

**Minutes for OISRA Board Meeting
May 21, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

Present:

Mike McManus, President
Eric Martin, Vice-President
Ryan Rooper, Treasurer and Alpine Liaison
Laura Gentry, Alpine Division
John Collins, Nordic Liaison
Dave Munson, Executive Director
Jinny Martin, Board Secretary

Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

1. Preliminaries

MOTION: John Collins moves to approve the November 5, 2020 minutes as written. Laura Gentry seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

MOTION: Ryan Rooper moves to approve the financial report as presented. John Collins seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Discussion of finances:

- For 2020-21, OISRA had a net income of \$1,574, which means the budgeting for 2020-21 worked out well, despite all the uncertainties of the pandemic.
- Budget was based on 250 Nordic skiers and 500 Alpine skiers.
- Actual numbers were 215 Nordic skiers and 372 Alpine skiers.
- Would like to revisit the process of having leagues or teams paying for OISRA fees, instead of individuals paying during online registration.

Recognition of election of board members

The following Board positions were filled by board members who were re-elected for 2-year terms:

Position 1: John Collins (Nordic)

Position 3: Ryan Rooper (Alpine)

Position 5: Mike McManus (Alpine)

Officers from 2020-21 continued in the same offices for 2021-22: Mike McManus, President; Eric Martin, Vice-President; Ryan Rooper Alpine Liaison; John Collins, Nordic Liaison

Annual Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director

Unanimous approval of the excellent job the Executive Director is doing. Dave Munson is committed to continue in the position of Executive Director until the OSAA emerging sports issue is resolved.

2. Old Business

Executive Director's Report

Dave Munson reported that both divisions did everything they could to make the 2020-21 ski season work during the pandemic. Both divisions developed and followed appropriate COVID-19 policies and had successful seasons, including competitions. Ski areas accepted protocols for competition events, recognizing that limited numbers of participants were present within competition areas at any one time. Skiers and parents expressed a lot of gratitude for the experiences that were provided.

OSAA Emerging Sports Update

Emerging sports was an agenda item for the OSAA Delegate Assembly Spring meeting. Delegate Assembly members expressed concerns, including

- thinking about how to accommodate ALL imaginable emerging sports,
- differences in how different OSAA classifications approached the topic,
- possible conflicts with the activities/sports they already have, especially considering the way the pandemic has affected their sports seasons this school year.

Outcome was that the Delegate Assembly did not approve any emerging sports at their spring meeting.

OISRA board's reaction is to **wait until regular high school sports get back to normal** before taking any more actions toward making skiing become an OSAA emerging activity.

- Athletic directors currently have their hands full trying to handle the adjustments to all their OSAA sports/activities due to the pandemic.
- Dave Munson can continue to get advice from Peter Weber (the OSAA Executive Director, who is in favor of skiing becoming an emerging sport) and can plan to get onto the Delegate Assembly's agenda for a presentation at their October meeting.
- When the timing is good, OISRA board members can approach more school athletic directors and principals to discuss skiing as an emerging sport.

3. New Business

Nordic Report by Eric Martin, with comments from John Collins

- Nordic Division had a net income of about \$500.
- Did not have a state meet, so there were few expenses.
- Parent support was awesome.
- The teams in Mt. Hood League got ski equipment out to their students so they could go out and ski, but they didn't have any formal training sessions or competitions. Kids skied with their families and more families became involved.
- Teams in Central Oregon (from both Northern League and Southern League) came together for four, mid-week, time trial events.
 - These events ran exceptionally smoothly.
 - Only one team was at the venue on the course at a time. All skiers from one team completed the time trial course before the next team arrived at the course.
 - Faster skiers went first, so there was little passing on the course.
 - Each time trial competition took all day to run— from 9:00 am to 4:00 or 5:00 pm.
 - Two events were held at Mt. Bachelor and two at Meissner Ski Trails (a local sno park). The last event extended onto a course on Forest Service land that was new for all the racers, so it was celebrated as a unique "final race."
 - No awards were given at any time during the season. Results were posted on the OISRA website.

- Additionally, one time trial event was held at Diamond Lake so that the Ashland skiers could have one competition for their season. Three Southern League teams attended this event.
- One parent timed all teams for all events – stayed at the venue the whole day. This kept consistency for timing.
- Kids were assigned one bib for the whole season.
- No food at the races
- Was an “easy” season for a coach as far as time commitment for competitions. You were at a time trial event long enough for only your own team members to ran through the course. There were no wax parties or pasta feeds, no gatherings for awards.
- Eric outfitted 100 kids on rental equipment, so got lots of kids on snow.

Alpine Report by Mike McManus, with comments from Ryan Rooper and Laura Gentry

- Financially, the Alpine division ended with \$4,400 to the good – can lower division dues next season. Were few division expenses without a traditional state championship event.
- Mt. Hood League decided early on they would not be hosting a state meet – was at a time when no resort would commit to hosting any races.
- Later in the season some Alpine coaches (Spencer Raymond, Willie Scroggins, and Jason Hattery) organized an end-of-the-season competition.
 - Did not follow all the OISRA Alpine rules regarding qualifications for this final competition but worked out a fair way to decide who was invited to the event.
 - Included competitors from the teams from the old Emerald League and Central Oregon League – including two racers from Bend High School.
 - Was held at Ski Bowl, and 100 girls and 100 boys competed.
 - Ski Bowl did a great job supporting the end-of-the-season event.
 - No in-person coaches’ meeting or gatekeeper meetings – all were on Zoom. (Might continue these types of Zoom meetings for future races.)
- All race events were held mid-week.
 - Ski Bowl did a phenomenal job supporting high school ski racing this year.
 - Worked out a plan with Ski Bowl where they could rent the hill at a time mid-week when Ski Bowl was not open to the public. They got a whole hill and a chair lift to themselves for \$150 per hour with a 4-hour minimum. No lift lines; kids and maintenance crews rotated through quickly.
 - Most leagues got in 4 races for the season.
 - TRL and Metro had a race and a half on each race day
 - Metro League went to Willamette Pass for the Boys’ GS after the final season competition, so they would have a Boys’ GS for Metro League awards
- Coaches deserve a lot of credit for following the COVID-19 policies and working out transportation issues, etc.
- Parents were totally thankful, and kids were excited to be competing in a high school sport during a time when high school activities were limited and other sports were not having competitions due to COVID-19. Was a wonderful season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jinny Martin, Board Secretary