

OISRA Nordic Division
Northern League
Spring Coaches Meeting Minutes
5/5/2019

Attendees:

Jinny Martin
Courtenay Sherwood
Gene Hyde
JD Downing
Kelly Crowther
Ken Roadman
David Smullin
John Collins
David Burke (phone)
Dave Thorset (phone)

Meeting convened a few minutes after 2pm.

Introductions

Treasurer's report discussion:

Bank balance is \$7527.02.

Revenue and expenses were very close to balanced (as expected) this past season.

NL funds can be used for race expenses such as signage.

Account needs to maintain a balance of \$3000 to \$4000 to cover the delayed cash flow of paying race trail fees prior to collecting race trail fees from teams/schools.

NL equipment storage discussion:

NL race equipment has been stored at Summit High for several years.

It's someone difficult to access the equipment and likely we will lose the ability to store team or league equipment at Summit High in the near future.

We need to find an alternative.

Action: JD to look into alternatives and report back regarding NL equipment storage.

Western region coaches conference:

The USSA western region coaches conference is in Bend in the fall of 2019.

After meeting follow up: dates are September 13 - 15th

100 and 200 level coaches courses available as well as guest speakers.

2019-20 Race schedule discussion:

An extended discussion of the 2019-20 race schedule options.

Before setting the schedule we are waiting for the SoHo super qualifier and the PNSA JNQ schedule. Hopefully these schedules will be set by June but it may be later.

We talked about options.

12/21 - undesirable

1/4/2020 - possible

1/6/2020 at Hoodoo - probably ok

Hoodoo on Monday after a JNQ is possible

XC Oregon Invite - 2/1 or 1/25. 1/25 is preferred

A JNQ/High School concurrent race might be possible if necessary. Either share the same course or just race on the same day at a different venue. Many key volunteers are JNQ parents so race on same day at different venue would be difficult.

King's Court Sprint discussion:

Everyone could/would race several times.

Approximately 1.2K.

Hoodoo would be the best location.

Could skip qualifier and just use coaches seeding.

Could use multiple courses.

Consensus that coaches would like to proceed.

Action: David Smullin to propose sprint race rules to add to bylaws.

Mt Hood League discussion:

Idea is to create Mt Hood league (HRV and St Mary's.)

On the ground, not much would change, it's really an administrative change that would allow us to do what we've been doing for the last several years but would better follow the OISRA by laws.

Concern about having a one team league if one team (HRV or St Mary's) were to dissolve.

Jinny shared that the Alpine division has a one team league (Blue Mountain team.) The rules and customs allow for it, in fact it might be easier/better for the remaining team.

Could continue to use one bank account for both the NL and the Mt. Hood league.

Action: Gene to explain and seek input from Joe Dolan, HRV coach, regarding Mt Hood League proposal.

New bibs discussion:

The Nordic steering committee intends to buy a new set of bibs to replace our 20 year old bibs.

Committee (JD, Gene) are looking for sponsors at \$3500 / year for 3 years.

Please keep this in mind as you run across possible sponsors.

Bend LaPine school schedule change discussion:

Summit intends to practice on Wednesdays.

Full time club skiers will probably attend races only (which is not that much different than past years.)

Part time club skiers may need to be encouraged that they can still ski both club and high school.