

SPRING COACHES' MEETING, MARCH 11, 2017, MORA NORDIC CENTER

President Doug Boonstra called the meeting to order at 9:30. He commented on several items:

- He sees the President's role as that of a facilitator
- The Relay Proposal that he had thought would be acted on by the MSHSL Board of Directors was not taken up for consideration. There is a Board moratorium in place for any Section/State changes for any sport for two years. The Proposal will be considered in the Spring of 2019.
- Doug urged Conferences to replicate the Proposal in their competitions in 2017-2018.

Waxing: Doug offered this clarification on the Waxing Truce. No powders are to be used at any time. Any further restrictions are to be left up the Conferences. LF waxes are recommended.

The Giant's Ridge wax room is limited to High School teams only.

Club and "outside" events were discussed. The feeling is that eight qualifying races are too many and that six could fulfill the requirements for JO's. The dates for the qualifying events should be discussed with CXC as to how they impact High School racers.

Doug proposed that a letter to ski clubs be drafted regarding their practice times. If there is a conflict with High School practice/race times, it is important that the high school coaches and skiers put their priority on the high school team. Discussion about some coaches sending some of their (elite) skiers to club practices followed.

Pole Length: USSA has a chart illustrating this rule change. The poles can be no longer than 83% of the skier's height. Bob O'Hara recommended that the League get a copy of this chart out to member schools in the Fall of 2017.

MSHSL rules follow the NCAA rule book. Discussion followed on the fact that there is no "obstruction" rule in place for HS competitions. The recommendation is that we combine the NCAA and FIS rules with our Association's "Nordic Addendum" into one volume and format. All coaches should have a copy and it should be put on the Association's website.

Venues for State Championship beyond 2020 were discussed. 2019 is the last year for the current Giant's Ridge contract. Doug Boonstra proposed that we consider using Wirth (or Hyland with changes) with Spirit Mountain in alternate years. Rich Heilman asked that Doug explore that option.

State Meet Banquet Discussion: Next year's cost would be \$20.00 per head. Doug stated that he is not in favor of continuing the Banquet as it has been done. Mike Hecker proposed that we contact the new management company at the Ridge to determine their interest. The ensuing discussion revealed little interest in continuing the current format.

Victor C. Dunder program. Just one applicant has sent in a request to Denny Green so far.

The Association will have a projected balance of five to six thousand dollars going into 2017-18.

Charlie Banks Relays: State meet alternates can be used in the Relays. The mixed gender format used met with general dissatisfaction.

Submitted by Secretary Denny Nelson