

Alpine Division
Fall Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes
Part 2 (of 2)
November 12, 2020

Zoom Meeting: 7:05 PM

ATTENDEES:

- Gary King, Alpine Director and Southern League President
- Dave Munson, OISRA Executive Director
- Nora Semonsen, Alpine Admin Services
- Mike McManus, Alpine Treasurer
- 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
- Jinny Martin, Zoom host extraordinaire

ABSENT:

- Jesse Scroggins, Assistant Director
- Todd McNabb, Alpine Commissioner

STEERING COMMITTEE CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Reports

- 1.1. Gary began the meeting noting that some teams have not yet “thrown in the towel” on racing.
- 1.2. **Treasurer (Mike McManus)**
 - 1.2.1. Wants to poll leagues to set budget. 551 skier participated last year.
 - 1.2.1.1. Each league chimed in for a total of about 420 racers. Mike’s budget is based on 400.
 - 1.2.1.2. Mike submitted a formal budget based on \$28 OISRA fees and \$15 Alpine Division for a total of \$43 for registration dues.
 - 1.2.2. Budget discussion acknowledged NOT including the State Race. Mike noted that State Race could be “self-funded” because it essentially pays for itself with user fees and some sponsorships.
 - 1.2.3. Sportsmanship budget of \$1500 is not sponsored this year in the way it has been. Budgeting will need to come from the Alpine budget and there is money to do it.
 - 1.2.4. **Motion:** Spencer, Seconded, Cedric. Unanimously affirmed.

1.2.4.1. “Approve the budget as presented with the stipulation that the State Race is *unfunded* in this budget but the option of holding the state race is still open.”

1.3. Registration (Nora Semonsen)

1.3.1. Noted that last year had a bit of a confusion with paying for registration and proposed a correction

1.3.2. Correction is the registrant doesn't pay during registration, a \$0 will be presented on registration. The league then assesses the \$28 (OISRA) + \$15 (Alpine) funds + league fees. Then the league forwards the money to the appropriate treasurer for OISRA and Alpine.

1.3.3. Nora asked if each league is ready for registration to be opened.

1.3.3.1. Some discussion about whether league indemnity insurance is necessary before registration opens. The conclusion is that indemnity insurance is not required in advance of registration.

1.3.4. Discussion of introductory language noting that there are two fees, \$28 + \$15

1.3.5. Registration deadline is December 19th, “although there are always exceptions”.

1.3.6. **ACTION STEP:** Academic Eligibility forms are detailed and lengthy. Nora needs to know which schools/coaches will need Academic Eligibility arrangements

1.3.6.1. Dave will work with Nora on sorting which schools/coaches need these

1.3.7. FERPA is possibly necessary if there ends-up being a State qualification.

1.3.7.1. Sending the FERPA as an attachment would be handy, although the A3 registered schools will not need FERPA.

1.3.8. **ACTION STEP:** Most school agreement forms have not been turned in. Nora does not have many of them yet. Coaches need to get cracking and get them signed and sent to Nora.

1.3.9. **ACTION STEP:** Coaches need to register. It has been open, it needs to be done, and many coaches are not in compliance. Spencer noted that USSS certification meets most OISRA points (except 1) – but it was possibly a side issue.

1.3.9.1. The league reps need to be involved in enforcing coach registration. Nora's job does not include bare knuckle enforcement.

1.3.9.2. Mike asked that all coaches communicate to Nora which schools will be registering (in what status).

1.3.10. Gary asked that **more information about OISRA** be included in the registration link. Gary was in favor of giving new registrants more information. Nora countered that the parents are inundated with information and would rather put it in the confirmation email.

1.3.11. Coaches can ask Nora for access to team rosters once registration is underway.

1.3.12. Registration will probably be opened tomorrow, November 14th. She will send the announcement to the coaches and league reps.

2. State Race Discussions

- 2.1. Mike noted when discussing the budget that many obstacles stand in the way of a State Race.
- 2.2. Spencer noted that **holding** a State Race is separate from **funding** one. Holding onto the prospect of having some sort of “end of the season event”. He also pointed out that the OISRA championship trophies shouldn’t just lay fallow.
- 2.3. Dane noted that we can’t hold a “true State Race” without having regular protocols and qualifications. It isn’t right for the State Cups and other awards to be distributed when all the leagues and all contenders have not had a fair shot at qualifying and competing.
- 2.4. Cedric, also asked that we not “close the door” on the option of a State Race.
- 2.5. Dave cautioned that a State Race including qualifications and awards will cross the boundary of a “training season” into the arena of a school sanctioned sport – just like all the years in the past. This could lead to complications with school and OSAA COVID policies (i.e. other sports aren’t having state competitions). Dickey territory.
- 2.6. A final word on the State Race hangs in suspended animation.

3. COVID Policy (Gary and Jinny)

- 3.1. Noted that there are several layers of policies – the schools, the mountain, OISRA, and league.
- 3.2. Jinny Martin wrote a Nordic policy based on the OHA “non-contact” guidelines (October 15th). It’s posted on the OISRA website COVID information page: <https://oisra.org/home/oisra-information-regarding-coronavirus-covid-19.html>
- 3.3. Mike pointed out that it is **NOT** OISRA’s position to set the COVID policy for the leagues.
- 3.4. Dane asked if the Alpine Division is going to set a policy for all of us. Spencer recommended that Alpine adopt a modified version of Jinny’s Nordic draft. It was also recommended that individual leagues “do what you need to do” to meet specific needs.
- 3.5. **Motion**: Dane, Seconded, Spencer. Unanimous decision.
 - 3.5.1. “The Alpine Division should appropriately modify the Nordic COVID policy for use by each league.”

4. Early start for Southern League

- 4.1. During random conversation the fact that Southern league schools have already hosted dry land training prior to OISRA registration exposed some confusion. Gary explained that he was meeting requirements of his school system.
- 4.2. Spencer eloquently explained that leagues agree to work under the Alpine banner in a collaborative effort. It behooves us to act in synchronicity rather than as a random bunch of leagues.
- 4.3. All-in-all, not a big deal topic.

5. Sponsorship (Spencer)

5.1. Point S wants to be back for \$5000 and possibly something for an end-o-season event but they are a bit “confused” about what they are sponsoring. More to come...

6. Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

ADDENDUM: November 16, 2020

Mike McManus submitted the Fall 2020-2021 revised season agenda reflecting the changes discussed in this meeting.