

**Minutes OISRA Fall Board Meeting
October 7, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

Present

Mike McManus, President (from Alpine Division)
Eric Martin, Vice-President (from Nordic Division)
Ryan Rooper, Treasurer and Alpine Liaison
John Collins, Nordic Liaison
Todd McNabb, Alpine Commissioner
Jinny Martin, Board Secretary
Dave Munson, Executive Director

Absent

Laura Gentry from Alpine Division

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm. A quorum was present.

Alpine Report - Todd McNabb

- Projected Alpine numbers are 600 skiers
- New Alpine secretary is Matt Galli (from Southern League) – Matt will also be the new Southern League Rep
- Scott Pohlschneider, a coach from West Albany, was at the Alpine meeting representing West Albany and the Alpine Race League that includes teams from the old Emerald League, plus Sisters.
 - Scott expressed interested in exploring the possibility of these teams coming back into OISRA – has 60-90 athletes.
 - Scott gave some updated information about OSSA (old Central League) – not getting much information from them yet this season
 - If a new league is added to OISRA, it can be added whenever Scott makes that decision. Will not postpone OISRA Alpine student registration because of uncertainty about new league.
- Alpine Steering Committee voted on adopting a COVID mandate for coaches to be vaccinated or get an exemption through school officials (for school-based teams) or through OISRA executive director (for non-school-based teams). Alpine volunteers do not have to be vaccinated.
- State Championships will be at Mt. Hood Meadows – race headquarters at Hood River. Have not decided about an awards ceremony.
- Discussion at Alpine General Meeting about the Alpine race rule (Alpine Policies, D2) that describes flipping second run start orders at the state races. A coach had not understood that the Alpine steering committee is the body that has the authority to amend Alpine policies – and that the coaches at a general meeting do not vote on policy changes.
- Alpine Steering Committee approved Alpine budget as submitted by Mike McManus
 - OISRA Board will approve Alpine budget by email vote later
- Kelsey's Race is set for January 8, 2022 – even though Metro league may have a conflict for their own league race on that date. Discussion about possibility of moving Kelsey's Race to the end of the season – but group did not want to change the scheduled date at this time.
- The Alpine Division purchased B-netting that was distributed to leagues and can be collectively used for the state championships – means there will be more resources to keep venue safe.

- Canby is a new team.
- Alpine leagues are back to a more regular season of having 6 league races and having races on the weekends.

1. Preliminaries

Approve minutes of May 21, 2021 meeting

MOTION: Eric M. moves to approve minutes of May 21, 2021 meeting. John C. seconds.

VOTE: unanimous approval

Approve treasurer's report

MOTION: Ryan R. moves to approve treasurer's report. Eric M. seconds.

VOTE: unanimous approval

Discussion:

Mike McManus and Dave Munson have been reviewing the OISRA financial records annually in compliance with the 501 (C) 3 requirement.

Budget for 2021-22

MOTION: Eric M. moves to approve the 2021-22 budget. Ryan R. seconds.

VOTE: unanimous approval.

Discussion:

Expenses will be pretty much the same as last year, except for some increase in insurance and increased Active fees for Nordic volunteers registering separately and for collecting refundable deposits for coaches' training

Alpine OISRA fees are \$28

Nordic OISRA fees are \$45

Certified coaches' fees are \$20

Helper coaches' fees are \$10

Alpine provisional skiers' fees are \$28

Nordic provisional skiers' fees are \$40

Approved budget will be emailed to all board members.

2. Old Business

Registration details

- Deadline date for student registration is Dec. 5, 2021.
- After Dec. 5th, a \$20 late fee will be charged for late registration for both Alpine and Nordic students. Students, with their coach's approval, can register any time prior to starting to train with the team or racing.
- Registration for coaches is already open.
- Registration for students will open on October 15, 2021.
- Nordic parents will register separately as volunteers – Nordic parents will no longer register as volunteers within the registration process for Nordic students.
- Alpine parents can continue to register as volunteers within the registration process for Alpine students.
- Alpine coaches, Nordic coaches, and Nordic volunteers will show proof of vaccination during registration process.
- Unanimous agreement that FERPA forms will no longer be required for Alpine or Nordic.

OSAA Emerging Activities Report – Dave Munson

- Each OSAA Delegate Assembly member already has in their hands the OISRA application requesting Skiing be accepted as an OSAA Emerging Activity.
- Dave will be going to the OSAA October Delegate Assembly meeting next week and making a short presentation.
- At this 2021 October Delegate Assembly meeting, there will be a first reading of OISRA's request to have Skiing be approved as an OSAA Emerging Activity.
- The vote on whether Skiing is approved as an OSAA Emerging Activity will take place at the 2022 OSAA Spring Delegate Assembly meeting.
- If approved, then Skiing will become an OSAA Emerging Activity, starting in the fall of 2022 for a 2-year probationary period
- After the probationary period, the Delegate Assembly will review how Skiing worked out as an Emerging Activity, and they will determine if Skiing can become adopted as an OSAA Activity.

3. New Business

Seniors – Less than full time enrolled

MOTION: Ryan R. moves that if OSAA approves amending the full-time enrollment requirements for seniors who are on track to graduate by allowing them to participate even if they are not enrolled full time per OSAA rules, then OISRA will adopt the same rules for seniors this season. John C. seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Discussion: Jinny will email the Board and Division officers if this rule change happens.

Nordic Report – Eric Martin

- Nordic changed policy about allowing students to drive to on-snow practices. Families are responsible for getting students to on-snow venues. If a family is comfortable with their student driving, then the OISRA Nordic policy no longer prohibits the student from driving.

MOTION: John C. moves for the Board to approve the Nordic Division policy change about driving to on-snow practices. Eric M. seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

- The Nordic Steering Committee approved a budget for 2021-22.

MOTION: Ryan R. moves for the Board to approve the Nordic 2021-22 budget. Eric M. seconds

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Discussion:

- A bare-bones budget with no food at races and no banquet.
- Renting a Parks & Rec pavilion space for outdoor awards ceremony for state.
- Students will pay for trail passes for state meet, unless Nordic gets another sponsor.
- Relationship with CORA (a sponsor for 15 years) is good. At the end of the season, have a "learn to ski" day for CORA staff that everyone enjoys.

- Caldera is a new team in Bend – will be in Southern League. Committed new coach is getting the program started.
- Steering Committee approved Nordic Division COVID-19 Guidelines: coaches and volunteers get vaccinated or get an exemption through school officials (for school-based teams) or through OISRA executive director (for non-school-based teams). Follow OHA masking rules.
- Back to regular competition schedule and state meet formats.
- Number-wise, expecting similar numbers to last year, maybe a little bigger. The new high school will be taking skiers from Bend High and Summit, so may not add more numbers overall – but will be improving balance of numbers in Northern League and Southern League.
- Have one coach who does not plan to be vaccinated and does not want to apply for an exemption to vaccination requirement – chooses to step away from coaching this season. Trying to figure out ways to keep the team skiing by recruiting another coach for help or by absorbing the skiers into Mt. View or Caldera teams for practices on snow and races.

Exemptions for those who will not be vaccinated

- Unanimous agreement that the OISRA Executive Director will have the authority to deal with these exemptions for coaches of non-school-based teams.
- Dave will accept the exemption form designed by OHA.
- The Board agreed that a standardized set of “additional requirements” for those who are unvaccinated will be decided by Dave and Jinny, when they follow up with more discussion outside of this meeting. The board members shared their thoughts, and Eric will find out more about how CORA is handling additional requirements for their staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Jinny Martin, Board Secretary