

Minutes of the OISRAN Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on July 18, 2022.

The meeting was held over Zoom.

The meeting was called by the Board of Directors.

The notice for the meeting was given more than two days in advance by email.

The directors present for the meeting were Eric Martin, Gene Hyde, John Collins, and CJ Rench.

The director absent for the meeting was Peter Reinhardt.

The other persons present at the meeting were David Munson, Virginia Martin, and David Smullin.

David Smullin left meeting after his presentation.

A quorum was present because there are currently five directors on the Board and four of them were present at this meeting.

BOARD RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS

1. Minutes to Previous Meeting: The following motion was made, seconded, and passed:
RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting.
2. Amend Policies: The following motion was made, seconded, and passed:
RESOLVED to amend OISRA Nordic Race Rule 10.2.1 so that "Separate ordering of the seeds will take place for the Girls and the Boys teams for each discipline" is deleted.
3. Elect League Liaisons for each League: The following motion was made, seconded, and passed:
RESOLVED to elect Eric Martin as Southern League Liaison and John Collins as Northern League Liaison.

DISCUSSIONS

1. David Smullin presented his ideas about requiring new OISRAN certified coaches to become certified as US Ski and Snowboard (USSSB) Level 100 coaches so that they have access to the USSSB Fundamentals of Coaching Course and other Nordic-ski specific training.
2. Policy discussion items were brought to the Board, based on Board members' responses to a questionnaire that had been sent by email.
 - a. Questions that all Board members had responded to in agreement were not discussed.
 - b. All remaining questions, with the exception of #'s 44, 45, 51, 50 and 8, were discussed in such a way that a consensus of opinions was reached.
 - c. Discussions about the five unaddressed questions were tabled until the next Board meeting.
3. See Appendix A for Board Members' answers to Questionnaire questions where agreement was reached prior to Board Meeting.
4. See Appendix B for Board Members' answers to Questionnaire questions where consensus was reached during the Board Meeting discussions.
5. See Appendix C for a list of tabled discussion items.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned after 3 hours of discussion.

Signature of Secretary *virginia martin* Date: July 19, 2022
Virginia Martin

Appendix A:

Board Members' answers to Questionnaire reached agreement prior to Board Meeting

Question #	
1	Want background checks every 3 years
3	Substitute reading the text of the Oregon hazing rule for taking the NFHS hazing course https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_163.197
6	Want Executive Director to look into liability insurance costs for full year vs only 6 months
7	Want Executive Director to look into insurance for coaches when attending non-OISRAN events (such as taking students to a citizen's race)
11	Keep Nordic Policies about the "Nordic Rules Committee" and move to the new OISRAN Policies and name it the "OISRAN Policy and Rules Committee"
12	Keep same rules about driving to on-snow practices
13	Keep same rule for Start-up grants for new teams
14	Keep guest racers and coaches descriptions as written in current OISRA Policies - and add WHEN guest racers and coaches are allowed from the OISRA Nordic Policies
15	Keep OISRA definition of Provisional skiers as written in current OISRA Policies - and add in the Nordic-specific rules about Provisional skiers as written in current OISRA Nordic Policies
17	Delete references to "team criteria" for State meet
18	Drop Transfer part of Student Eligibility (includes checking that foreign exchange students are using an approved agency for their exchange program)
21	Keep Age part of Student Eligibility
22	Keep "Duration of Eligibility - Graduation" part of Student Eligibility
24	Move "wax rules" exactly as written to the OISRAN Policies, but put them in an appendix so they are not at the beginning of the Policies
25	Move all duties of the Nordic Steering Committee to the new Nordic Board
26	Drop having a level of appeal that is beyond the Board of Directors

27	<p>Move "Making League race Schedules" from League SOP's to Section 8 of OISRAN Policies</p> <p>This verbiage would work: "League race schedules" A draft shall be presented and discussed at each League's Spring meetings and shared with the OISRAN Board of Directors for their Spring Board Meeting. Final schedule for each league is approved by a majority vote in each league in the Fall and shared with the Board at their fall meeting."</p>
30	<p>Drop option of a 4 x 1K relay for Junior Varsity at the state meet? Drop the 4 x 1K relay for league races.</p>
32	<p>Want to strikeout definition of high school "based on curriculum meeting Oregon graduation requirements"</p>
34	<p>Want to increase the number of teams that get awards to be 5, instead of 3</p>
36	<p>Keep the way violations are reported and penalties assigned</p>
37	<p>Drop the policy on addressing "religious observance"</p>
39	<p>Identify the duties of the Administration Officer, Executive Director, and Board Secretary so that</p> <p>1) Administration Officer is responsible for ALL forms (including school agreement forms and waivers), registration details (including making decisions about refunds), maintains lists of registered students, coaches, and volunteers; background checks</p> <p>2) ED is responsible for insurance, consults with legal, decisions about things that are referred to him (hardship requests, reports of abuse or violations of OISRAN regulations, oversight for medical return to play decisions, for examples), interactions with schools, interpretation of organization policies, signing contracts for the organization; researches need for updating policies to deal with any new developments in laws about youth sports</p> <p>3) Secretary takes care of meeting minutes, website maintenance, inventory.</p> <p>ADDITIONALLY, allow Executive Director to make changes to this distribution of duties as he thinks necessary.</p>
41	<p>Add a description of "Pairs relay" to race rules</p>
42	<p>Make a race rule that states there is a 15-second penalty for early start</p>
43	<p>Coach is person who certifies eligibility and submits names of students eligible for state meet</p>
47	<p>Keep the "league allotment" concept in case need to restrict numbers at state meet in the future</p>
48	<p>Simplify the way "Awards" is written in OISRAN Policy 10.6.</p>
49	<p>Executive Director handles all eligibility issues, including age and fifth year</p>

Appendix B: Discussion items where Board members reached consensus during meeting

Question	
2	Want to continue to require courses about abuse and bullying, but use two (2) NFHS courses instead of three (3) Vector (SafeSchool) courses, and require courses to be taken every 3 years.
19	Want to drop Undue Influence part of Student Eligibility.
20	Want to drop Misrepresentation part of Student Eligibility.
23	Want Executive Director to take care of hardship due to injury for eligibility for state meet.
16	Want to stop having a protest fee at the state meet.
29	Want a Policy Committee to meet to review organization's policies and race rules even if no one has come forth with a request for a change. Prefer, but don't mandate, annual meeting. Also, committee would check OSAA and USSSB for any new policies or policy changes, so OISRAN can stay current with new rules or requirements in high school sports and the national governing body for cross-country skiing.
35	Want to give medallions for all individual awards – no ribbons
4 & 5	Want the USSSB Fundamentals of Coaching Course to be a requirement for new OISRAN Certified Coaches. Want OISRAN to pay for OISRAN Certified coach to become a USSSB member coach and take and Level 100 training courses for one year. Want to allow coach up to two seasons to complete in-person part of Level 100 training, but coach must complete on-line training part of certification prior to working with students.
9	Want the end of the participatory season to be the state meet.
10	Want to modify the rule "no changes in the Nordic Policies or Nordic Race Rules can be made during the Participatory Season each year" such that there must be a unanimous agreement of Board members to allow addressing a Policy or Rule change during the Participatory Season.
28	<p>Want to move the rules for relay races from the League SOP's to the OISRAN Policies – and check to see that none of these rules are restrictions that limit how terrain is used for relay races.</p> <p>1) Eligibility for Varsity relay team: Skiers who complete the individual race are eligible to compete on a relay team.</p> <p>2) Eligibility for JV relay teams: The coach for each team can assign all racers who completed the individual race and are not on the Varsity relay team to other relay teams.</p> <p>3) If there are more varsity teams than there are relay lanes, varsity team(s) are placed in the second (or third) rows, depending on league standing (for league races) or on team standing (for state championship relay races).</p> <p>4) League races will have separate varsity and JV relay races unless the TD decides the races should be run jointly.</p> <p>5) State Championship relay races for Varsity and JV are always run separately</p> <p>6) For both League and State Championship relay races, Coaches are allowed to enter varsity teams in the JV relay wave. Coaches cannot enter JV teams in the Varsity relay at the State Championships; but they can enter JV teams in the Varsity relay at the League relay races.</p>

31	Do not want to make a policy to include any "reimbursement" funding for teams that must travel to attend the state meet. Want to allow the possibility of such an option to be discussed during the decision-making process of establishing the OISRAN budget.
33	Want to change the individual awards at state so that only one individual award is given: The award for "combined individual." Awards will go to top 15.
38	Want to modify the Academic Eligibility part of Student Eligibility such that an honor system is in place where a parent assures OISRAN that their student(s) is enrolled in a high school and making progress toward graduation.
40	Want Policies to clarify that participation in one of the individual races at the state championships is a requirement for being eligible to participate in the Varsity relay at the State Championships.
44	Defined "state meet qualifying events" as any league race event that is an OISRAN sanctioned activity.
46	Move all SOP's from leagues to Nordic Policies and Nordic Race Rules. Each league will not have separate SOP's. All leagues will use same voting requirements for league business, same identification for race jury; same method of using incident reports, same scoring for the same types of races. All race formats will be identified in OISRAN Race Rules

Appendix C: Discussion items tabled until next Board meeting

44	How many League races should be on each League's "League Race Schedule" each season?
45	How many competitions must a student enter to be eligible for state?
51	How many league races are defined as a minimum for each league to host? Do "joint races" need to be defined?
50	Do you want to use any other verbiage about "School Representation"? Refer to OSAA Rule 8.5 for how students who attend small private or charter schools are allowed to represent a school they do not attend. OSAA Rule 18 allows for teams (that keep their own name) to combine for scoring purposes in "Cooperative Sponsorship."
8	Do you want to require students to have own private accident insurance?