

Minutes for Alpine Division General Meeting May 2nd 2015.

Location: Athey Creek Middle School; 2900 SW Borland Road; Tualatin OR.

Introductions: attendees:

Jack Walker: Alpine Director
Jason Gillies-Asst Director--OISRA Board Member
David Moulton Commissioner
Richard Sellens- Alpine Sec-OISRA Executive Director
Gary King-Southern-Board--OISRA Board Member
Jacques de saint-Emerald.
Garret Shields-Mt Hood .
Spencer Raymond-TRL.
Mark Fusick-Metro.
Laura Gentry.-Metro President
Nora Semonsen-Metro Secretary
Peter Monsanto – Metro Treasurer
Randy Hewitt-Grant, Sportsmanship.
Robin Chapin-Lincoln.
Todd McNabb-Timing
Doug Fish-Lake Oswego.
Josh Kanable-Sandy
Melinda Borgens – Wilson
Jacqui Monohan-Asst SouthRidge.
Lee Kearney-Jesuit Parent.

1. Confirmation of meeting minutes of 10-4-2014 as posted on Web site.
Motion to approve by Gary King, 2nd by Jason Gilles Voted to approve
2. Directors report:
More coaches certification in OISRA than USSA over the last 15 years, due to the OISRA coach's certification process.
The electronic registration process was a huge success this year, with a couple failures
Need to allow Head coaches' access to athletes that are registered
Yes I own a GP condo and no there's nothing left.
3. Commissioners report:
League reps still not coming to ASC meeting! Need to have them at ASC attendance.
Some of the league reps or an appointed representative, need to know they are required to attend. League presidents are generally considered to be the rep, some leagues have an ASC rep, these reps are the only person in the league allowed to sign any contract with ski areas.
Officials search from David's visits to individual races are becoming more and more difficult. Jacque made an excellent suggestion why not have a coach be the referee as well as the assistant ref? Questions were asked about Chief of Race, Referee, and TD

certifications. USSA certifications/education for referee and COC, are more than enough for OISRA, although actual TD certifications through USSA are difficult to obtain.

4. Treasurers report:

Richard handed out the interim Treasure's and State Event expenditure reports to members in attendance. Can be viewed by contacting treasurer Rsellens@aol.com.

5. State Meet Hosts report:

Peter Monsanto spoke to the event success, the website, dance, dinners, races, athletes loved it. Possible improvements, sponsorship (actual payment of \$\$), Laura Gentry discussed previous year's 3-ring booklet of past year's state races appeared to be missing (they only had the 3RL 2013 booklet) so Metro was sort of missing the info- Metro have compiled their synopsis and handed it off to Gary King. We should look to harnessing the talent of current OISRA logo designers and web. Coordination of registration will be an ongoing state issue. Discussions about Tire Factory sponsorship money, was an issue, OISRA had signed a contract with Tire Factory that included their logo being the predominate logo on bibs. This created a lack of being able to use the bibs as a revenue raising location/position. Metro felt the lack of using the TF contribution to fund their race was a determining factor in lack of ability to make a profit. Need to update our contract with TF, to allow additional sponsorship for bibs. Need ongoing sponsorships that have a state wide audience; Banks, State wide auto dealerships, EVO, TF which is a state wide dealership.

Lee Kearney mentioned the State race is cheap compared to other sports

What's important to hold future State races?

***As professional awards ceremony as possible

***Wednesday Night social

As high of quality as possible registration site

Quality officials (Timing gear & timers, TDs, COC, Referees, gate keepers)

SWAG sponsors, clothing,

3-ring binders need to go away, digital format has been suggested "The Box"

Next year's host league is Southern - - Gary King

Gary has his league prepared to host at Ashland

Huge volunteer group with CEOs of major corporations

200 room motel 20 minutes from Mountain, with multiple rooms for meetings.

Had meeting at Bachelor with Tom Lowmax and they are ready to be Backup.

Ready to start meetings next week.

SOPs for social events, Wednesday night, and Friday.

6. Sportsmanship report.

Randy Hewitt gave the report;

Having trouble finding league representatives, that can host the responsibility of maintaining the program. Multiple contacts by parents that want the continuation of the program. OISRA website links to the sportsmanship program. Can we get a bigger more visible link to the sportsman program.

7. OISRA Executive Director/Registrars report:
League rep responsibilities, - OISRA Policies – ski area contracts. Incident reports

Certified-Head coach responsibilities-OISRA Policies, Incident Reports, academic and related responsibilities – old new.

Coaches need for better contact with schools administration and AD's.

Insurance: Summer Camps

Randy has space at Timberline on two possibly three dates. Registration is through athlete's OISRA coach which has to contact Randy Hewitt grantskiraceteam@gmail.com to see if there's space. Then go to the OISRA website and fill out the Summer Camp form, and get it submitted to OISRA. Younger athletes can register as a J1.

Electronic Registration; review and preview.

Insurance coverage of dryland, training, and racing at any ski area in Oregon, provided by OISRA, not leagues. Any organized training at any areas outside of Oregon needs to have liability insurance through OISRA Executive Director.

OSAA meeting regarding Central Oregon Schools.

Most HS athletic activities are generally run through OSAA, Football, Basketball, ect. Skiing, Lacrosse, and equestrian activities are not through OSAA (which require a huge percentage of schools state wide that they participate in the activity).

Central Oregon withdrew from OISRA 4 years ago, and formed their own league through the Bend/LaPine, Sisters, and Redmond school districts

Fall 2014 Summit HS in the new league asked to join OISRA races, skiing was a school sponsored sport! They eventually decided that since their school district had already paid monies to participate in the OSSA program they probably would not participate in OISRA. At a meeting 2 weeks ago there was an Athletic Director meeting state wide, a number of ADs asked why there are two Oregon State Championships. There has been a unanimous OSAA AD direction supported by the OISRA to discussing making it work in the future.

Nordic skiers have concluded they are in process of joining forces again OHSNO and OISRA.

8. Division Policy review and Clarification.

State events Board policy is currently 50% of events on both Alpine and Nordic, Nordic wants it separate to each division. General meeting consensus was keeping the ruling exactly as it is at 50% for Alpine..

Hardship ruling kept as is.

Team Criteria, needs to be written specific to each school, athletes when registering are asked to authorize they have read and agree to the schools team criteria.

General discussion from the floor.

Robin Chapin asked that all alternates/substitutes at the State race all be counted towards State results, start counting alternates. Biggest issue is safety of the condition of courses. We need to establish a total number of racers on the courses, delays.

Motion to adjourn by Jason Gilles, second.

Minutes submitted by
Richard Sellens,
Alpine Division Secretary