**NHARA Board of Trustees**

**Minutes of Zoom Meeting**

**September 14, 2020**

**Present:** Board of Trustees 19:24

#### Guests 5

Programs/Mountains 6:29

**BOT:** Dan Marshall; Jason Guilbert; Laurie Stevens; Bev Oliver; Rebecca Bell; Greg Gill; Deb MacMahon; Arnie Huftalen; Aaron Loukes; Andrew Gannon; Eric Price; Ted Sutton; Mike Cosman; Matt Purcell, Tim Smith; Justin Sperry, Tory Amorello; Bill McQuade.

**Guests:** Kathy Badger;Wireless Number; Dave Edry; Jill Firstbrook; Dave Lorry

**I.** After a few problems with Zoom, Call to order and Introduction to the meeting by Dan Marshall at around 7:07 p.m.It has been an interesting summer 1) working with Deb on the issues with NHARA Non-Profit status as well as a budget which will be presented tonight, 2) many meetings related to COVID-19 issues and problems affecting ski racing this season. This is a big puzzle with some answers coming down from USSS but there is a lot yet to be resolved. The current issue is relating to FIS racing.

USSS will be sending out regional guidelines. NHARA doe have proposed calendars, but these are just templates.at this time.

**II. Secretary’s Report:**

The minutes of the June 2019 Annual meeting were not approved at the earlier Annual Meeting.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the two 6/15/20 BOT meetings as printed. D. Marshall/M. Purcell/Unanimous.

**III. Treasurer’s Report:** Deb MacMahon.

Deb gave a report on the fiscal year which ended on June 30th. Currently NHARA is in pretty good shape and compares favorably with prior years at this time. The new budget does not include the implications of COVID-19. It is difficult to project the latter. It was noted that NHARA receives roughly $10,000 in late fees each year.

Motion: To accept the Treasurer’s report and approve the budget as presented. D. Marshall/J. Guilbert/ Unanimous

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

On line memberships are up and running. The hard copy membership form is still on the website also, for those who prefer to mail in the form.

Deadline for submission to avoid a late fee is October 15th. A COVID test shortly before the race date is required this year. Admin Ski Racing has this in place already. Ski Reg and Run Sign Up will need to follow suit, and more than likely will do so. There was a brief discussion related to timing of the test.

Motion: To accept the Executive Secretary’s report as delivered. D. Marshall/G. Gill/Unanimous

**V. NHARA BOT Composition & Committee Appointments:**

The Executive Committee was elected at the June meeting.

The remaining Committee Appointments are filled at tonight’s BOT meeting.

* At Large Ted Sutton, Bill McQuade, Mike Cosman, Arnie Huftalen, Tory Amorello, Dave Edry.
* Industry Rep: Ivar Dahl
* Website: Jack Iacopino
* High School Rep-Aaron Loukes
* College Rep: Trevor Hamilton
* Ski New Hampshire Liaison: Tim Smith
* Masters: Greg Gill
* Industry Rep: Ivar Dahl
* Prep School Rep: Ben Drummond
* Remove: Youth Education Director

Motion: There being no other nominations, to move that the nominations be closed and that one ballot be cast for all of the above names as stated in the Handbook. D. Marshall/T. Sutton/Unanimous

* Possibly adding Leanne Smith, pending her acceptance.

**VI. Committee Reports:**

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

It is an interesting time and it is still unclear about ski racing because the ski areas do not know what they are doing yet. Calendars are unclear. We need to stat now to adjust and make policy changes that will affect ski racing in New Hampshire. Concerns to be addressed include: 1) Guidelines for how to handle out of state entries, 2) Plan if there is no region FIS racing, 3) State quotas for in state races?4) Setting a deadline for out of state entries to 72 hours before a race? Or is this too tight for the RA? Some of this was determined at the June BOT meeting., 5) Possible setting quotas for age groups (which probably places more burden on the Ras. There already is a limit of 100 in a race. Kathy B. said that It is more than likely that U10s would end up being eliminated first.

A non-collegiate season brings more complications.

Scored racing is different- 72 hour would be minimum plus COVID test: 50 girls and 50 boys. Other thoughts including running two races in a day at ski areas where feasible.

It is still impossible to do anything without a calendar.

* **Coaches Council:** Eric Price:

Eric gave a brief review of the last Coaches Council Zoom meeting. The next meeting will be on October 1. Perhaps there will be more information available. As of now everything is pretty much up in the air.

* **State Chair:** Bev:

Draft 5 scored and unscored calendars are available but have been sent out only by request. Most Alpine Info forms have been submitted. The contact info on these forms is sent to Janet Larson. There is still a lot that needs to be decided. My best guess is that will not have this information until Early December. This year’s Handbook will be different due to the COVID implications this year.

* **Alpine Officials:** Mike Cosman:

The committee is still working on the clinic schedule. Most of the clinics will be virtual meetings. No contact is allowed.

* **Children’s Racing:** Matt Purcell:

1. A CRC Zoom meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2020. Main topic will be how to address revising options in lieu of COVID as well as including all.

2. There will be a follow up meeting in Early to mid-October.

3. David Edry’s email to Sally Utter regarding all inclusive championships resulted in an impromptu conference call, where the issue was tabled for a year.

* **Handbook:** Rebecca:

This year’s handbook is a work in progress and waiting for information. Not much can be done right now other than updating contact information.

* **High School:** Aaron

There are no real changes so far. Just waiting for things to happen. High school races are held mid-week and that is a good thing. The scheduling meeting is held the second week in November. Bids to host are due the 24th.

Dan is working on setting up a Competition license of roughly $50 for the final 6 weeks of the season for high school students.

The Eastern High School Championships are calendared for Mittersill in 2018.

* **Masters:** Greg

Three $1,000 scholarships have been awarded so far, making a total of 16 over past years of awards. More information will be available at the next meeting.

There will be more weekday Masters races this season.

* **Racer Support:** Jason – Three athletes were supported this past year (Copper Speed Project) for a total of $1,500 total (33% of what was requested. The criteria are posted on the website. More work needs to be done getting the message out regarding NHARA support. There are other opportunities for support available from EASEF as well.
* **Review/Appeal:** Ted:

The committee lost a very valuable member this summer. Peter Holland will be sorely missed. There is going to be a Memorial Service in Spring 2021. Contributions can be sent to the Abenaki Foundation.

* **Industry Rep** No Ivar
* **Prep School Rep:** NoBen
* **Ski NH Liaison** Tim Smith

Tim summarized the current state of affairs in addressing the implications of the COVID pandemic on NH ski areas. Most ski areas are currently in a quandary right now. The message that ski racing is a safe environment outside needs to get out. The document Ski Well Be Well is of value in getting the message out. A getting open responsibly plan involves changing people’s behavior, not an easy task. It involves changes in feeding, equipment, loading, transporting people after injury, etc. A direction from the state is not expected until mid-October, if then. It is a case of learning as we go and it promises to be a bumpy ride ahead this year. There is no telling what the future will hold and the ski industry wakes up slowly. Most ski areas are highly limiting weekend participation, day ticket use plus it is a fluid situation. We all need to put on creative thinking caps now.

**VII. Old Business:**

* State Team Selection Criteria Review

The State Team Selection Criteria were reviewed. No changes were recommended.

**VIII. New Business:**

* U10 NHARA membership proposal-Matt Purcell

Matt presented the rationale for the following motion. After some discussion a vote was taken as follows.

Motion: All New Hampshire program based U10 children participating in any sanctioned or open New Hampshire based events, must have the necessary US Ski and Snowboard membership as well as a current NHARA membership. M. Purcell/A. Loukes/16 Yay? 3 Nay

* Coaches Fees: Greg Gill

To be addressed at the next meeting.

**IX. Adjournment:**

* Notes: 1) USSS has delayed Level 100 certification until 2021-2022 season; 2) Eastern Meetings are Friday, 10/16 (EDC and ECC) and Saturday, 10/17 EACC
* **Next NHARA BOT Meeting:** Monday, October 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.
* Motion: To adjourn the meeting. T. Sutton/ G. Gill/Unanimous

The **m**eeting adjourned approximately 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Oliver, Secretary

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