

**Minutes for Nordic Steering Committee Meeting
May 17, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

Present:

Eric Martin, Nordic Division Director (voting)
Gene Hyde, Nordic Division Commissioner (voting)
Sarah Swaney, Southern League Rep, Nordic Division Treasurer (voting)
JD Downing, Temporary Northern League Rep (voting)
David Burke, Mt. Hood League Rep (voting)
Joe Dolan, Mt. Hood League Representative (non-voting)
John Collins, Nordic Liaison from the OISRA Board (non-voting)
Jinny Martin, Nordic Division Secretary (non-voting)

Absent:

Pete Reinhardt, Nordic Division Assistant Director

A quorum was present. Meeting started at 7:05 pm.

1. Preliminaries

MOTION: Gene Hyde moves to approve the Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2020; October 7, 2020; and November 6, 2020 as written. John Collins seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

MOTION: Gene Hyde moves to approve the treasurer's report as presented. David Burke seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

2. Old Business

Discussion of Nordic Division's response to COVID-19

- Reviewed the suspension of the transportation rule about students not being allowed to drive themselves to on-snow events.
 - Transportation rule is specific to the Nordic Division and can be changed by the Nordic Steering Committee
 - General consensus that the transportation rule could be deleted, and each school could make and enforce its own specific rules regarding transportation.
 - Table any motion about changing the transportation rule until after talking to Pete – wait until next meeting.
 - Having funding for and the availability of busing would help grow sport, because finding rides is difficult.
- Reviewed the academic eligibility rules.
 - Academic eligibility rules are OISRA policies that mimic OSAA policies and cannot be changed by the Nordic Steering Committee
 - General consensus that it's not reasonable to advocate for dropping these rules unless a change was coming from OSAA
 - General consensus to keep using the honor system for students attending schools that do not provide academic eligibility information to OISRA.
- Things people liked about this season's flexible time trial events

- Racers being assigned one bib for the season
- Success of running a mid-week, afternoon event
- Success of having a time-trial type event

OSAA's most current response to emerging sports option

- OSAA had a spring (2021) Delegate Assembly Meeting where emerging sports were discussed.
- Because of energy being spent on pandemic issues, athletic directors do not currently have an appetite to start considering emerging sports.

List of approved waxes

- General consensus that the wax list is a good idea.
- General consensus to wait until fall to revisit the current list.
- Club racers must deal with strict fluoride testing and cannot be using waxes that have any fluoride in them.

3. New Business

Budget for 2021-22

- Table budget decisions until fall when there will be more information about any new school district rules and sponsorship possibilities.
 - CORA will still be a sponsor for the 2022 Nordic State Championships.
 - It's OK to start looking for other sponsorship for the 2022 state championship event.

ACTION! JD Downing will send out his documentation about what exposure a sponsor can expect to receive based on the amount of their donation.

Schedule dates for joint events for 2022

MOTION: JD Downing moves to schedule the **XC Oregon Invitational for January 22, 2022** and the **Nordic State Championship event for February 25-26, 2022**. David Burke seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Establishing a new ski team at Caldera High School

- **ACTION!** Eric will ask a couple of people to be head coach.
- **ACTION!** People will be looking for a Parent Rep to help the new head coach.
- Eric has enough equipment to share.
- JD Downing will give the Caldera team some forms and waxing tables.
- General consensus that the Nordic Division will help with financing a new team at Caldera HS, and the eventual full amount of financial support will depend on how many students are on the team and how the team develops.

MOTION: Gene moves that the Nordic Division will finance up to \$500 for Caldera team expenses for 2021-22 season. David Burke seconds.

VOTE: Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jinny Martin, Nordic Division Secretary