



**Minutes OISRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Saturday, May 28, 2016**  
**Rays Food Place**  
**445 West Highway 20,**  
**Sisters, OR 97759**

**Members present:**

Laurie Martin OISRA President (Nordic)  
Eric Martin Board Member (Nordic Liaison)  
Ron Yost Board Member (Alpine Liaison)  
Gary King Board Member (Alpine)  
Jason Gillies OISRA Vice-President (Alpine)

**Other Participants present:**

Richard Sellens Executive Director  
Jinny Martin Board Secretary

**PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers for 2016-17**

Laurie Martin - OISRA President  
Jason Gillies - OISRA Vice-President  
Eric Martin - Nordic Liaison  
Gary King - Alpine Liaison

**November 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**! MOTION:** Gary King moves to accept the minutes from the November 7, 2015 meeting as written. Eric Martin seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously

**Treasurer's Report**

Richard Sellens presented the OISRA treasurer's report. The current balance (at the end of the fiscal year) of approximately \$8,000 is the same as the ending balance at the same time last year.

- Fewer Alpine skiers than projected
- State meet pins increased in cost (cost of materials)

**!MOTION:** Jason Gillies moves to approve the Treasurer's Report, Gary King seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**2016-17 Budget**

Richard Sellens presented a proposed 2016-17 budget:

- Increase in Alpine participation fees because of lower Alpine numbers
- Tire Factory money distributed to the OISRA administration for 2016-17 will be \$2000 because of payment for website set up this fall.
- Tire Factory money distributed to the leagues for 2016-17 will be \$8,000.00.
- Website operation will cost \$500 annually, because some of the web maintenance will be done by OISRA people working on the backend of the new website.

- Budget for insurance is best estimate at this time. We will be changing the carrier for the liability part of the insurance package, and our broker was confident that if there was an increase in premiums it would not be excessive.
- Alpine participation fees will be more per skier than the Nordic participation fees, because Alpine will continue to subsidize Nordic skiers to encourage continued participation of Nordic Northern League teams.
- 2016-17 Alpine participation fees = \$50; Nordic participation fees = \$40.
- 2016-17 Provisional skier fee = \$30 (will be online registration and the increased fee includes service fee for registering on line.)

**!MOTION:** Gary King moves to accept the 2016-17 Budget and OISRA participation fees as presented. Jason Gillies seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Executive Director's Report (See Appendix I for full details.)**

- **NOTE:** Any photographer or videographer who is working for profit when they take photos or videos at an OISRA sanctioned event must provide OISRA with an insurance certificate that names OISRA as additionally insured on the insurance policy of the photographer or videographer.

### **Website**

The Cascade Web Development work on the new website is underway and will be completed by Sept. 1st.

### **OSSA participation in OISRA Alpine State Meet**

Gary King reported on a series of meetings with OSSA and also on Gary's attempts to communicate to coaches and families the opportunities that were available for OSSA skiers to compete in the OISRA 2016 State Championships. Frustration that OSSA officers did not want information to be given to the OSSA skiers and families about the opportunities that were available. Will continue to have an open invitation to OSSA skiers - and be open to meeting with OSSA people and communicating with athletic directors, but will not be initiating more meetings OSSA officers. The Alpine Division further hopes that by scheduling the 2018 Alpine championship event at Mt. Bachelor this may help make the transition easier for an all-inclusive state meet.

### **OHSNO participation as Nordic Northern League**

Eric Martin reported that including Nordic teams from OHSNO as the Nordic Northern League went well. Good races, successful state meet, and continued working together to compromise where needed to build on the success of trial season with all schools being registered in one organization.

### **Sportsmanship Program**

General consensus that program is valuable and will continue. Bank account for Sportsmanship still has money in it.

**ACTION** Richard Sellens will contact Garrett Shields and Lee Kearney to find out if Randy Hewitt will continue to be the Sportsmanship Committee chairman or if the leadership of the

program will be changing.

### **Coaches Training Courses Compliance**

Improvement over last year

100% of alpine head coaches completed the Fundamentals of Coaching Course

New Nordic Northern League coaches all completed the Concussion training - but they were given a grace period for completing other courses. Some started working on the Fundamentals of Coaching course, but had not completed it. Several had current First Aid certification.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Consensus of the Board for following changes to OISRA Policies:**

- Change name of "J-1" racers to become "Provisional Skiers"
- Use email address rather than "mailing address" when nominating board members
- Change timeframes for the nomination process for board members - 28 day for call for nominations and 14 days for when nominations are received
- Allow 72 hours for submitting incident reports

### **Consensus of the Board for changes to online registration:**

- Have online registration form for Provisional Skiers
- Add to online registration form that parents give permission for photos of skiers to be used by OISRA

### **Ordering Alpine Helmets as part of the online registration process**

Table discussion until provider presents complete financial details

### **Executive Directors Annual Review**

All positive comments when Richard was out of the room. "Thank You's" for his contributions when he returned to the room. Richard declined an offer to discuss an increase of salary.

### **Review of Alpine Business**

No changes to Alpine Race Rules or Policies from last time these were approved by the Board. Tabled approving Alpine Budget until after next Alpine Steering Committee Meeting.

### **Review of Nordic Business**

**MOTION:** Gary King moved to approve the 2016-17 Nordic Budget and the changes to Nordic Policies and Race Rules that had been approved by the Nordic Steering Committee. Ron Yost seconded.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

General Discussion:

- Alpine and Nordic coaches get together to recruit at Southern League schools in Medford/Ashland area - plan a winter sports recruitment event.
- Skimeister event at Mt. Ashland with alpine racing in morning and Nordic racing in afternoon - fun event, not state meet qualifier. Maybe part of pre-season training?

Stories from Pole, Pedal, Paddle (PPP) were shared throughout the meeting and added to the camaraderie.

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jinny Martin, Board Secretary

## **Appendix I**

### **OISRA Executive Directors Report 5/28/2016**

This past year has had few dramas at the OISRA level.

The communications with our attorney were primarily regarding a suitable fund raising policy and the trade marking of our logos.

There has been a draft received of a suggested fund raising policy. Neither Jinny or myself have had an opportunity to fully digest it and we will email a copy to you and recommend it be an agenda item for the fall meeting.

Regarding the Trade Mark's, while we had received confirmation of this action, the actual certificates issued from the US Patent and Trade Mark Office arrived on 5/27-roll of drums! Here they are!

As registrar I was involved with both Jinny and Nora Semonsen in the ongoing development of the electronic registration process. Registrar involved – that's gilding the Lily, as ALL credit is due to them for the refining of it, and particularly Nora where the inclusion of the Alpine division State processing was able to be incorporated. And for Jinny with her diplomacy regarding the payment of student fees for those Northern League Nordic teams who required a different means for payment. The inclusion in the Nordic Division of the Northern League in the system had some indemnity issues, with some schools distancing themselves from non-academic activities-it mirrored the issues Alpine had faced with the stand of the Beaverton School District and community clubs. The issues were resolved amicably.

Using the basic registration process they were each able to produce the academic certificates for the Registrar to issue to each schools administration officials. This worked very well, and apart from a couple of hiccups, tactfully corrected-when sending the February certificates, it worked very well, with no issues where students being registered incorrectly with schools. Again there will be some refining with the certification process, particularly when working with schools where there is not a history of working with the OISRA.

While in general terms the OSAA request for a single Alpine State Championship is that-an Alpine issue, there was some communication with Athletic Directors, who wanted to know the state of the play, I think more for clarification of rumours that they had heard. The Alpine board members directly involved may wish to comment on this to the full board.

**Insurance:** There were few issues with our regular provision of certificates to the ski areas, and other entities. Because of a possible default situation-uncovered when our broker requested justification for a negative assessment from an adjuster regarding the coverage of our members when transiting from the race arena to the lift and from the lift to the race arena. Our broker is recommending a change of provider for the coming season, who

confirms without any confusion that our members are covered when on the snow-period, as long as conforming to our policy statement regarding "sanctioned activity" - They will not be able to confirm our basic premium until August, however they do not anticipate a major increase if any. What was of interest at the time this was unraveling was the complete shock to our broker of the definition from the Texas based adjuster, who was well aware of the terms of our policy definition of sanctioned activity that the carrier had accept previously. I have a good friend who as an attorney had faced off against insurance adjusters, and he shared with me that he had witnessed this kind of about face that if challenged would resolve in who had the deepest pockets to proceed through legal channels. The adjusters argument apparently was that as our description of "sanctioned activity" was not specifically on the certificate, it would not be recognized.

Photographers and Videographers who are recording with the intent to profit from their profession will need to provide a certificate of insurance naming the OISRA as additionally insured if pursuing their profession within the arena that the OISRA are providing indemnity cover to the ski area for. Members of the OISRA who have registered as Volunteers, and are recording the event in a not for profit manner will be exempted. However if there is any financial involvement arranged by a league, with a registered volunteer and if volunteer Photographer or videographer is a professional, he or she will be required to indemnify the OISRA. It is the OISRA and not the league who would be ultimately liable. At this year's state the photographer employed by the host league provided the required certification naming the OISRA as additionally insured to the OISRA.