**wNHARA Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Holiday Inn, Concord, NH**

**June 12, 2017**

**Present:** Board of Trustees: 9:25

 Programs/Mountains: 5 of 30

**BOT:** Laurie Stevens, Dan Marshall, Jeff Brimblecom, Jason Guilbert, Greg Gill, Matthew Purcell, Mike Cosman; Bill McQuade; Bev Oliver.

**Guests:** Kathy Badger.

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Introduction/Announcements**

None.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Motion:To approve the minutes of the 4/10/17 meeting.
 M. Workman/G. Gill/ Unanimous

**Treasurer’s Report:** printed report.

 The budget committee met on Tuesday, June 6th, 2017. NHARA is coming off of a good year. Jeff handed out the proposed projected budget beginning July 1st. He summarized the information on the printed report.

Motion: To accept the budget as presented. L. Stevens/G. Gill/ Unanimous

**Executive Secretary’s Report:**

There is nothing new to report.

The color of the Handbook will be yellow for 2017-2018.

Most head taxes are in, one outstanding to be resolved. Head taxes remain the same for next season.

Motion: To accept the Executive Secretary’s report as presented. J. Brimblecom/M. Workman/Unanimous

**Committee Reports:**

**A.C.C.:** No Andrew

**State Chair:**  Bev: Nothing new to report

**Alpine Officials:** Mike Cosman: Nothing new.

**Coaches Council:** no report.

**Children’s Racing:** Matt Purcell:

Nothing additional information to add that was not covered in the submitted report.

It is clear that the level of youth development needs to be raised across the state. The Youth Coordinator issue will be covered under New Business.

The Northern Division will be hosting the Championships in 2018. Cranmore will be hosting the U12/U14 Finals; Waterville and Loon will be hosting the U14 and U12 Championships respectively in 2018.

**College:** no Jake.

**High School:** Aaron

**Masters**: Greg:

It was a good season. Starts were up, but numbers were down.

NE Masters will be hosting the National Championships in February 2018 at Okemo.

NE Masters helped assist ASRA – a mid-Masters regional recreational group (NY, VT, NH schedules).

The Foundation continues to work well. Three more scholarships were handed out this year (NH and VT) and some skis will be given away as well to some U18s who might benefit from them.

**Handbook:** Bev:

The handbook will be updated over the summer and as information comes in. Three hundred copies will be printed for 2017-2018.

**Review/Appeal:** no report

**Racer Support:** Jason:

There were two qualified requests for racer support this year for roughly $10,000. The Finance Committee supported will be funding thirty-three percent of the requested amounts.

Better communication is needed to relay information about NHARA racer support, in particular, details regarding deadlines for submission of requests for support. The forms can be found on the NHARA website.

**Adaptive:** No report.

**Web Site:** No report. Many thanks go to Jack Iacopino for a great job with the new NHARA website.

**Industry Rep:** No report.

**Ski NH Liaison**: No report as Kris Blomback has a conflict with the Ski New Hampshire dinner and meeting.

# Old Business: None

# New Business:

* NHARA Youth Coordinator – presentation and discussion.

Matt Purcell presented the case regarding the need for a Youth Coordinator in NH in order to help raise the development level for NHARA youth members. USSA East is no longer conducting projects in the region for U14 and under (the two projects on the schedule for next season are in NY and VT, both of whom have Youth Coordinators.

 It is the state’s responsibility to provide a path for youth development. A NHARA point person would be very beneficial for education, tracking athletes, providing more opportunities for NHARA upper level athletes, collaborative projects, coaches’ education focus where needed, etc.

The submitted job description was reviewed. This is a dynamic job description geared toward club support and athlete development. The intent is to create an environment that will raise the development level at the U14, U12, U10 and younger levels.

A selection committee will be formed, with possibly one person from each division included, to review submitted applications. The goal is to have someone in place by the end of August. This is a part time position – 5 month position, November through March – salary range roughly $20,000-$25,000 depending on experience.

The Children’s Racing Committee would provide the support for this position, either by a Working Group or by the Selection Committee.

The present job description is a start and meant to be changed and/or expanded as needs change and the point person becomes more comfortable with the job requirements, what can and cannot be done in the allotted time, background coming into the position, etc.

Both Kathy Okoniewski and Alex Krebs have indicated a willingness to conduct projects with NH and act as a resource.

The job description will be placed on the NHARA and Eastern websites.

Since there was not a quorum at tonight’s meeting, an email will be sent to the NHARA Executive Committee requesting a vote on a motion to approve the hiring of a NHARA Youth Coordinator.

* Entry fees: The BOT recommended that race entry fees be kept the same as for last year. Clubs adjust the amount according to their needs. The amount stated at this meeting was$52. *Upon checking last year’s minutes the recommendation was not to exceed $54.* So the BOT’s recommendation is not exceed $54 for 2017-2018.

**Adjournment:**

Motion**:** To adjourn the meeting**.** J. Brimblecom/L. Stevens/Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 11th, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Oliver
Bev Oliver, Secretary

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