Alpine Steering Committee – Spring Meeting  
15350 SW Sequoia Parkway, Portland

May 11, 2019

Present:  
Mike McManus – Board Member (non-voting)  
Ryan Rooper – Alpine Asst. Director, Board President  
Todd McNabb – Alpine Commissioner  
Spencer Raymond – TRL Rep  
Laura Gentry – Metro Rep  
Dane Klint – Mt. Hood League Rep  
Jason Hattery – 2019 State Chair (non-voting)

Absent:  
Dave Munson – OISRA Exec. Director  
Gary King – Alpine Director, Southern Rep

Coaches who showed up at some point:  
Steve Urdahl - OES  
Randy Hewitt – sportsmanship coordinator

Meeting Minutes

- Ryan Rooper called meeting to order at 9:42am

- Last meeting minutes
  o Not to be found

- OISRA leadership discussion
  o Is Dave Munson staying on as Exec. Dir? Ryan says, yes, Dave likes the parts he took on last year, such as insurance and registration troubleshooting.
  o All positions are filled at the statewide level, except for OISRA Treasurer
  o Spencer motions to install Mike McManus as Alpine treasurer, Dane seconds. Motion passes unopposed.
  o Looking for statewide OISRA Treasurer, Ryan explains it’s mostly transfers of donations to divisions. Responsibilities entail four board meetings and bookkeeping
    - Thrivia is a mess, says Laura, they take a big chunk, there’s got to be a better way. Jason chimed in saying the user experience is lackluster and it’s dated. Backend is not easy. Thrivia going through some back-end updates over the next year.
    - Thrivia is a database for our backend administrative and registration stuff. It’s based on a 20-year-old system that is now getting upgraded because Flash is going away.
  o Nora coming online to do more of the registration work.
  o Laura motions that Dave Munson is appointed as Alpine Secretary. Spencer seconds. Motion passes unopposed. (Later, when Randy Hewitt arrived, he volunteered for secretary and indicated he’d talk with Dave to confirm positions and update the Steering Committee.)
• Commissioners report:
  o Western High School Task Force is trying to put together a western region HS championship. OR, CA, NV, UT all there, in addition to Central OSSA. Topics like field size, for ex. OISRA gets 12 male/female slots, so does OSSA. We don’t know if it’s team or individual yet, but sounds like individual. Date tentatively week after our state race. A concern is athletes schedules, missing school and spring sports. Things for us to discuss… are we in favor? How do we nominate? Likely at mammoth. It’s a USSA Event. Athletes and Coaches need (temp) licenses. Non-scoring race.
    ▪ **Spencer motions for Todd to continue communication, learning about Western High School Championship Task Force and to create committee of coaches to brainstorm athlete qualification ideas to present at Fall Alpine Meeting. Dane seconds. Motion not voted on but implied this will happen.**
  o Very interesting first year, says Todd. Saw a lot of stuff behind the scenes.
  o Travel/visiting other league worked out well. Helped Mt. Hood with timing.
  o State
    ▪ Bnet is hard to set up
    ▪ Course setting ideally has experienced people but it’s not perfect. Sometimes it ends up being same people because they are known quantities

• Treasurer report:
  o Ryan shared financial reports
  o Review of alpine budget passed in the fall, discussion of PointS Sponsorship
    ▪ Discussion of metro state budget and the fact that there was a “vote” to allocate $5000 of the PointS sponsorship to Metro
    ▪ **Spencer makes motion to reaffirm $5000 of PointS monies to Metro League for planning of 2019 State Race. Dane seconds. Was some discussion. Tried to call Gary, no luck. Ryan concerned about precedent setting. Vote: Laura-abstains, Dane-yes, Spencer-yes, Todd-yes, Ryan-yes. Motion passes**
      ▪ Ryan made note about having good meeting minutes like stuff like this doesn’t happen anymore.
  o Mike will be new Treasurer
  o **Ryan makes motion to accept treasurer report, Dane seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

• State Race Report: Jason H.
  o Great success from participant point of view.
  o Execution has some hiccups, bnet crew small so lots of learning, we could have done a few things better on the back end
  o No major emergencies.
Biggest takeaway, dealing with Meadows getting rave venues, get venue going as early as possible, like the SOPs say, to get confirmation by previous year’s state. Need a better, more detailed contract for event (runs, manpower, equipment, salt, ticket prices, etc.) Also would have been helpful to be more helpful to understand the overall race schedule in the State among other resorts. Lodging at resort at the mt would have made things easier, but we didn’t know until later if we’re gonna be at mt. hood or not.

Discussion of coaches meeting etiquette and engagement. Idea to flip timing of spring/fall meetings to make general session before steering committee session.

Laura says it was hard to front a bunch of expenses on Metro’s behalf. Makes cash flow difficult.

Mike discussed his intention to create handbook/guide for host league and SCRC

Discussion of extra expenses to reimburse Metro for some, what they see as, shared expenses. Robin Cressy Video ($500 of $1000 total) and official jackets (797.40) for a total of $1297.40. Laura thinks Metro League should pay for jackets, and she suggests considering Cressy Video be added to overall division state budget

- Spencer motions to appropriate $500 from Alpine Division to Metro League to reimburse part of Cressy Video expense. Dane seconds. Motions passes unanimously.

Randy Hewitt is here for Sportsmanship Update:

- Great letter from an athlete thanking Randy for great race and fun times
- Maybe a future discussion about moving race to December
- Randy shared that Southern may be interested in attending next year.
- Randy shared some feedback on website and alpine division business
- Randy suggest scheduling fall meeting to have general meeting prior to meeting of steering committee. A consensus has been collected around this.
- Randy suggests adding sportsmanship program (and Kelsey’s Race) and director formally into the Alpine Policies. Will work with Mike to create formal document changes to seek vote approval at Fall meeting. A consensus has been reached on this.
- Randy requests leagues designate Sportsmanship Coordinator as part of their “official” volunteer position list. Emphasized that this position is just as important as other important positions, and that it needs to be thought of that way.
- Randy suggests Sportsmanship Director become non-voting member of Alpine Committee. Consensus to have Randy and Mike work together to add this to policies and review proposal at fall meeting. Consensus to work on this.

Laura points a discrepancy between policies and rules to have five or six league races.

- Consensus to direct Mike to edit rules/policies to reflect six races and present back at Fall meeting. Rule b.1.c needs to change to six.
- Laura makes a motion to change rule b.1.c. to change from five to six races. Dane seconded it. Discussion talked about ability of the Division to allow for low snow years, as per existing policy. Motion passes unanimously.
• Spencer brings up idea to change individual championship award at state from combined time to overall points of two races. Lots of discussion about what the philosophy of the individual championship should be and pros/cons of the time vs points. Time may give advantage to some racers while points may also depending on finish.
  o Dane brings up point that oisra originally was for regulars to learn to race and feels that lately oisra has been trying to do more things to accommodate USSA skiers.
  o Laura mentions that we are examining what our intentions are.
  o Dane has direction from his coaches on how they stand on this topic.
  o Laura asks if we need to take this to the leagues or not, based on the league reps feelings on if this raises level of league discussion.
  o Dane wants to clarify combined definition as solely time, so he thinks we need to follow world cup example for season-long series based on points, and then a final race in one weekend that’s based on time. He feels it’s important we stay on combined time.

• Todd brings up Flip 30 discussion
  o Discussion of how flip works in general and at TRL
  o Dane feels that it makes stronger teams stronger, suggests idea of flipping first seed only
  o Quite a bit of discussion about making stronger teams stronger. Also discussion about how this helps teams.
  o Laura points out that dynamic is different in Metro vs. TRL in that metro has more teams of smaller numbers
  o Spencer asks for consensus that we table until Gary can contribute (fall meeting). Dane suggests that league reps come prepared to Fall meeting to decide on Flip.
  o Dane likes ideas of flipping first seed.

• Spencer brings up OSAA cooperative agreement
  o Spencer reported specifics he learned from phone call with OSAA.
  o Laura shared details of two Metro league composite teams
  o Dane shared details of origin of Dufer/The Dallas joining up
  o Ryan shared background of stacking teams issues
  o Steve Urdahl from OES shared his feelings
  o Dane motions to adopt composite rule change as sent from Spencer (attached). Spencer seconds.
  o Laura asks if alpine steering committee needs to approve or not. Dane says that he likes idea of discussion if teams should be exclusive or race as part of one team. Some discussion ensues.
  o Motion passes to adopt OSAA guidance for composite team designation and Alpine Division. Laura-no, Dane-yes, Spencer-yes, Todd-yes.
• Spencer brings up Bib rule.
  o Todd shares story of incident at state and identification.
  o Discussion of motivation ranged from coolness, size, and stuff.
  o Laura to share with group Metro’s new bib rule to consider bringing up again in the Fall
    and/or edit for more discussion later.
  o Todd mentioned that Mt. Hood Meadows wants bibs on. Dane said he asked Meadows
    about the bib rule but hadn’t heard anything back yet.

• Ryan brings up idea of compensating Ryan for treasurer services.
  o 1600 was given to Richard for Alpine Division and Treasurer and Secretary.
  o Laura motions that $1600 budget for Alpine division Treasurer and Secretary be
    compensated to Ryan for his Treasurer work during the 18-19 season. Todd seconds.
    Motion Passes unanimously except for Ryan who abstains.

• Ryan offers to be Alpine Secretary and will connect with Dave Munson to figure out the
  situation. Committee was agreeable.

• Laura requests that we schedule these meetings (much) further in advance.
  o Group suggested dates of Oct 26, 27, Nov 2.

• Steve Urdahl brings up concern that there’s been some inconsistencies in qualifying for state
  race. Specifically he talks about how big teams are, and how in TRL with six-person teams, the
  sixth person can contribute team points, but that’s not the case in other leagues. Points out that
  leagues can figure it out on their own. Conversation shifts to alternates at state and if they
  should count or not for results.
  o Spencer seeks consensuses to table alternate discussion to fall meeting and asks
    league reps to get data from their coaches. Dane seconds.

• Spencer brings up idea of having OSSA coaches join these meetings and generally makes
  inspiring comment to keep up state race unification efforts.
  o Randy asks for group to fwd OSSA contacts to him so he can invite them to Kelsey’s
    Race.
  o Mike brings up idea of contacting Emerald League schools to race with OISRA. Inclusivity
    was emphasized by the group.

• Meeting Adjourned at 3:59pm by Ryan.

Respectfully submitted by Spencer Raymond.