**NHARA Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Zoom Meeting –**

**June 15, 2020**

**Present:**  Board of Trustees 19:25

**Programs/Mountains** 7:29

**Guests** 16 plus ?

**BOT**: Dan Marshall; Rebecca Bell; Bev Oliver; Laurie Stevens; Arnie Huftalen; Jason Guilbert; Mike Cosman; Greg Gill; Peter Holland; Matthew Purcell; Andrew Gannon; Eric Price; Justin Sperry; Bill McQuade; Aaron Loukes; Ben Drummond; Deb MacMahon; Tory Amorello

**Guests**: Kathy Badger; Andy Locke; Fred Turton; Kate McCloy; Jill Firstbrook; Julia Ford; Bob Robiscek; Mike LeBlanc; Josh Bedard; Maggie Flynn; David Edry; Carl Anderson; Plus 4 unable to determine from Zoom.

Still missing a few . . . some phone callers that have not been identified.

**I. Call to Order: 6:55 p.m.**

# II. Secretary’s Report: Minutes were sent via email prior to this meeting.

Annual Meeting Minutes June 10, 2019: Motion to accept the Executive Secretary’s report as corrected M. Cosman/G. Gill/Unanimous

A motion to accept the minutes of the 4/10/20 BOT meeting was not taken. This needs to be on the Agenda for the BOT meeting on September 14, 2020.

**III. Treasurer’s Report:** no Jeff

**IV. Executive Secretary’s Report**: Laurie

Nothing additional to add to the report that was presented at the Annual Meeting.

**V. Committee Reports:**

* **A.C.C.:** Andrew

There is not much more to say than what is in the Annual Report. Trying to get through this next wave and moving on to the next meeting and scheduling is difficult as there are so many variables. A lot of patience will be required. A lot of optimism is required as well as hope that the ski areas will be able to support the sport.

* **State Chair**: Bev:

Not much additional information to the submitted Annual Report. The only additional info would be that there are plans for holding a Scored Race Scheduling meeting soon.

* **Alpine Officials**: Mike Cosman

Not much additional information to the submitted Annual Report. The new format for training clinics may be much easier to implement

* **Coaches Council**: Eric Price

Nothing additional to add to the Annual Reported submitted earlier. Nothing has been scheduled since the last Coaches Council Zoom meeting. Right now the Coaches Council is waiting to see what is going to happen with Scored Racing. Information from Sam, USSS, or elsewhere will continue to be passed along as it develops.

Dan: Re Race Scheduling. As of midnight June 15, 2020, the number of people who can gather in New Hampshire will be removed. Current plans are to be looking at a date soon to hold a Scheduling meeting as normal. Then it remains to be seen what the Ski Areas will allow us to do in the fall. We will start as usual and adjust as needed. Dan is optimistic that NHARA will be able to function as it has is the past.

* **Children’s Racing**: Matt Purcell

The committee has moved forward in addressing the requirements that have been imposed on the divisions by the EACC, namely all-inclusive Championship events. A CRC Zoom meeting was held on June 4, 2020 and the season was laid out as if it will be a normal season. A master calendar has been created and most races have been scheduled. Work is still taking place regarding the SGs. As well the championships data needs to be finalized. The U14 Championships have been moved to February 27-28 (. Western Division will be hosting the U14 Championships (SkiWay and Sunapee). The U12 Championships have been moved to the Northern Division on March 6 and 7, probably at Waterville and Loon.

The CRC voted to move forward without requiring two races to be run without GS suits.

Matt will be submitting a CRC Annual Report.

Andrew will be collecting data through out, to perhaps present to the ECC in the spring, as to the viability and effectiveness of the mandate which has had an enormous change in the NHARA U14 and U12 program.

* **Youth Education Director**: Fred

Annual Report has been submitted and there is not much more to add.

Fred has weekly scheduled meetings with the Kathy Okoniewski as well as communicating with Sam Damon in an effort to stay on top of and try to understand all that is happening these days.

We have a plan in place for running all-inclusive U12 and 14 Championships. There is changed text for the Handbook, to be reviewed by the CRC in the fall.

It has been a pleasure working with all the programs in the state. It was a very worthwhile season. Unfortunately it was cut too short. Thanks to all.

* **College:** Justin Sperry:

An Annual Report has been submitted and there is not much more to add.

Things are currently in flux at the college level relating to COVID-19 issues and whether students will be returning back to campus in the fall, as well as what kind of effect it will have on the ski season. There should be more clarity in the fall.

Got to go to some NHARA races this year. Great venues and races, kudos to all.

* **High School:** Aaron Loukes:

It was another good year for high school ski racing. Numbers were really strong as in past years. . Race quality was very good this year also. The Easterns were held at Mittersill. NHARA girls won the Eastern Championship. Overall high school racing is strong right now, ski areas are cooperating, However, prices are fair, and the numbers are up.

 This season’s Championship will be at Bear Peak.

* **Masters:** Greg

Masters will continue to support, with Masters racers getting more involved as alpine officials and helping with some of the high school racing.

Australia begins its ski season soon – it will be interesting to see how they fair running a program in the midst of a pandemic.

* **Handbook**- Rebecca

There is nothing new since the last meeting.

* **Review/Appeal:** No Ted:
* **Racer Support:** Jason Guilbert

There have been three requests this year for racer support for the NPS speed project at Copper for the U16s last fall and am presently waiting for some receipts. We will need to have the Finance Committee approve a percentage for what is requested. It should be noted that NHARA will try to support requests for Out of Region and Out of Country events.

Dan noted that EASEF also offers support to athletes who attend similar camps and Eastern projects.

* **Website:** no Jack. Website looks great. Jack Iacopino continues to do a great job maintaining the NHARA website.
* **Industry Rep:** Ben

There is not much going on right now other than what was reported in last month’s minutes. Roughly half of the industry has decided not to have any supportive method at Mt. Hood this summer. Support will need to be addressed by reaching out to a local representative for ski testing info on a case by case basis. There could potentially be shortages. There is no other major new. A lot of equipment, Rossignol Head and Dynastar equipment for example, has already been delivered to local shops this year. There is a lot of equipment that can currently be found in local New England ski shops that are hopefully up and running. New boots may be delayed due to factories beingclosed for aperiod of time. Basically the brands that were ahead of the game should have a good number of their products. Additionally there have been no major rule changes that would affect things either.

Ben is now the Snow Sports Director at Holderness. In the fall he could be named as Prep School Rep to the BOT. Ivar has left Holderness to take a job in industry. He could be Industry Rep on the BOT, Gilly agreed to see if Ivar would like to do this.

* **Ski NH Liaison:** Tim Smith

There is not much going on right now, literally. Most areas are shut down for the moment. It has been just recently that most are going towards maintenance concerns. Waterville did keep most of its maintenance staff on. There will be a furlough through the summer. Ski areas are coming together as an industry. Ski New Hampshire is holding weekly meetings now. Communication issues have been a focus and have been great. Through communication the areas are learning more and hopefully be better able to address any particular problem they may be having. The hotels at Waterville have been operating for a couple of weeks now. Attendance is down, but still operating. The golf course and tennis courts are open. The chair lift is running as are the trollies. There are thirty weddings planned, some of which will extend into the fall. It is a daunting task to make things operational while following social distancing and other CDC recommendations. However, there is optimism that things will fall into place as the months go by and that there will be a ski season this year. The focus is on inclusion rather exclusion, and bringing people in safely. Much of the sport will be conducted outside. Most of the problems will be in the areas of lodging and availability of food. A numbers restriction may also be a problem, particularly if on a Saturday, and may affect the race calendar. Everyone will need to be able to adapt to the changes as they occur.

The weekly town meetings on Tuesdays have been going well and bring people together to discuss issues and plan for solutions. These meetings are open to all.

It should be noted that most of the ski areas in the US have cancelled all capital expenditures this year. The emphasis will be on dealing with the Pandemic. Just a note, as well, is that the most money made at a ski area is in the lift tickets, not food, lodging or other.

**VI. Old Business/New Business**

* Presentation by Kate McCloy and Jill Firstbrook: Macomber/LaFoley Open Races–entry processes giving NHARA racers priority

1. Non-NHARA member competitors automatically be placed on a wait-list at time of online entry.  SkiReg.com and probably most other online companies can include a question regarding state membership and the waitlist status information that require a response (check-box) in order to continue.

2. NHARA members have priority until 9:30am the Monday before the race date (like the good-old-days).  *This gives PLENTY of time for NHARA protected entries, considering that online entry generally opens in November/December.  It gives out-of-state programs, should the race be full, time to find other options for their athletes and not be given notice at 72 hours or less, that the race is full and their entries are denied.  It protects the ROC should a program pull their athletes, as there is time for entries to continue.*

3. After the Monday am deadline, the current competitor list including waitlist entries (up to the maximum entries allowed by ROC) will be posted. ([www.live-timing.com](http://www.live-timing.com))

4. Entries will continue to be taken until the maximum entries allowed by ROC, or the entry deadline is reached. The final competitor list will be posted ([www.live-timing.com?](http://www.live-timing.com)).

5. While this does not solve the issue of open vs. not-quite-open races, there is transparency regarding the limitations upfront at the time of entry.  The posting of current competitor lists on a neutral site will eliminate posting confusion.

**Motion: To move that**

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 D. Marshall/A. Locke/Unanimous

* State Team Criteria review – not addressed. This will need to be on the agenda of the BOT meeting on September.
* Recommendation for race entry fees – not to exceed $?. This also needs to be on the agenda of the BOT meeting on September

**Adjournment:**

Motion: To adjourn themeeting at 7.47 p.m. M. Purcell/L. Stevens/Unanimous

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 14th, 2020 7:00 p.m. – to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Oliver

Secretary, NHARA Board of Trustees