

NYSSRA Spring Meeting Minutes Labrador Mountain May 7, 2011

Present: Peter Girard LB, Jeff Jenkins BM, Mark Sertl BM, Rick Downing LB, Jeremy Farrell TG, Tom O'Toole SG, Tyler Travis TG, Larry Smith BM, Peter Salton SG, Todd Travis TG, Eric Austin SG

NYSSRA: Wayne Feinberg, Jason Barcoff, Chuck Schweitzer, Mike Browne, Steve Burgart, Kathy Chase, Connie Webster

OPENING

NYSSRA President Wayne Feinberg called the meeting to order at 10:09 am and welcomed the attendees.

Spring 2010 Meeting Minutes - M/S/C to approve minutes.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

Treasurer's Report was presented by Steve Burgart.

Actual and Budget figures are as of March 31, 2011. Fiscal Year end is June 30, 2011 and Year End figures will be available at the NYSSRA Fall meeting for vote. Steve presented the proposed budget and gave explanation for General Budget.

Income was solid for this past year. Advertising revenue was down. J3 race fees will be moved to Racer Support for accounting purposes. No netting purchases are planned except for replacement poles/parts. *Active.com* fees for online membership were paid by members.

Don Jugle Fund – TD per diem fees were donated to this Fund by many of our working TDs. The Fund supports the TD for TD education such as education travel expenses and NYSSRA TD update. TDs should be reminded to ask to have fees donated to NYSSRA. Don Jugle Fund will partially fund travel expenses for 3 NYSSRA members attending annual USSA Congress in Park City.

Racer Support – J3 fees which were moved to General Fund will be moved back to Racer Support (approx \$1,200). Annual target balance for Racer Support Fund is \$10,000. Major J3 expense is sponsoring athlete at Jr Olympics. J12 expense was high this year due to supporting athletes including discretionary racers at the Whiteface FIS Eastern Finals event. The agreed plan is to trim this expense and sponsor only NYSSRA/USSA automatics, not USSAEast discretionary racers. General Disbursements category included partial funding of athlete for J2 Nationals.

Budget for 2011-2012 year was presented.

M/S/C to approve the Treasurer's report.

Membership Report was given by Wayne Feinberg from report sent by Liza Glick. See separate report. 95% of membership joined online for 2010-2011 season. Goal is 100%. Previous season was 88% joining online.

Eastern USSA Mtg and NYSSRA Reports were given by Connie Webster. Connie and other NYSSRA members attended the Eastern USSA Mtg. See separate report.

Discussion included additional information from a USSA Webinar just prior to the USSA Eastern Spring meetings.

- A USSA concussion policy will be in place for the 2011-2012 season. NYSSRA already has a policy similar to the upcoming USSA plan. NYSSRA officials need to be diligent re enforcing concussion protocol.
- USSA has added an online user account system for management of multiple accounts by one person i.e. family management
- Mandatory baseline coach certification for 2012-13 season was introduced. A basic introductory online course and test will be mandatory if no other coaches certification is current.
- Skills Assessment – NYSSRA is leading this project.
- Connie is now ACC chairperson and Mike Browne will be the NYSSRA State Representative for ACC.

Connie thanked the NYSSRA employees, leaders and committees for their efforts.

Alpine Officials – Mike Browne – see separate report.

Discussion included:

- NYSSRA and New Hampshire have very strong organizations.
- 250 referees, 65 officials current in NYSSRA.
- Decertification process for inactive officials will continue
- Chuck Schweitzer is now level 4 TD.

Coaches Advisory (Development) and Coaches Education Committee – Connie Webster reported for Steve Mergenthaler. See separate report.

Discussion included:

- Fall NYSSRA Symposium was held at OTC Fall 2010 was well attended.
- 2011-2012 seasons – Current Referee's license is required for NYSSRA coach certification. Only 2 credits (formerly 4) will be required for certification. Referee update will not count towards NYSSRA Coaches Ed credit.

- 2012-2013 Coaches Clinics tentatively scheduled for 10/22 and 10/23 in both parts of state.
- On snow education and council clinics should be scheduled early.
- Credit for non-NYSSRA events should be applied for at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Coaches Advisory Committee is composed of chairpersons of Coaches Development Committees.

J3/4/5 Council Reps – Jo Ann Fuller not present. See separate report.

J3 Development - presented by Tyler Travis. Jerry Nenno - not present. See separate report.

Discussion included:

- Skills assessment review.
- Plans for next season - Parallel SL – dual format – will be a selection race for States. Gates will be paneled. 2 qualifiers in morning with afternoon elimination round (not part of selection for states). Skills assessment in afternoon for racers not in elimination round.
- Pole plant skills assessment should be changed to be within corridor. 10 gate SL rhythm section – not just free skiing.
- December Fundamentals camps were successful.
- NYSSRA Jan women's speed camp was very successful. Men's speed camp may be added.
- Committee was enthusiastic about the combined J12 and J3 event at Holiday Valley and Holimont for late season racing. This added a J3 race to late season racing.

J4/5 Development – See separate report. Corky Risley - not present.

Discussion included:

- Standards needed for each level
- Skills assessment at J4 States as part of training day
- Speed skills – more home hill development is needed for introduction to speed elements.

J1/2 Development - presented by Eric Austin.

Discussion included:

- Successful Clear Path method introduced this season
- Balance between FIS/USSA racing discussed
- ECS selection – concern is total J1-2 enrollment versus participation. Decision is to maintain current selection process and reassess weekend before ECS and add as necessary to reflect participation.

- ESG has been rescheduled to early February by ESG organization. Due to this schedule change, NYSSRA will not participate in ESG in 2012 as this does not fit into development path.
- J12 Championship at Whiteface is scheduled for later in season.
- Race venue guidelines – separate men’s and women’s SL courses. Reminder to Race Organizers - Awards should be asap after conclusion of race.
- Suggest a Course maintenance clinic prior to start of races.
- Alpine Elite Team - Committee is in the process of revising selection process
- 3 race weekends will be used for FIS and USSA Eastern Finals selection-statewide events.
- International Age Change may make it difficult to bid races for 2012-2013 season. Race organizers will need guidelines from NYSSRA.

BYLAWS

Bylaws were accepted as amended by changes from membership present.
 Bylaw amendment accepted to bring bylaws in line with USSA rules.
 There will be ongoing review for future changes.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Kandahar Festival – Hunt Hollow and Brantling will participate with Central Council Kandahar Festival to equalize participants.

J3 license problems due to confusion about USSA student non-scored and USSA scored racer categories. Race administrator is responsible for checking J3 racer licenses.

J45 license problems – Several councils had problems with unlicensed racers qualifying for states. Racers must be registered as of Jan 1 which is when quotas are established.

Guidelines for both licenses are outlined in NYSSA manual but are a family/coach/council responsibility.

CLOSING

M/S/C to adjourn meeting at 12:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 K Chase
 Secretary