

PNSA Nordic Competition Committee

Spring 2009 Meeting

May 30, 2009

Bend, Oregon

Attendees:

George Bryant & Al Pokorny (Mt Spokane), TJ (Wenatchee Ski Club), Ben Husaby (Bend Endurance), Dan Simoneau (MBSEF), Chuck Kenlin (Mt Bachelor Board), Rob Schlicht & Mike Bogar (Teacup, OR), Paul Nelson (Snoqualmie Nordic Club), Susan Bogert (Kongsberger Ski Club), Chris Clark (Methow Nordic Club); Partial attendees: Curtis Shock (2008/09 PNSA President), Rob Crick (2009/10 PNSA President), Paul Mahre (PNSA Executive Director)

MINUTES

Agenda Revisions

PNSA Equipment was added to the agenda. Awards were discussed at end of meeting. 2009/2010 Budget discussion occurred at two points and is consolidated in the minutes.

Previous Minutes

Steve passed around minutes from Fall 2009 NCC meeting for review. Minutes were not voted on.

OLD BUSINESS

2008-2009 Budget

Steve stated we are in good shape financially.

Income -

PNSA & NCC thank Kongsbergers and Teacup for paying head taxes. We had a short fall in head taxes this past winter.

Expenses -

\$300 for Methow June Camp was reallocated via email to Ben's June Camp. Nothing was budgeted for coach for REG camp.

***Motion:** Move to approve the reallocation of \$300 for the June camp and add \$250 for the REG camp. Motion by George/seconded by Ben/passed unanimously.*

2009 Junior Olympics Report

Ben reported the team had a good trip. Results were good for the top end skiers and average for the lower end skiers. This year need to focus on new young crop as lost several older good skiers. 31 athletes + 6 coaches = a good ratio. Again, PNSA coaches kept costs down and had the cheapest trip, even cheaper than the home team. PNSA worked more as a team than the other regions did. Al suggested trying to work together at SOHO, too (eg sharing waxing tips).

2009 JO staff: Ben, George, Brenna, Chris, TJ, Scott Johnston + Jean Fitzsimons (cook, and would like to be a waxing coach). In past, have had 5 coaches, but 6 works better - shorter days and kids are better served; extra coach allows more time with the athletes.

Thanks to: coaches who let team rent their vans; coaches who brought their own wax to use before decisions made on what need to buy; TJ & George. Next year, at Presque Isle, ME, budget & logistics will be more challenging.

USSA Race Sanctioning/TDs

We have 4 Technical Delegates in region now (Dalton, Carly, John Hachinson, Al Pokorny).

We need to have 1 points race in region + SOHO. In 2010, Methow Super Tour will be sanctioned. In 2009, the Spokane points race coincided with Nationals, so 3 of the region's low point skiers were not there. We should pick the right races – sanctioning is expensive. Ben pointed out that the best skiers get points at Nationals to bring back to PNSA; but in 2009, there was only one race at Nationals, so they didn't bring back points. Also, USSA is going back to points based on qualifying times.

Most divisions get USSA licenses for their second year J-2s, and also have one 5k race, so the J-2s get to run with the J-1s & OJs. Boise's JOQ could be a source of points because Mountain Division sanctions all of their races; also they may run a 5k race for all. Dan questioned if this date is too early – December 20.

Equipment

Radios - 5 in Bend & 3 in Methow

Also in Bend:

- 4 pairs of Madshus test skate skis

- PNSA banner

- PNSA uniform inventory

- Start of PNSA's Nationals & JO wax box (klister/a sparse line of Ski GO) = leftovers

Other Business

Steve reported that PNSA Board voted to increase dues \$5 for 2009/2010. Steve voted against it. USSA costs \$130, of which \$30 comes back to PNSA.

NEW BUSINESS

PNSA Structure & By-Laws

(Curtis, Rob & Paul attended for this portion of the meeting)

The NCC is currently not operating according to PNSA by-laws – voting members now are simply the PNSA member clubs who have paid their dues.

Structure -

The by-laws require that the NCC have the 4 specified standing committees and that the NCC's voting members be the 4 committee chairs + competitor representative(s) + at large member(s).

We can propose legal changes to this structure, but they will not take effect until they are voted on at PNSA's annual meeting next spring. Until then, the NCC must keep the 4 committees. Curtis pointed out that we can add committees (ie have more than the 4) as needed.

Compliance -

Per the by-laws, the PNSA President names the NCC Chair. Then, the NCC Chair submits a proposed roster of the NCC members to PNSA's Board of Directors to approve. The proposed roster must be presented within a date window (see By-Laws). Allocating votes and chair positions is up to the NCC Chair.

Appointments -

For 2009/2010, Steve allocated committee chairs and at-large members such that each dues paying club gets one voting representative on the NCC:

- Committee Chairs

Steve asked for volunteers to chair committees and accepted the following:

- Rules & Technical Judging Committee – TJ Owen, chair
- Sponsorship & Fundraising Committee – Chris Clark, chair
- Communications Committee – George Bryant, chair
- Coaches Committee – Ben Husaby, chair

- At-Large Members

All PNSA member clubs who have paid their dues and are not represented by a committee chair will have one at-large NCC member.

- Athlete Representatives

Goal is one male + one female. Coaches should ask their athletes and get back to Steve with recommendations so he can name these before the fall meeting. Athletes should be post-high school or older and still racing.

PNSA Nordic Web Site -

George will talk with Paul Mahre about George taking over the Nordic pages at the PNSA web site. Paul doesn't have time to keep them all up-to-date.

2009/2010 Budget

Curtis spoke about PNSA being one organization and the need to bring Alpine and Nordic together to leverage both. The Board is concerned about documentation and allowable expenses. NCC needs to keep our operations legal and fiscally conservative. The goal is to be consistent with PNSA rules and OK with our auditors and the IRS rules for 501C3's. Curtis is going to look at how we build budgets and to increase scrutiny/review by Executive Director, who reports to the President and the Board. He agreed with Ben that "the more you can do to hustle, the better" but stressed that spending needs to be documented and allowable.

Full NCC budget is needed by the fall Board meeting. We will vote on it at fall NCC meeting. Need to submit cash requests now for 2 July/August camps. (June camp is in 2008/09 budget.)

Income -

Sources = membership, head tax, and club dues. KSC will not hold the Stampede in 2010, so head tax income projections for PNSA should be reduced by \$300. Methow will not hold Pursuit – but Super Tour may make up for lost head tax. The \$5 increase in PNSA dues will mostly fund administrative costs.

Head Tax	\$2700
Membership	1600
Club Dues	750

Expenses -

Summer camps, coaches' travel, REG and wax are all self-sustaining (ie paid for by users).

Wax	\$2000
Camps	1000 July/August (2010 budget) / 500 June (2009 budget)
Coaches' Travel	1050
REG coach	250

JO Qualifying Standards in 2010

A lot of good skiers left PNSA this year (after 2009). We take 30 to JOs and try to take almost every kid who comes to all the events and puts in time.

Criteria -

8% , based on 3 races in division & SOHO (which is optional)

Top 20 on list at Junior Nationals = pre-qualified by USSA

Guideline for Petitioning -

5%, and there are legitimate check boxes (eg skiing outside division at college, or injured).

SOHO –

PNSA encourages our kids to go to SOHO to get good points and experience, but it's not mandatory. We got rid of one of our JOQs to make it easier to get them to go to SOHO. Costs limit who can go. Downsides to going – cost, missed school, 18 hours in a van, winter driving. We need to determine what is “outstanding performance” at SOHO – is it against PNSA skiers or against the field? 2x5% or 3x7% of 1st place winner?

***Motion:** Move that skiers qualify for PNSA's JO team with 5 of our 6 races, and SOHO is a check box for petitioning as an outstanding result, and Coaches Chair (Ben) & Rules Chair (TJ) will recommend what “outstanding result” means by the fall NCC meeting. Motion by Al/scond by Ben /passed unanimously.*

George will make sure the final criterion is correctly spelled out on the PNSA web site.

2010 Race Calendar

Non-JOQ races dates were coordinated prior to NCC meeting. Long discussion about JOQ dates. December – NENSA has 8 JOQs, first one is in December; but PNSA kids don't train a lot in the fall. Most kids race on last year's points. Spokane vs ORHS – Bend kids will go to ORHS not Spokane, so the better skiers in division won't be there; ORHS will not do joint race

with PNSA on a regular basis; ORHS prefers Friday/Saturday; ORHS does not want to go to a later date – runs into spring sports. Presidents weekend – PNSA needs a JOQ on Presidents weekend; this is Mt. Bachelor's busiest weekend of year. SuperTour – may not be a factor in future, at national level may be a dinosaur. FYI, Boise JOQ – February 13 & 14.

January – Methow & SOHO
February – 6 & 7 – Mt. Bachelor/Bend = JO championships
20 & 21 – Spokane

PNSA asks ORHS to try February 12-13 (Friday & Saturday) – Mt. Bachelor is OK if done by noon on Saturday. Decide distances at fall NCC meeting.

2010 JO Logistics & Planning

Bend will do all of the logistics for the JO team. Should PNSA compensate Ben for some of his effort/time? These are self-funded trips. Decide at fall NCC meeting.

Summer Camps & Clinics

PNSA Summer Camps – series of 3 camps, progression of advancement through summer (4 is too many). Need to set dates at least 6 months in advance, so families can arrange vacations. Ben suggests third week of June, July, and August. Decide dates & budgets at fall NCC meeting. Put out camp info, contacts and registration in brochure and/or web page.

REG Selection

Regional Elite Group Camp – run by Rick Capella, Sun Valley. Selection in 2009 = 5 slots, picked on JOQ results, “top 20 on point list in age group in one of disciplines” goes to REG camp, had a slot left over (no one else met criteria). George & Dan both interested in going as coach – can send two, but only budget for one.

Masters Series Report

Masters Series is discontinued due to lack of interest.

New Club Development

Scott Johnston started Ski Educational Foundation for Olympic Development, a new club in Methow. PNSA denied them membership – Paul Mahre says they must have 18 members to join PNSA. Chris (Flash) will look into whether they can use Methow's umbrella membership.

Awards

Olaf Ulland – outstanding Nordic competitor – Annie Pokorny
Coaches Award – Matt Halloran
College Nordic Award – Tom Smith /male & Sadie /female

Other Business

Brenna reminded people that clubs should get their scholarship applications in to PNSEF – there are a couple thousand dollars available and no Nordic clubs have applied this year.

Adjourned 5:35 PM