

**Alpine Steering Committee – Spring Meeting
15350 SW Sequoia Parkway, Portland**

May 11, 2019

Present:

Mike McManus – Board Member (non-voting)
Ryan Rooper – Alpine Asst. Director, Board
President
Todd McNabb – Alpine Commissioner
Spencer Raymond – TRL Rep
Laura Gentry – Metro Rep
Dane Klint – Mt. Hood League Rep
Jason Hattery – 2019 State Chair (non-voting)

Absent:

Dave Munson – OISRA Exec. Director
Gary King – Alpine Director, Southern Rep

Coaches who showed up at some point:

Steve Urdahl - OES
Randy Hewitt – sportsmanship coordinator

Meeting Minutes

- Ryan Rooper called meeting to order at 9:42am
- Last meeting minutes
 - Not to be found
- OISRA leadership discussion
 - Is Dave Munson staying on as Exec. Dir? Ryan says, yes, Dave likes the parts he took on last year, such as insurance and registration troubleshooting.
 - All positions are filled at the statewide level, except for OISRA Treasurer
 - **Spencer motions to install Mike McManus as Alpine treasurer, Dane seconds. Motion passes unopposed.**
 - Looking for statewide OISRA Treasurer, Ryan explains it's mostly transfers of donations to divisions. Responsibilities entail four board meetings and bookkeeping
 - Thrivia is a mess, says Laura, they take a big chunk, there's got to be a better way. Jason chimed in saying the user experience is lackluster and it's dated. Backend is not easy. Thrivia going through some back-end updates over the next year.
 - Thriva is a database for our backend administrative and registration stuff. It's based on a 20-year-old system that is now getting upgraded because Flash is going away.
 - Nora coming online to do more of the registration work.
 - **Laura motions that Dave Munson is appointed as Alpine Secretary. Spencer seconds. Motion passes unopposed.** (Later, when Randy Hewitt arrived, he volunteered for secretary and indicated he'd talk with Dave to confirm positions and update the Steering Committee.)

- Commissioners report:
 - Western High School Task Force is trying to put together a western region HS championship. OR, CA, NV, UT all there, in addition to Central OSSA. Topics like field size, for ex. OISRA gets 12 male/female slots, so does OSSA. We don't know if it's team or individual yet, but sounds like individual. Date tentatively week after our state race. A concern is athletes schedules, missing school and spring sports. Things for us to discuss... are we in favor? How do we nominate? Likely at mammoth. It's a USSA Event. Athletes and Coaches need (temp) licenses. Non-scoring race.
 - **Spencer motions for Todd to continue communication, learning about Western High School Championship Task Force and to create committee of coaches to brainstorm athlete qualification ideas to present at Fall Alpine Meeting. Dane seconds. Motion not voted on but implied this will happen.**
 - Very interesting first year, says Todd. Saw a lot of stuff behind the scenes.
 - Travel/visiting other league worked out well. Helped Mt. Hood with timing.
 - State
 - Bnet is hard to set up
 - Course setting ideally has experienced people but it's not perfect. Sometimes it ends up being same people because they are known quantities
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- Treasurer report:
 - Ryan shared financial reports
 - Review of alpine budget passed in the fall, discussion of PointS Sponsorship
 - Discussion of metro state budget and the fact that there was a "vote" to allocate \$5000 of the PointS sponsorship to Metro
 - **Spencer makes motion to reaffirm \$5000 of PointS monies to Metro League for planning of 2019 State Race. Dane seconds. Was some discussion. Tried to call Gary, no luck. Ryan concerned about precedent setting. Vote: Laura-abstains, Dane-yes, Spencer-yes, Todd-yes, Ryan-yes. Motion passes**
 - Ryan made note about having good meeting minutes like stuff like this doesn't happen anymore.
 - Mike will be new Treasurer
 - **Ryan makes motion to accept treasurer report, Dane seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

- State Race Report: Jason H.
 - Great success from participant point of view.
 - Execution has some hiccups, bnet crew small so lots of learning, we could have done a few things better on the back end
 - No major emergencies.

- Biggest takeaway, dealing with Meadows getting rave venues, get venue going as early as possible, like the SOPs say, to get confirmation by previous year's state. Need a better, more detailed contract for event (runs, manpower, equipment, salt, ticket prices, etc.) Also would have been helpful to be more helpful to understand the overall race schedule in the State among other resorts. Lodging at resort at the mt would have made things easier, but we didn't know until later if we're gonna be at mt. hood or not.
- Discussion of coaches meeting etiquette and engagement. Idea to flip timing of spring/fall meetings to make general session before steering committee session.
- Laura says it was hard to front a bunch of expenses on Metro's behalf. Makes cash flow difficult.
- Mike discussed his intention to create handbook/guide for host league and SCRC
- Discussion of extra expenses to reimburse Metro for some, what they see as, shared expenses. Robin Cressy Video (\$500 of \$1000 total) and official jackets (797.40) for a total of \$1297.40. Laura thinks Metro League should pay for jackets, and she suggests considering Cressy Video be added to overall division state budget
 - **Spencer motions to appropriate \$500 from Alpine Division to Metro League to reimburse part of Cressy Video expense. Dane seconds. Motions passes unanimously.**
- Randy Hewitt is here for Sportsmanship Update:
 - Great letter from an athlete thanking Randy for great race and fun times
 - Maybe a future discussion about moving race to December
 - Randy shared that Southern may be interested in attending next year.
 - Randy shared some feedback on website and alpine division business
 - **Randy suggest scheduling fall meeting to have general meeting prior to meeting of steering committee. A consensus has been collected around this.**
 - **Randy suggests adding sportsmanship program (and Kelsey's Race) and director formally into the Alpine Policies. Will work with Mike to create formal document changes to seek vote approval at Fall meeting. A consensus has been reached on this.**
 - Randy requests leagues designate Sportsmanship Coordinator as part of their "official" volunteer position list. Emphasized that this position is just as important as other important positions, and that it needs to be thought of that way.
 - **Randy suggests Sportsmanship Director become non-voting member of Alpine Committee. Consensus to have Randy and Mike work together to add this to policies and review proposal at fall meeting. Consensus to work on this.**
- Laura points a discrepancy between policies and rules to have five or six league races.
 - **Consensus to direct Mike to edit rules/policies to reflect six races and present back at Fall meeting. Rule b.1.c needs to change to six.**
 - **Laura makes a motion to change rule b.1.c. to change from five to six races. Dane seconded it. Discussion talked about ability of the Division to allow for low snow years, as per existing policy. Motion passes unanimously .**

- Spencer brings up idea to change individual championship award at state from combined time to overall points of two races. Lots of discussion about what the philosophy of the individual championship should be and pros/cons of the time vs points. Time may give advantage to some racers while points may also depending on finish.
 - Dane brings up point that oisra originally was for regulars to learn to race and feels that lately oisra has been trying to do more things to accommodate USSA skiers.
 - Laura mentions that we are examining what our intentions are.
 - Dane has direction from his coaches on how they stand on this topic.
 - Laura asks if we need to take this to the leagues or not, based on the league reps feelings on if this raises level of league discussion.
 - Dane wants to clarify combined definition as solely time, so he thinks we need to follow world cup example for season-long series based on points, and then a final race in one weekend that's based on time. He feels it's important we stay on combined time.

- Todd brings up Flip 30 discussion
 - Discussion of how flip works in general and at TRL
 - Dane feels that it makes stronger teams stronger, suggests idea of flipping first seed only
 - Quite a bit of discussion about making stronger teams stronger. Also discussion about how this helps teams.
 - Laura points out that dynamic is different in Metro vs. TRL in that metro has more teams of smaller numbers
 - **Spencer asks for consensus that we table until Gary can contribute (fall meeting). Dane suggests that league reps come prepared to Fall meeting to decide on Flip.**
 - Dane likes ideas of flipping first seed.

- Spencer brings up OSAA cooperative agreement
 - Spencer reported specifics he learned from phone call with OSAA.
 - Laura shared details of two Metro league composite teams
 - Dane shared details of origin of Dufer/The Dallas joining up
 - Ryan shared background of stacking teams issues
 - Steve Urdahl from OES shared his feelings
 - **Dane motions to adopt composite rule change as sent from Spencer (attached). Spencer seconds.**
 - Laura asks if alpine steering committee needs to approve or not. Dane says that he likes idea of discussion if teams should be exclusive or race as part of one team. Some discussion ensues.
 - **Motion passes to adopt OSAA guidance for composite team designation and Alpine Division. Laura-no, Dane-yes, Spencer-yes, Todd-yes.**

- Spencer brings up Bib rule.
 - Todd shares story of incident at state and identification.
 - Discussion of motivation ranged from coolness, size, and stuff.
 - Laura to share with group Metro's new bib rule to consider bringing up again in the Fall and/or edit for more discussion later.
 - Todd mentioned that Mt. Hood Meadows wants bibs on. Dane said he asked Meadows about the bib rule but hadn't heard anything back yet.

- Ryan brings up idea of compensating Ryan for treasurer services.
 - 1600 was given to Richard for Alpine Division and Treasurer and Secretary.
 - **Laura motions that \$1600 budget for Alpine division Treasurer and Secretary be compensated to Ryan for his Treasurer work during the 18-19 season. Todd seconds. Motion Passes unanimously except for Ryan who abstains.**

- **Ryan offers to be Alpine Secretary and will connect with Dave Munson to figure out the situation. Committee was agreeable.**

- Laura requests that we schedule these meetings (much) further in advance.
 - Group suggested dates of Oct 26,27, Nov 2.

- Steve Urdahl brings up concern that there's been some inconsistencies in qualifying for state race. Specifically he talks about how big teams are, and how in TRL with six-person teams, the sixth person can contribute team points, but that's not the case in other leagues. Points out that leagues can figure it out on their own. Conversation shifts to alternates at state and if they should count or not for results.
 - **Spencer seeks consensus to table alternate discussion to fall meeting and asks league reps to get data from their coaches. Dane seconds.**

- Spencer brings up idea of having OSSA coaches join these meetings and generally makes inspiring comment to keep up state race unification efforts.
 - Randy asks for group to fwd OSSA contacts to him so he can invite them to Kelsey's Race.
 - Mike brings up idea of contacting Emerald League schools to race with OISRA. Inclusivity was emphasized by the group.

- Meeting Adjourned at 3:59pm by Ryan.

Respectfully submitted by Spencer Raymond.

Item: Adopting of OSAA guidance for composite team designation.

Summary: Adjusting our composite team requirements so it's only eligible to schools who have an existing OSAA agreement in place.

Reasoning: To improve the process of creating composite teams; to simplify the requirement criteria; to make it easier for teams/schools to understand options; may help prevent teams linking up "willy-nilly;" avoids arduous process of evaluating needs, instead, turning to existing OSAA agreements; help ensure teams are not linking up for competitive advantage

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Section I.H. Composite Team

1. Teams representing different schools may compete as a "Composite Team."
2. "Composite Teams" must be reviewed annually and approved by the Alpine Division Steering Committee before the start of each league's regular season.
3. Skiers on different teams can form a "Composite Team" for scoring purposes if the following conditions are met:
 - a. Each skier on a Composite Team will represent the school they attend.
 - b. All skiers forming the Composite Team will be representing schools that are in the same league.
 - c. The Head Coach from each school represented on the Composite Team approves the Composite Team.
 - d. The name of the Composite Team will include the names of all the member schools that are represented on the Composite Team: School A/School B Team, for example. An acronym may be adopted when publishing start and result lists.
 - e. Prior to the first league race, Head Coaches applying to have their teams be represented on a Composite Team shall obtain approval from 75% of all league coaches in the league, and the League Representative shall submit the approval form to the Executive Director.
 - f. The Executive Director will act on the application within 5 business days. (The Executive Director's decision can be appealed to the OISRA Board of Directors.)
 - g. A Composite Team will be eligible for team league awards and team state meet awards.
 - h. The schools in question must hold a valid OSAA Cooperative Sponsor Agreement, as permitted in Article 6.5 of the OSAA constitution.

Attachments:

1. OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement



Cooperative Sponsorship Application

Excerpt OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies, Cooperative Sponsorship

(Revised Fall 2015)

In order for two or more schools to qualify for cooperative sponsorship as permitted in Article 6.5., they must meet the following requirements:

- A. **Who May Apply.** Only full member schools may apply for cooperative sponsorship, not families or individuals. Cooperating schools should be located in the same geographic area. Schools requesting cooperative sponsorship approval should make every effort to co-sponsor an activity with the nearest school that also has difficulty sponsoring the activity by itself. Cooperative sponsorship shall be considered only for 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A schools.

EXCEPTION: The Executive Board also may approve cooperative sponsorships involving 4A, 3A, 2A or 1A schools with a 6A or 5A school if the 4A, 3A, 2A or 1A schools are located in an isolated area, are unable to find a closer 4A, 3A, 2A or 1A school willing to enter into a cooperative sponsorship agreement, or if the two schools are physically housed in the same building where students take classes together.

- B. **Classification.** Classification placement for the requested activity will be determined by the total combined ADM in grades 9-12 of the schools involved.

EXCEPTION: If the total combined ADM in grades 9 through 12 causes the cooperative team to qualify for a higher classification, the schools requesting permission for a cooperative team may petition the Executive Board for an exception to this provision. Factors that may be considered by the Executive Board when evaluating a petition for an exception may include, but are not limited to, number of participants from each school, how much the combined ADM exceeds the classification cutoff point, and geographic considerations.

- C. **School Board Approval Requirement.** The Governing Boards of the schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship shall jointly apply for such sponsorship listing reasons for the request.

- D. **Regular or Special District Approval Requirement.** Cooperative sponsorship applicants shall obtain approval from the regular or special district in which the proposed cooperative team will participate and submit the approval form with the Cooperative Sponsorship Application. Regular and special districts are encouraged to consider the philosophy discussed at the end of this Executive Board Policy when reviewing requests for support of a cooperative sponsorship application.

- E. **Deadline for Application/Dissolution.** The deadline for application or for dissolution for a cooperative sponsorship shall be the first contest date of the season in which the cooperatively sponsored team is to compete.

- F. **Timeline for Approval.** The Executive Board will attempt to act on an application at its next regular meeting following receipt of the application. However, the Executive Director can make a decision, subject to approval by the Executive Board.

- G. **Duration of Approval.** Any approved cooperative sponsorship shall be limited in duration to the remainder of the time block per application. If an application for cooperative sponsorship is granted for multiple years and the cooperating schools choose not to cooperatively sponsor a team during any year of the agreement, it will be necessary for the schools to reapply for permission to cooperatively sponsor a team during the remaining term of the agreement using the most recent ADM figures available.

Excerpt OSAA Handbook, Constitution, Article 6.5 – Cooperative Sponsorship

- 6.5.2. Classification placement for the requested activity will be determined by the total combined ADM in grades 9 through 12 of the schools involved.

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See OSAA Handbook, [Constitution, Article 6-5](#), and [Executive Board Policies, "Cooperative Sponsorship"](#) for additional information



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See OSAA Handbook, Constitution, Article 6-5, and Executive Board Policies, "Cooperative Sponsorship" for additional information.

Each school involved in the cooperative agreement must complete this form for each sport (i.e. boys' golf; girls' golf; etc.).

The deadline for a cooperative sponsorship is the first contest date of the season in which the cooperatively sponsored team is to compete.

NOTE: The OSAA must have approval from the members of the league or special district in which the cooperative team will be competing. (See the District Approval form on page 3). Also, each school in a coop must pay the participation fee for each activity in which they participate.

- 1. Activity covered by this application (one activity per form): [] Boys [] Girls
2. Name of League or Special District in which the team will be competing:
3. Reason for cooperative sponsorship:
4. This application will start in 20___ [] 1 year co-op [] 2 year co-op [] 3 year co-op [] 4 year co-op
5. Where will practices be held?
6. Where will home competition be held?
7. Is this school involved in a co-op with another school in the same sport? [] Yes [] No List schools:

Name of SCHOOL A (Host School): Classification: Regular District:

- 1. Please list the number of students in this school who have participated in this activity during each year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor the activity during any of the years listed, please respond "N/A".

Table with 4 columns (12, 11, 10, 9) and 3 rows (Last school year, Current school year, Anticipated next year)

- 2. Total school enrollment

Table with 4 columns (12, 11, 10, 9) and 3 rows (Last school year, Current school year, Anticipated next year)

Date School Board approved this cooperative sponsorship: (A copy must be available at the request of the OSAA).

Official Approval: Superintendent of School A: Date:

Name of SCHOOL B: Classification: Regular District:

- 1. Please list the number of students in this school who have participated in this activity during each year indicated below. If the school did not sponsor the activity during any of the years listed, please respond "N/A".

Table with 4 columns (12, 11, 10, 9) and 3 rows (Last school year, Current school year, Anticipated next year)

- 2. Total school enrollment

Table with 4 columns (12, 11, 10, 9) and 3 rows (Last school year, Current school year, Anticipated next year)

Date School Board approved this cooperative sponsorship: (A copy must be available at the request of the OSAA).

Official Approval: Superintendent of School B: Date:

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Date Submitted: School A ADM: School B ADM: Combined ADM:

[] Kelly Foster [] Approved [] Denied Date:

Signature of Executive Director

[] Confirmation email date: Invoice School: [] A # [] B # COOP ID#: Web Date:

- 6A: 1258+
5A: 676-1257
4A: 331-675
3A: 191-330
2A: 90-190
1A: 10-89



Cooperative Sponsorship Application Regular and Special District Approval

See OSAA Handbook, [Constitution, Article 6-5](#), and [Executive Board Policies, "Cooperative Sponsorship"](#) for additional information.

Excerpt OSAA Handbook, Executive Board Policies, Cooperative Sponsorship

D. Regular or Special District Approval Requirement. Cooperative sponsorship applicants shall obtain approval from the regular or special district in which the proposed cooperative team will participate and submit the approval form with the Cooperative Sponsorship Application. Regular and special districts are encouraged to consider the philosophy discussed at the end of this board policy when reviewing requests for support of a cooperative sponsorship application.

See OSAA Handbook, [Executive Board Policies, Cooperative Sponsorship](#) for additional information.

The following cooperative sponsorship has been approved by the members of the league or special district in which the cooperative team will be competing.

Regular District _____

or

Special District _____

Classification

_____ SCHOOL A: (Host School) _____

_____ SCHOOL B: _____

ACTIVITY: Boys Girls _____

This application will start in 20____ 1 year co-op 2 year co-op 3 year co-op 4 year co-op

Regular or Special District Representative: _____

(must be someone other than a representative from one of the schools involved in the coop.) (please print or type)

Phone Number: _____

School: _____

Position: _____

Email Address: _____

COMMENTS: _____

Signature of Regular or Special District Representative

Date