

Minutes for 2017 Southern League Spring Meeting
Sunday, April 30, 2017
Eric Martin's House
1821 NW Glassow
Bend, Oregon

Present:

Laurie Martin, Southern League Rep
Eric Martin, Mt. View Coach
Charlie Wilshire, South Eugene/Sheldon Coach
Bill Martin, Mt. View Assistant Coach
Sarah Swaney, Mt. View Assistant Coach
Dave Munson, Race Official for Southern League Races
Jinny Martin, Southern League Secretary

Absent:

Pete Reinhardt, Ashland Coach

Meeting was called to order at 1:06.

Janice Hatton (treasurer for Eugene teams) was present for a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting to give feedback that expense of going to Mt. Shasta was too much for the Eugene teams.

Janice returned at the end of the meeting to give feedback about invoicing the coaches for the trail passes. See minutes below.

I. PRELIMINARIES

Fall Meeting Minutes (October 11, 2016)

MOTION: Charlie moves to approve the minutes. Eric seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Treasurer's Report

MOTION: Eric moves to approve the treasurer's report. Charlie seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Discussion:

- The distribution of the \$10 Nordic Division participation fees to the Southern League account added a surplus of funds to the Southern League account.
- Funds from participation fees will be distributed to the Nordic Division account next season.
- Janice found the process of invoicing for trail fees to be extra work and would like to go back to coaches paying at the venue for trail fees
- Would have been two more sponsors for Southern League races if Mazama and Wholesum Media had donated money earlier in the season. Can most likely count on these donations for next season's Southern League races.
- The lack of funds to cover the expenses for the Willamette Pass race was offset by the total of the surpluses of funds for 3 other Southern League races.

II OLD BUSINESS

Budget for 2017-18

MOTION: Charlie moves to accept budget as discussed. Eric seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Discussion:

- Next year, pay the \$1200 non-negotiable fee at Willamette Pass – and get a second sponsor for that race.
- Keep surplus money in Southern League account as a slush fund – do not designate any specific expenditures at this time for that money.
- Use sponsorships to cover costs of Southern League races and do not charge a league participation fee.
- Oxford Inn, Pine Ridge Inn, and LaPine Dental are reliable sponsors for next season.

Soup for Races : Like the arrangement that each host school provides soup or does not provide soup according to their volunteers' preferences – and information is available prior to each race to all teams. Each host school provides supplies for soup if they provide soup.

Mt. Bachelor \$99 Season's Pass: Mt. Bachelor's racer's pass was new this season. Might be more skiers purchasing this pass, if they get information earlier.

Race Details: Like all changes implemented last season: 20-second intervals, 3 waves for mass starts, seeding used last season for joint and state meet races, separate lane for late starters. Need to remind coaches not to stand in the late start lane.

Feedback on State Meet:

- Liked idea of having shirts printed on-site at the banquet for next year. Pete Reinhardt and Kelly Crowther are working on this and could add Mike Olarrea to this committee.
- Liked length of awards ceremony.

New canisters for paintball markers: In Eugene, did not need to buy new canisters. In Bend, had to buy new canisters. Difference was the service that was available at each location. Schools pay for upkeep of canisters.

III NEW BUSINESS

Race Schedule for 2018

- Need to wait until after we talk with ski area managers to decide the locations for all race dates.
- Southern League Race dates are: Jan. 6, Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, Feb. 10
- Check possibility of using Crescent Lake – Charlie will talk to Jim Hill.
- Want classic races at the beginning of the season.
- Do not want to try to negotiate classic tracks again at Willamette Pass.

- Definite venues:
 - December 30-31 for Rainbow Camp
 - January 6 for Jamboree at Diamond Lake
 - February 3rd for XC Oregon Invitational – Skate
 - February 23-24 – all want state meet at Mt. Bachelor

- Venues to check
 - January 13 (MLK weekend) Hoodoo Classic
 - January 20 – Bachelor Classic
 - January 27 – WP or Crescent Lake Skate
 - February 10 – Bachelor or Hoodoo Skate

Large Tent: Decided to sell large tent and purchase two medium sized Pop-Up tents to replace it.

Recruiting Suggestions:

- Place a sign at each race, explaining that we are looking for more volunteer coaches
- Place ads in newspapers
- Place link on website for information for volunteers
- Promotional videos

Paintball Biathlon

- Reviewed and approved the biathlon race rules that were approved by the steering committee.
- Put people who record hits a good distance behind the back of the shooter or off to one side on the end targets to make it easier for incoming skiers to find lane they are assigned to.
- Volunteers who are positioned at each shooting lane wear bibs that are numbered with the lane numbers.
- Ask skiers as they finish how many hits they had – as a backup to the computer program.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
 Jinny Martin
 Southern League Secretary