

New York State Ski Racing Association - Nordic, Inc.  
FALL MEETING MINUTES  
SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica  
Sunday, September 27, 2009

President Jim Kobak called the meeting at 12:30 PM and welcomed those present including Eric Hamilton, Carl Klossner, David Kvam, Lee Mahood, Tom Moffett, Russ Myer, Darwin Roosa, and Larry Wilkinson. Jim Kobak noted that all present were eligible to vote, being an officer, committee chair or regional representative.

Minutes of the May 3, 2009 spring meeting were approved as e-distributed on a motion by Lee Mahood, Darwin Roosa second, carried.

Treasurer's report was distributed by Lee Mahood and is attached.

### **Empire State Games**

There was no representative from the ESG office. Larry Wilkinson read excerpts of the letter to sports chairs. The Winter Games will be held in Lake Placid on February 19 - 21. Entry fees will be \$10 for open and scholastic and \$40 for Masters. Note that this is per sport basis. If competing in two winter games sports (i e biathlon and cross country) the athlete competing in the open class would pay \$20. Anyone who qualifies must register and pay prior to February 17 at 11 PM.

### **Cross Country Ski**

Larry Wilkinson reported that all registration will be on line at SkiReg.com. All race organizers will receive a letter outlining the new sanction agreement. The agreement will include a request for a certificate of insurance. All races will be run by NYSSRA member clubs and be sanctioned by NYSSRA - Nordic. The race organizer will provide a course map and race organization structure.

### **Biathlon**

Carl Klossner reported that the final schedule is set and will be posted. The committee reviewed the qualification rules. Russ Myer added that the Summer Biathlon Championships were quite successful.

### **Ski Orienteering**

Eric Hamilton reported that we have a calendar of 9 ESG qualifiers including a new one at Old Forge. There are seven possible open dates at this time.

### **Bill Koch Youth Ski League**

Eric Hamilton reported that the Mid Atlantic Bill Koch Festival will be March 13 and 14 at Lapland Lake. Ribbon sets are available for clubs by contacting Eric. The Tug Hill Screammers will be skiing at Osceola and the Harry Potter Day will most likely be Saturday, January 2. Quote of the day at the Bill Koch Committee meeting was, "...No skier left behind!" by Lori Vezendy.

## **Fund Raising**

There is no formal fund raising going on at present, but if you have an idea contact Jim Kobak. Jim will be reviewing the products available at the on-line shop <http://www.cafepress.com/nyssra/> to see if the items are still appropriate. We make some money off this but generally less than \$100.

## **Newsletter**

Tom Chappel is trying to put together two issues a year. Jim Kobak will contact him about something for the Adirondack Sports and Fitness Ski Show in early November, even if it's only a one or two pager.

## **Competition Manual**

David Kvam will contact Bruce Mossberg about putting together a 2009 - 2010 Competition Manual without schedules. Jim Kobak entertained a motion that we eliminate a printed Manual and associated mailing costs. Eric Hamilton so moved, Lee Mahood second, carried unanimously. Even though all the information is available on the web it is not all in one place. An electronic version will be posted. In the meantime David Kvam will take down the 08 - 09 Competition Manual to eliminate confusion.

## **Membership**

Jim Kobak announced that membership renewals will all be done on line this year. This will significantly reduce costs and volunteer time. In addition the current membership list will be updated in real time, synchronized with race entry. We will be mailing a post card reminder to renew your membership. New membership year starts October 1.

## **Liability Insurance**

Sean Halligan is the new insurance committee chair. Jim Kobak noted that his experience in the insurance field sure would be a service to the organization.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Amendment to Bylaws** - Jim Kobak explained that the revisions are to change from regional representation to club representatives. Refer to the on line published agenda for the wording of the revisions. Darwin Roosa called a point of order to check for a quorum. Jim noted that 3 regions were still represented and a number of officers still present fulfilled the quorum. Eric Hamilton moved that we revise the bylaws, Darwin Roosa second, carried unanimously.

## **Finalize Winter Schedule**

Jim Kobak noted the schedule as posted on line and projected.

## **Presidential Citation**

Jim Kobak took great pleasure in presenting a presidential citation to the Shenendehowa Nordic Club who met the criteria last season. In receiving the recognition for the local club Eric Hamilton noted that several clubs probably met the criteria, but someone has to document the club's successes. Jim Kobak suggested that the organization's officers could take a more aggressive approach in seeking out those local clubs who deserve this recognition.

### **501(c)(3) Status**

We do not have a determination by IRS that we are a 501(c)(3). The organization only recently learned that we are no longer covered under a parent NYSSRA organization. That parent organization was dissolved as NYSSRA - Alpine took over that parent organization. This was confirmed with an on-line check at [www.state.ny.us](http://www.state.ny.us) during the meeting. Jim Kobak will work with Lee Mahood and Eric Hamilton to prepare the necessary paperwork and supporting material. Eric Hamilton moved that we authorize the payment of the \$750 application fee, David Kvam second, carried.

### **Race Officials and Coaches**

Jim Kobak appointed Russ Myer to coordinate a race officials and coach's program. Russ noted a number of people who had volunteered to help him. There's a training opportunity October 16 - 17, 2009, in Guilford, NH. Jim added that during the process of sanctioning, local clubs will be asked to name a person or persons who would be willing to take official's or coach's training. David Kvam will post a list of officials on line.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Adirondack Sports & Fitness Winter Expo**

Jim Kobak will coordinate with the organizers.

#### **Ski Jouring**

Jim noted that Jason Sperry was not able to make today's meeting, but he does want to make a presentation about adding this discipline to the NYSSRA - Nordic organization.

#### **NYSSRA bibs**

Jim Kobak confirmed that the NYSSRA bibs would be available on request during the coming season.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the organization will be May 2, 2010. Local clubs will be asked to make a proposal for hosting the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Hamilton, Secretary

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**Treasurer's Report**

Balance 9/27/09	\$17,989.35	
Balance 5/3/09	\$19,071.22	
Brian McDonald Fund	\$ 397.00	
Bill Thayer Memorial Fund	\$ 500.00	
Biathlon Fund	\$ 2,107.27	
Eastern High School	\$ 476.23	
Youth Development	\$ 4,246.00	of which \$865 is member contributions
General Fund	\$10,262.85	