

Alpine Division
Fall Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
Part 1 (of 2)
September 23, 2020

Zoom Meeting: 7:30 PM – began on time.

ATTENDEES:

- Gary King, Alpine Director and Southern League
- Jesse Scroggins, Assistant Director
- Dave Munson, OISRA Executive Director
- Nora Semonsen, Alpine Admin Services
- Mike McManus, Alpine Treasurer
- Todd McNabb, Alpine Commissioner
- Cedric Bousquet, Metro League President
- Spencer Raymond, Three Rivers League President
- Dane Klindt, Mt. Hood League, President
- Randy Hewitt, Alpine Secretary
- Ryan Rooper, OISRA Board Liaison to Alpine

STEERING COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS

1. Reports

1.1. Gary began the meeting with upbeat optimism that skiing is a wonderful sport that should be

1.2. Treasurer (Mike McManus)

1.2.1. Budget discussion based on 500 athletes. If the numbers increase, then the outlook only improves. Estimated that State Race costs will be less due to reduced travel costs. Also estimated State participants to be 225 (or so) which is down about 50 racers from last year's high number.

1.2.2. \$5000 was added to the budget to compensate for sponsorship loss. Athlete registration fees were increased to \$61. \$30 goes to OISRA and \$31 to the Alpine Division.

1.2.3. Gary recommended that everyone be familiar with the OISRA expenses to justify the cost. Dave noted that a detailed list of OISRA expenses is available.

1.2.4. Spencer noted that Point S is in for \$5000 allocated toward State Race fees for both Nordic and Alpine. OSU Cascades is no longer a sponsor.

1.2.5. Motion to approve: Cedric, Seconded: Dane. Unanimous approval of the budget

1.3. OSAA application (Dave)

1.3.1. OISRA has been added to make a presentation at the Delegate Assembly which will be useful in answering common questions.

- 1.3.2. Only have a couple of schools that have responded with affirmative on OSAA participation. OSAA wants to see 25 affirmative schools.
- 1.3.3. Dave asks that the ASC encourage it's coaches to find out which schools are in favor.
- 1.3.4. Spencer asked "how much power do we lose or how independent do we remain when we are folded into OSAA?" Mike clarified that the 2 year probation period is intended for ironing out the potential wrinkles. If we are unhappy with the OSAA administrative control or the effect on the running of the State Race, then we can secede from the joint venture.

1.4. Registration (Nora Semonsen)

- 1.4.1. Comprehensive emails sent to coaches on 9/15/20. It opened on September 15th.
- 1.4.2. One course has been added to the mix: COVID summary.
- 1.4.3. Gary implored everyone to take care of their coach registration earlier than later.
- 1.4.4. Racer registration is still uncertain due to uncertain League positions on the limitations of the racing season.
- 1.4.5. Mike asked if OISRA should pay to have volunteer registered because they are actually volunteering for the league, not OISRA. Also, some volunteers are already registered as parents. Discussion included that the current volunteer form denotes OISRA waiver, not league. Nora noted that we should re-write the form to apply to Alpine, or the league(s). Mike volunteered to review the forms as an initial

2. Minutes of last meeting. Motion to approve: Todd. Seconded: Missed it. Approved unanimously.

3. League Indemnity Insurance update (Mike? Gary? Dave?)

- 3.1. Gary noted that he coached two 502(c)3 teams last year but is converting to 1 entity.
- 3.2. Gary discussed that COVID litigation is a possibility. Dave mentioned that COVID waivers and strong policies are the best strategy. Dave noted that OISRA has waivers in place and available to all of us. Nora is going to send them to the ASC members.
- 3.3. Metro (Cedric) is insured until November 1st. They are seeking a different company than last year to save money.
- 3.4. TRL (Spencer) is now a 501(c)3.

4. League updates on COVID policies/plans?

- 4.1. Review of OISRA COVID policy drafted by Jason Hattery (Todd)
 - 4.1.1. Met with Chris Kastner who was interested and receptive of the fact that we have a COVID policy.
- 4.2. Southern (Gary) –

- 4.2.1. Interested in copying Jason Hattery’s COVID draft. He reviewed some of Mt. Ashland’s policies.
- 4.2.2. Gary wondered if the club aspect can be explored. He wondered if the “full-time student” rule is going to be strictly enforced, noting that some students may be carrying less than full-time school loads.
- 4.3. Metro (Cedric) –
 - 4.3.1. Clarified that Metro had a task force that created Team Guidelines and more complete League Guidelines. They are also revising their league SOP to ensure that they are “reducing their footprint” on the hill. They are also going to abide by the resorts’ COVID policies because “it is their house”.
- 4.4. Three Rivers (Spencer/Todd) –
 - 4.4.1. Is going to follow the best guidance available and rely on Metro’s work and the ski areas requirements.
 - 4.4.2. Bib visible is likely going to be a full-time rule, possibly held by the resorts
- 4.5. Mt. Hood (Dane) –
 - 4.5.1. Noted that MHL (Jesse) has put together a simple COVID policy that essentially states that we are going to be following the resorts’ rules. Dane cautioned that we shouldn’t put responsibilities on our leagues in excess of the resorts’ requirements.
 - 4.5.2. Mt. Hood League is going to be depending on weekday racing, not night racing.
- 5. Ski Area training and race hill availability speculation (Gary)**
 - 5.1. The ski area manager’s meeting that was supposed to be 9/24/20 has been postponed, compounding the uncertainty of available racing.
 - 5.2. Dane spoke with Chris Olson but was left with the impression that they don’t know what their policies are going to be.
 - 5.3. Several theories about limited tickets, limited numbers of races were aired.
 - 5.4. Jesse noted that we should try our best to have a “united front” to work in cooperation with ourselves and the ski areas.
- 6. State Race Scenarios (Dane)**
 - 6.1. Mt. Hood League was on a good track of organizing but now it has come to a halt due to several obstacles including school districts, State COVID guidelines, scheduling and sponsorships.
 - 6.1.1. In general, MHL doesn’t feel it will be possible. Jesse opines that we need a “drop dead” date of holding the race. First we need to find out if we’re having a race season, then decide on State Race.
 - 6.1.2. Awards ceremony and racer social isn’t looking possible
 - 6.1.3. Coach and officials meetings may be Zoom
 - 6.1.4. MHL would like to host the 2022 race since this year is going to be truncated.
 - 6.2. Todd asked about meeting the 6 race qualification standard.

- 6.2.1.1. Gary noted that we have a “force majeure” policy that could allow us to deal with this later.
 - 6.2.2. Obstacles to be overcome
 - 6.2.3. Gary wanted to remain positive that it’s possible. He volunteered bringing the race to Ashland but many obstacles may preclude this.
- 7. Private charter and alternative schools proposal by Jason Hattery needs to be reviewed and voted on. (Mike)**
 - 7.1. Mike presented the written draft
 - 7.2. Spencer voiced opposition
 - 7.3. Motion: Todd and seconded Spencer to table this until the next meeting allowing Jason Hattery to present it himself.
- 8. Sportsmanship Program addition to Alpine policies.**
 - 8.1. Mike re-wrote the previously approve policies proposal emphasizing formation of a committee rather than a Director.
 - 8.2. Some questions arose from unfamiliarity with the verbiage of Director and Committee, etc.
 - 8.3. Spencer recommended editing line 4 to allow the Director to choose the committee.
 - 8.4. Motioned by Dane, seconded by Spencer, to accept the proposed Sportsmanship Program addition to the Alpine policies.
- 9. Part 2 of Fall meeting date: October 21, 7:30 PM Zoom**
- 10. Meeting adjourned 9:43 PM.**