

Minutes of the OISRAN Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met on February 7, 2024.

The meeting was held over Zoom.

The meeting was called by the OISRAN President.

The Directors present for the meeting were Eric Martin, CJ Rench, Pete Reinhardt, John Collins, Tiffany Tisdell, and Kryste Robie.

The other persons present at the meeting were Virginia Martin (secretary), Ron Crawford (Bend Senior High Nordic Team Head Coach), Jack Billowitz (a skier on the Bend Senior High Nordic Team), and Layla Billowitz (Jack Billowitz's mother).

A quorum was present because there are currently 6 directors on the Board and all 6 were present.

The meeting started at 8:20 p.m.

The OISRAN President, Eric Martin, presided at the meeting.

The Board meeting was a result of the Executive Director's conditional denial of Jack Billowitz's hardship request to be allowed to participate at the State Championships as a member of his school team when he had participated in only two of the three required League races.

- The conditional aspect of the denial relates to events that may happen in the future. Should future events transpire that change the assumptions the decision is based upon, the executive director will revisit the hardship request for additional information.

Jack Billowitz contested the Executive Director's decision by appealing to the OISRAN Board.

The OISRAN Secretary provided to the Board members and coach, by email, copies of all the materials that were submitted as evidence on behalf of the student. This evidence consisted of an email chain documenting the correspondences between Dave Munson, the Executive Director, and Jack Billowitz, the student, and Ron Crawford, the coach.

Jack Billowitz, Layla Billowitz, and Ron Crawford were asked to identify what they considered the hardship to be. All three gave their testimony.

The Board members asked questions to clarify the testimony. When no further testimony was offered, the Board members convened into an "Executive Session" to allow for private discussion to make their decision. The Executive Session started at 9:00 p.m.

In the minutes, the names are being withheld of each director who voted for, voted against, or abstained on the vote, based on the requests of two directors. (OISRAN Bylaws Article IV, Section 12)

The question the Board discussed and voted on was: **Should the Executive Director's decision be overruled by giving Jack unconditional permission to compete at the State Championships as a member of his team?**

When no further discussion was offered, the Board members voted.

The Board's decision is they did not find or hear overwhelming evidence to support the reversal of the Executive Director's conditional denial of Jack's hardship request. If Jack does not make it to the state swim meet, he still has the opportunity to ski in an OISRAN sanctioned event prior to the Nordic state meet. The board also welcomes Jack to consider skiing as a provisional skier at the Nordic state meet if he does in fact qualify for the state swim meet.

The Executive Session adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Signature of Secretary *virginia martin* Date: January 9, 2024