

Minnesota Nordic Ski Coaches' Fall Meeting  
October 30, 2021  
Mora Vasaloppet Center  
Zoom

Called To Order by Association President Michael Meelhouse ( Trek Nordic)

Motion to approve the agenda by Larry Myers, seconded by Don Duffy. Motion passed.

Old Business: Motion to approve the Spring 2019 and Fall 2020 minutes by Don Duffy, seconded by Jon Furlow. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report given by Rich Heilman. Current balance is \$5292.00. The only expenses for the fiscal year were for the All-State Academic and All-State Awards.

Victor C. Dunder Program: Denny Green reported that just four coaches submitted applications this year as compared to the average of ten to twelve in past seasons. Applications for this program are available on the Association's web site. Coaches are reminded that the equipment awarded remains with the team and is not retained by the student.

New Business: New Format for Section and State. Bob O'Hara, Pete Tremaine, John Filander, Mike Hecker, Benji Ness all presented portions of the new format for the State Meet. (The new format is available on the Association's web site. Copies were passed out to attendees.)

(Bob O'Hara acknowledged the death of John Dyste. ) Bob's remarks:

This is the first year of the Sprint Relay format. The approval process took five years from our Proposal to its implementation.

No skiers can be taken out of school before the end of the regular school day on the Tuesday preceding State. There will be no lodging at the Ridge.

Bob recommended that a different tie-breaker for Section and State be implemented. He believes that the current tie-breaker is "pursuit heavy" and does not give enough weight to the sprint relay. He recommends that the second tie breaker be relay placement. That change cannot be made for this season but can be proposed to the MSHSL for the 2022-2023 season.

Pete Tremaine is in charge of the classic and skate races for this year.

John Filander recommended that "technique zones" for classic be used at Section meets this year to insure that striding and herringboning will be used in those marked zones. Turning zones will also be in place for classic races.

Pete Tremaine stated that a zone violation at Conference this year should result in a warning to the appropriate coach and that a second violation by the same skier result in a DQ. These classic technique zones will be enforced at Section and State in 2022.

( Reference the Handout: "MSHSL State Nordic Ski Meet 2022" for the Meet schedule/techniques used).

Mike Hecker stated that the relay course is a measured 1.3 km long and that it includes a revised stadium setup to allow for adequate start, exchange and finish areas. Four classic tracks will be used over the 1.3 km course.

Benji Neff of the Ridge reported that the new relay course can be inspected the day before the Mesabi Invite. He also reported the the Ridge is working with the Forest Service on some needed tree removal work.

( Check the MSHSL and the Association's web sites for pertinent details). Mike Hecker acknowledged Bob O'Hara's decades of service to our sport.

Charlie Banks Relays. This Association-sponsored event is in flux at the time of this writing. The Mora Vasaloppet Board will be approached as to hosting the event at a date to be named later. Any decision by the Mora Board will be communicated to our members.

Action Item: Proposed Wax Policy: This Policy would replace the current " Wax Truce" if adopted. Moved by Larry Myers and seconded by Jon Furlow: "Shall the Coaches' Association adopt the CXC wax policy banning the use of all fluorocarbon waxes, both for glide and kick.?" A voice vote of those present at Mora approved the Motion. The vote totals for those on Zoom will be posed on the web site.

Season Date Changes: Discussion followed. Our By-Laws state that we must follow the MSHSL's process for Proposals. An Advisory Committee will be formed by the Association to poll members. Any changes to the current start/end dates can then be forwarded to the League.

Action Item: " The Association will create a committee to craft a season-change Proposal for its members to be presented at the 2022 Spring Meeting." Motion by Peter Larsen, second by Larry Myers. Motion passed.

Consensus: A committee will be formed to study any possible revisions to the Association's By-Laws and will make its recommendations at the Spring 2022 Meeting.

Reminder: Any Association Awards deferred due to the pandemic-season can be submitted this year.

Reminder: It is Section 4's turn to provide a nominee for the office of President. This must be done this year.

Adjournment. Respectfully submitted, Denny Nelson, Secretary.