied and interpreted in such a way that fair proceedings, taking into account the maintenance of discipline, are guaranteed (646.3),*
- e. The decision is to be made public immediately after the proceedings by posting on the official notice board with the posting time stated.
Passed by voice vote.

Todd McNabb:

Proposed change to Alpine Race Rules: Section 1-B "Start and Finish" 1. M

The proposal was to reverse starting orders for second run as prescribed in USSA rules U621.11.1, 621.11.2, 621.11.3., There was considerable discussion, and it was agreed that coaches would take this back to their leagues and it would be re presented at the fall meeting.

David Moulton Commissioner:

Section II Race Rules; C. Execution of the Race Run:

Insert: **2) No uphill hiking.**

To come forward at the Fall meeting for vote. GS Specific.

Randy Hewitt 1): Reducing the number of requests for Academic Certification. There was discussion on this subject, but as the proposal would need a change in the OISRA policies, Academic Certification applies to both Alpine and Nordic racers, and currently requires no input from Head coaches, other than they be compliant with the Policy 4.- 4.1 extracted

- Monitor academic performance of students to ensure that students are maintaining academic eligibility, and are not under any disciplinary restriction e.g., temporary suspension, that would make them ineligible to participate and score team or individual points in any state qualifying race.

Randy Hewitt 2). Sportsmanship and Hewitt memorial race being sponsored by the OISRA. Because the Sportsmanship portion of this request is an OISRA activity, and there has already been a motion from the Board regarding its being a stand alone on funding issue, it was tabled to the Board for their upcoming meeting. The future status of the memorial race was tabled to the Portland area leagues for assessment.

Dane Klindt, Ryan Rooper;

The proposal was presented as a Policy Amendment, which needs be presented to the OISRA Board for their action as it does not fit within the current policies. Following discussion by the Executive Director and Dane it was agreed that the thesis be presented to the Division to get a measure of agreement with having composite teams. This allowed for discussion on the OSAA way this could be handled, (OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement) and the SC agreed it would be best to align as best could be with what is happening with OSAA activities. There were other periphery issues that were of a concern to Dane, however these were not related to the composite team definition that would be acceptable to the OISRA. The SC were in agreement to allow for a composite team based on The Dalles team to participate in State qualifying events within the Mt Hood League, as a one year experiment. It was agreed that each student would still be required to be a member of his/her High School ski team as recognized in the current OISRA policies. This will be presented to the Board for their consideration and confirmation regarding its fitting in the OISRA registration policies, without the need for change. **[Post meeting: a discussion with Brad Garrett from OSAA clarified the reasons for the OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship option and the differences between OSAA and OISRA regarding insurance requirements and other considerations surrounding the OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship option. An Alpine policy amendment was codified and presented to the Alpine Steering Committee for review, changes, and approval – so that an Alpine Policy amendment addressing this issue can be presented to the OISRA Board in a format that could be reviewed and voted on by the Board.]**

Motion from Metro league: for inclusion in the Metro League of Newberg and Tualatin.
Moved, Laura Gentry, 2nd Gary King. Passed.

There was a general discussion on our race rules and clarifications headed by Arron Ruddick and his considered opinion of the need for our rules to cross reference with USSA/FIS. Arron advised that he has been working on the tabulation of our Alpine Race Rules that would reference in the manner as used by USSA/FIS showing the adaptation's that have been made over the years. This needs follow up on by the Division.

Items addressed:

- 1). Budget and proposed revision at the fall meeting.
- 2). Payment to Division Secretary for December Through March 4 months \$400 per month.
- 3). Federal mileage be used for mileage reimbursements for travel on behalf of the Division of over than 100 miles. (Currently .53.5 cents per mile). Passed.

Submissions:

- 4). To add to the SCRC policy's: The SCRC make decisions for State Race Specifics, such as; Venues and runs, when needed.
- 5). Substitutions only in venue (discipline) entered for.
- 6). Academic Hardship Application must be submitted within 6 days of notification from Registrar.
- 7). Gate Judge clarification - Section II Race Rules, Paragraph O. Protests, and sub paragraph 5:

New c. change following d. add e.

Tabled to Steering Committee Fall meeting:

- 8). Reversing start orders for second run.
- 9). GS "No uphill hiking"

Tabled to OISRA Board.

- 10). Academic Certification requested change to an OISRA policy, tabled to the Board.
- 11). Sportsmanship, tabled to the Board as this is an OISRA Committee.

Tabled to Portland Leagues.

- 12). Hewitt memorial race, tabled to Portland leagues for assessment.

Division action to be confirmed by the Board.

13). Division specific combining teams from rural high schools with The Dalles. This proposal was accepted in general needing confirmation with the Board as to how to fit it into the Alpine Division State qualifying events without the need for OISRA policy changes.

14). Newberg and Tualatin to Metro League.

Additional attendees at the SC meetings with presentations and at General meeting:

Mike McManus

Todd McNabb

Randy Hewitt

Dale Klindt

Ryan Rooper

Arron Ruddick

Matt Stember

Jay Peterson

Alex Moss.

Meeting closed at 3:00 PM.