

Alpine Division
Spring General Membership and Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
 June 20, 2020

Steering Committee Attendees	
• Gary King, Alpine Director	• Spencer Raymond, Three Rivers League
• Todd McNabb, Commissioner	• Josh Kanable, MHL substitute
• Mike McManus, OISRA President	• Randy Hewitt, Alpine Secretary
• Cedric Bousquet, Metro President	Absent
• Ryan Rooper, Alpine Assistant Director	• Laura Gentry, Metro Immediate Past Pres.
•	• Dane Klindt, MHL President
	Non-Steering Committee Attendee
	• Matt Galli, Southern race official

Location:

PacTrust Building

15350 SW Sequoia Parkway, Portland, 97224

COVID-19 responsible outdoor, bring your own lawn chair, meeting.

1. Alpine Director report (Gary)

- 1.1. Began the meeting at approximately 9:35 AM.
- 1.2. Offered encouragement that we're all in this for the racers. Wants people to be part of the solution, not part of the problem (an example of which is item 1.3...)
- 1.3. Problem issues occurred at the State Race, not specified. Some individuals "stepped up", but on the other hand some OSSA participating coaches were complaining. Gary appreciates and encourages the positive attitude of collaboration and wants to avoid "ego driven" behavior he witnessed at state.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

2. General Membership Business

- 2.1. **Introduction of steering committee members and other attendees**
- 2.2. **The Magnate and Alternative School Issue (submitted by Jason Hatterly, represented by Cedric, Metro League)**
 - 2.2.1. Students from Magnate and Alternative Schools should simply be able to race for their school of residence (see copy written by Jason)
 - 2.2.2. Discussion points included: The multiple levels of application checks and balances are unnecessary. The current policies are in place to avoid team stacking. Spencer asked that we assess the underlying purpose of the composite teams.
 - 2.2.3. Consensus is that the league (i.e. it's a league level issue) should authorize racer participation at his/her normal home residence school.

2.2.4. Mike McManus volunteered to review the current Policies and discuss some details with OISRA Board people.

2.3. PNSA/NWCSC Dual Festival invitation to OISRA racing (Spencer)

2.3.1. Next May, PNSA planning a race at Timberline inviting OISRA racers to join USCSA, and college Masters racers to compete together. An invitational for top OISRA racers (8 boys and 8 girls). Other details are pending.

2.3.2. General conversation was positive, awaiting more information.

2.4. COVID scenarios affecting Alpine Division racing (Cedric)

2.4.1. COVID may affect our plans for this winter.

2.4.2. OISRA racing is not the ski area's primary interest or focus. His league is making a task force. Coordinated communication among all leagues with ski resorts is important.

2.4.3. Mike noted that OISRA is trying to dovetail with OSAA regarding COVID and there is not much to be done right now.

2.4.4. Spencer motions that we draft a written memo regarding our race day protocols that we can use as unified statement. Vote was delayed until the steering committee meets again in the Fall.

STEERING COMMITTEE OLD BUSINESS

3. Review of Fall meeting Minutes and Inter-meeting Supplemental Minutes

3.1. No significant discussion of the Minutes as presented.

3.2. Ryan moved to accept the Minutes from the Fall meeting. Seconded. Unanimous approval.

STEERING COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS

4. Reports

4.1. OISRA President (Mike)

4.1.1. OSAA update – Brief report on the Zoom meeting of Thursday, June 18th. Next step is Jinny continuing the conversation with Peter Weber from OSAA. Then a Q & A information bulletin will be sent to leagues and coaches.

4.1.2. Dave Munson may inquire about event indemnity insurance for the State Race to see if modifications are necessary for the upcoming race.

4.1.3. Dave Moulton has fully retired. The OISRA Board is going to recognize him in some way.

4.2. OISRA Board Liaison to Alpine (Ryan)

- 4.2.1. Briefly reviewed the impending OSAA-OISRA partnership. Several random questions and ideas were floated. Mike mentioned that it's a long process that we may pursue for many months before we know the final outcome.

4.3. Commissioner (Todd McNabb)

4.3.1. Western High School Championship Race report

- 4.3.1.1. The race happened, despite being on the edge of COVID and the second day of racing was cancelled due to weather. OISRA teams placed 2nd overall in both boys and girls divisions.
- 4.3.1.2. Next year's event is scheduled for March 13-14th. Bids are being sought for event host but Todd doesn't recommend that OISRA create a bid. Format will be the same as last year, 12 girls & 12 boys. Obligations to participate require USSS membership which has time and money costs.
- 4.3.1.3. Selection process – last year involved some drama. Todd asked for recommendations for improving the process. Close proximity in days between qualification and the Regional was one problem.
- 4.3.1.4. Group proposed that each league select their top participants, and possibly fil-in the remaining slots with State Race finishers.

4.3.2. Protest Procedures based on N. Streedain appeal.

- 4.3.2.1. Todd's position was that it was an unnecessary chaotic mess. Gary was irritated by occurrences at the awards assembly and follow-up emails.
- 4.3.2.2. Gary and Todd complained at length that the parent confrontation (Mr. Streedain) during the process was unacceptable and created adversarial environment. Randy's rebuttal is that objectivity during the appeal was impaired by said irritation.
- 4.3.2.3. Randy's primary point in moving forward is that the appeals process needs revision. Ryan noted that he didn't feel that he had enough information to oversee the appeal. Gary noted that he passed responsibility to Ryan.
- 4.3.2.4. Ryan motioned, Josh seconded that the Alpine Policies appeal process be reviewed and presented at the Fall meeting. Members of the revision committee are Josh, Spencer, Todd, and Randy as Secretary.

4.4. Treasurer (report submitted by Mike McManus)

- 4.4.1. Sent via email and received no specific questions (see report copies)
 - 4.4.1.1. Officials costs at State were a little higher than budgeted.
 - 4.4.1.2. Cedric asked Todd to provide a clear grid of potential reimbursable expenses, for how much and for which officials and he agreed to do so

- 4.4.1.3. All sponsorship from Point S and OSU Cascades has expired. Currently no State sponsorship money available. [As an aside, Spencer noted that NorPac sponsorship is likely still available but has not been pursued yet, waiting for COVID to blow over.
- 4.4.1.4. Todd recommended that we start accumulating budget money for B-netting because we renting it may not be a future option. Rental cost was a mere \$500 at State. Purchase costs (\$400 per roll), maintenance, and storage are all issues. Ryan recommended that we ask the ski areas to supply b-netting for a fee; others noted that OISRA b-netting needs are a low priority for ski area allocation. Todd will continue talking with PNSA regarding availability. No other action was taken.

4.5. Sportsmanship Director (Randy Hewitt)

4.5.1. Sportsmanship Program

- 4.5.1.1. Last season recap (see copy)
- 4.5.1.2. Proposed addition of Sportsmanship Program to the Alpine Policies as a sub-committee (see copy)
 - 4.5.1.2.1. Purpose of the proposal is to legitimize in the Policies a program that is appreciated and successful for 10 years running.
 - 4.5.1.2.2. Discussion included – some leagues find it difficult to implement but acknowledged that it's a league implementation problem. Gary wanted to know if there's flexibility in how to run it as a league because he's got stacks of unused cards.
 - 4.5.1.2.3. Ryan motioned acceptance of proposal as written to codify the sportsmanship program into to Policies. Seconded. Unanimous approval. Mike will insert the submitted verbiage into the posted Policies.

4.5.2. Kelsey's Race Preparations

- 4.5.2.1. January 2020 race recap (see copy)
- 4.5.2.2. Upcoming season race will be January 9, 2021. Confirmed by MHM as only date available (Pre-COVID)
- 4.5.2.3. Proposed addition to the Alpine Policies as a routine function of Alpine racing (see copy)
 - 4.5.2.3.1. Purpose of proposal is to document and legitimize a long running Alpine event, first Cato followed by Kelsey's Race. Policies should reflect protocols of the organization.

- 4.5.2.3.2. Discussion points of resistance focused primarily on obligating Alpine Division to hold the race.
 - 4.5.2.3.2.1. Recommendation to avoid mandatory language of Alpine Division being required to hold the race. Use language such as “sanctions” or “supports”.
 - 4.5.2.3.2.2. Gary feels strongly that the race is not a “competitive race” and doesn’t fit in the policies because it’s a “fun race”.
 - 4.5.2.3.2.3. Gary equates the race as a “basketball jamboree” that may or may not occur, but not a consistent Alpine Division function.
 - 4.5.2.3.2.4. Volunteer Director should be selected not “appointed” as written in the provided draft.
 - 4.5.2.3.2.5. Each league should have the opportunity to participate each year, or not.
 - 4.5.2.3.2.6. Address “liability exposure” of Alpine Division for sanctioning this race. Is there liability? Mike is concerned about this at the OISRA Board level.
- 4.5.2.3.3. Todd moved, Spencer seconded to table this proposal awaiting a refined proposal addressing the above objections. Ryan and Mike offered to help with some of the language.

4.6. State Race 2020 Recap (Southern League, Gary)

- 4.6.1. Noted that *flip seed* at State Race was a success.
- 4.6.2. Appreciated the money raised through donations and sponsorships.
 - 4.6.2.1. One challenge is the social event. Costly and hard to oversee the participation. Seems like lots of racers were dropped off then left.
 - 4.6.2.2. Another challenge is poor cell service at Mt. Ashland.
- 4.6.3. State Race intention to participate relations with OSSA (Mike)
 - 4.6.3.1. Mike has been the point person regarding OSSA participation and wants to relinquish this responsibility.
 - 4.6.3.2. Mike recommends that OSSA athletes register through their coach who then interacts with Spencer. Spencer suggested that OSSA teams submit a *Letter of Intent* to participate, binding them to a fixed number of participating teams.
- 4.6.4. State Race had two issues regarding race administration in the boys GS and SL races (Spencer)

- 4.6.4.1. Spencer advocated that we require race officials be USSS certified to avoid said issues.
- 4.6.4.2. Todd rebutted that it is difficult to get parents to commit the time to becoming certified. Maintaining consistent race officials is an ongoing challenge due to maturation of families out of the program.
- 4.6.4.3. Gary moved for Alpine to pay registration fees for league officials to successfully attend the PNSA/USSS certification class in the fall. Other costs such as USSS membership are not covered in this proposal.
 - 4.6.4.3.1. Seconded and unanimously approved.

4.7. State Race 2021 Preliminary introduction (Josh)

- 4.7.1. MHSRL has received a handbook drafted by Mike and encouraged that it would be a thorough guide if followed.
- 4.7.2. Josh presented the Hood River focus of all events. Venues in HR are already agreeable to the event.
- 4.7.3. Todd emphasized that holding coaches and officials meetings in HR adds undesirable travel time. Consider Govy for these meetings.

4.8. League Rep reports

- 4.8.1. Southern (Gary)
 - 4.8.1.1. Nothing else to report
- 4.8.2. Mt. Hood (Josh, substituting for Dane)
 - 4.8.2.1. Nothing else to report
- 4.8.3. Metro (Cedric)
 - 4.8.3.1. Wireless timing – what has been the experience of other leagues in using it?
 - 4.8.3.2. Metro has had wiring difficulties at 5 of 6 races last year. Todd offered to meet with him to offer tips.
 - 4.8.3.3. Maintenance crews need training. Spencer noted that Seth McCadam would be interested in hosting a maintenance class. Spencer will contact him.
- 4.8.4. Three Rivers (Spencer)
 - 4.8.4.1. 3RL is converting to a 501(c)3 and transferring assets accordingly
 - 4.8.4.2. Freestyle – By what process did it get eliminated? It was removed from Alpine's Policies without Alpine Steering Committee action.
 - 4.8.4.2.1. Ryan recalled that it happened at the OISRA Board level. No explanation for why it was skipped at the ASC level was proffered.

4.8.4.2.2. 3RL would like to see the Skiercross remain as an event at the State Race. Is it possible for a MHL to host it at MHM this year?

5. **Fall meeting date:** Sooner is better because of the possible COVID implications on school participation. September 12th is one possibility. Zoom meeting is preferred. Actual date to be determined later.
6. **Meeting adjourned:** 3:00 PM.