

Minutes of the OISRAN Southern League Fall Meeting

The Southern League met on November 20, 2023.

The meeting was held over Zoom.

The voting members present for the meeting were Eric Martin (Head Coach for Mt. View, Eugene, and La Pine), Pete Reinhardt (Head Coach for Ashland), Brian Dumais (Head Coach for Caldera), and Sarah Swaney (Southern League President)

Other persons present were David Munson (OISRAN Executive Director and Southern League Race Coordinator), Ken Stenkamp (race official for SL races), Erin Moore (certified coach for South Eugene HS and Provisional Skiers from Eugene), Virginia (Jinny) Martin (SL secretary).

A quorum was present because there are 5 active high school teams in the Southern League and a representative for each one was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

LEAGUE RESOLUTIONS AND ACTIONS

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The following motion was made, seconded, and passed: RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023 meeting.
2. **Elect Southern League President:** The following motion was made, seconded, and passed: RESOLVED to elect Sarah Swaney as Southern League President for 2023-24 term.
3. **Financial Report:** The following motion was made, seconded, and passed. RESOLVED to approve the Financial Report as presented.
4. **2023-24 Budget:** The following motion was made, seconded, and passed. RESOLVED to approve the 2023-24 Budget as presented.

DISCUSSIONS

1. **Budget**
 - **Paintball Expenses**
 - Pete takes care of all paintball supplies and maintenance.
 - Budget includes enough allocations to cover expenses for paintballs, paintball marker maintenance, and replacement cylinders.
 - Last year charged each Paintball Biathlon participant \$6 for paintball expenses.
 - **Medical**
 - Changes in Mt. Bachelor's policies about what type of medical support OISRAN provides. Pete will resolve these issues and report to the state meet planning committee.
 - Pete will continue to provide all the medical support as he has in the past for all other Southern League race venues.

- **Cost of training at Mt. Bachelor venue**
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Eric will add an agenda item to the November 28th Board meeting that addresses having the Board appoint someone to talk to Mt. Bachelor about making training at Mt. Bachelor economically feasible for students on high school teams.

2. Food at races

- There is money in the budget for providing food at races.
- Brian does not have a response yet from his friend, Andrew, about the possibility of providing catered food for some races in Central Oregon.
- Pete likes the “old model” of having warm food available throughout the race event.
- Erin pointed out that teams who are traveling to the races are accustomed to planning for food for themselves. Would be important to communicate for each event if food is available and what type of food it will be.
- Explore the option of providing only some food (hot beverages or snacks) to supplement food teams provide for themselves.
- Do not suggest doing food at Mt. Bachelor because of the complexity of that situation but can consider having food at other venues.
- SUMMARY: Pete will take care of food for Shasta – only needs to coordinate getting tables from Dave. “Someone” in Bend will coordinate food for the Hoodoo race. Sarah will reach out to Mt. View families and Brian will reach out to the Caldera families.

3. Race Schedule

- **Dave Munson has finalized the tentative schedule that was made at the Spring meeting.**
- **Mt. Shasta (Feb. 3rd)**
 - Friday is a “no-school” day for Central Oregon schools.
 - New manager at Shasta has been contacted and is easy to work with.
 - Coach for a California high school team intends to bring some of his skiers to the Shasta race. [Post meeting note: This team of 10 skiers and 3 coaches is **definitely** coming to Shasta and we have reduced the registration cost for Guest Skiers so it is now \$10/skier, which well covers our cost to ACTIVE for their registrations.]
- **Fees for each race:** Diamond Lake is free; Hoodoo is \$20 (includes biathlon fee); Meissener is \$5/student; XC Invitational is free; State Meet is free. **Sarah/Dave will let coaches know as soon as they know the cost for Shasta.**
- **Agreed on start times for each SL race:**
 - Jan. 6: Jamboree @ noon
 - Jan. 13: Diamond Lake Skate@11:00 am
 - Jan. 20: XC Invitational @11:00 am
 - Jan. 27: Hoodoo Classic and Biathlon@11:00 am
 - Feb. 3: Shasta@10:00 am
 - Feb. 10: Meissner@11:30 am

- Opinions about starting the Saturday race at state meet at 9:00 a.m. **Will be decided by the Board and agreement by Mt. Bachelor and their grooming schedule.**

4. Main message from Board Meeting minutes: Coaches are responsible for teaching skiers the race rules.

- Dave Munson gave some history about why the organization is emphasizing the race rules at this time. In the past, at the state meet jury meetings, we ran into problems with people not knowing the race rules. Are now pushing coaches to be more knowledgeable and to feed the information down to the students. Also, there were a lot of changes to the rules this season that coaches need to know.
- The quizzes are one way to learn the rules. One quick way to take any quiz is to enter any random answer as fast as you can enter a response – takes about 5 minutes to do this. Then you read the explanation for the correct answer to each question. No one sees your responses.

5. Need for people to take on the “chief calculator” responsibilities.

- Job has been split into two jobs: pre-race and race day.
- Erin volunteered to do the pre-race job: set up the start orders.
- Sarah and Brian will reach out to their parents to volunteer for “race day” part of job – the “technical” part of the job. David Tranby will train this person.

6. Volunteer Training in Bend on Monday, Dec. 4th @ 7:00 pm – hosted by Tranby’s at their church

- Sarah has reached out to Mt. View and Caldera parents.
- Will be training for timers and course monitors.
- We do have people returning who will be doing the Chief of Timing and Chief of Course Monitors.

7. Team Reports

- Caldera: Have 15 kids; have a couple of MBSEF skiers; have been on snow once already. Big change from having only 4 skiers last season. Have 4 helper coaches.
- Eugene: This year more interest in the high school team - may be doubling in size, thanks to recruiting. May be 8-10 high school skiers and will have one provisional skier.
- Ashland: Have about 10 kids. Two exchange students from Mexico - brothers. First time they will have a 3-person boys’ relay team in recent years. Both Dan and Anne back as coaches.
- Mt. View: 51 skiers, including 10 provisional skiers. Have 15 girls and more than half of them are new. More than 1/3 of the boys’ team is new. Good freshmen turnout. Lot of support with old skiers helping new skiers in first practices. La Pine has 2 boys who are doing a morning weight program at their school and joining Mt. View for on-snow practices. They will be a scoring boys’ team. Outfitted more than 90 people with equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signature of Secretary _____ *virginia martin* _____

Date: November 26, 2023