



**MIAA Ski Committee Meeting
January 19, 2023, 10am (Virtual Meeting)
Minutes**

Attendance:

- **Non-Voting:** Steve Dubzinski (Assistant Director MIAA/MSAA), Mark Casale (Alpine Tournament Director), Joseph Miller (Nordic Tournament Director)
- **Voting:** Art Reilly, Craig Genualdo, Greg Vouros, Matthew Ricard, Scott Mighill, Hilary Greene, Jen Cotton-Herman, Jeff Maidment (late)

1. Approval of September 29, 2022 Minutes

- a. Unanimous approval
 - i. Motion to accept by Greg Vouros
 - ii. Seconded by Matthew Ricard

2. Update on Venues

- a. Alpine: Berkshire East has been great to work with
- b. Nordic: Prospect is ready for mid-February

3. Update on Bibs

- a. Steve Dubzinski reported bibs are all set and ordered for Alpine
 - i. They are new, lycra bibs
 - ii. The MIAA will store and take care of them once they arrive

4. What if No Snow? (Question about moving race days, championship, etc.)

- a. Steve Dubzinski reported that he had been asked if needed, if we could race after the state finals
 - i. Scott Mighill stated that he believes that in the current bylaws, Nordic is allowed to race after the state meet; he does not think Alpine has been granted that benefit in the past
 - ii. Update on races to date:
 1. Believe that the Central League has only had one race thus far this season at Ski Ward
 2. The North Shore League has had two races (one for boys and one for girls) thus far this season
 3. There have been two races at Berkshire East with a third scheduled for tonight
 4. Races have not been possible at Blue Hills yet
 - iii. Art Reilly reported that his athletes pay \$450 for a season pass and they haven't even trained in gates yet, and there are no races in sight

- iv. Art Reilly recommended that if there were to be league races after the state championships, that those races be proposed as an option and that each league, team, and individual racer could decide whether to participate in these extra races
- v. Steve Dubzinski stated he would propose allowing league races after the championships as an option
- vi. It was suggested that if league races after the championships are approved, that there be a set deadline for races that allows for at least a week or so break before Spring sports
- vii. Matthew Ricard asked whether there were state requirements to qualify for the state championships, as there may not be many races before that date
 - 1. This was answered that no, the state does not have requirements; it would be up to each league who to send, and they could base that decision on whatever they determined was the best way to do so
 - 2. Hilary Greene stated that she believes there was a rule for Nordic that there must be at least four races before the state championship
 - a. Another committee member stated that they thought that rule was no longer in the bylaws
 - b. Another member asked if someone could look back to determine if that rule was removed at some point
 - c. Hilary Greene did not recall ever talking about removing that rule, and stated it may have been accidentally dropped. Hilary Greene stated that the rule does make sense, as you do not want to throw students into a state championship without enough experience. Would it be possible to get the regular races in first?

5. New Business

- a. Hilary Greene brought up the topic of teams attending races out of state
 - i. Hilary Greene stated that in looking into this option, they were told that since out-of-state races were not on an MIAA sanctioned list, that they would not be able to participate
 - ii. Craig Genuardo stated that with other sports, out-of-state competitions do not count toward rankings
 - iii. A committee member explained that if you do not want the race to count for anything, but just want to participate without penalty, it is a matter of confirming that the schools you are competing against are sanctioned high schools in their state. Teams cannot participate in a college race, citizens race, etc.
 - iv. Hilary Greene asked if there is an official form that needs to be filled out with the MIAA

- v. Steve Dubzinski recommended that Phil Napolitano could help with waivers, and to contact him with any questions
- b. Mark Casale brought up the topic of going to Berkshire East for a coordination meeting
 - i. Mark Casale recommended that this meeting take place three weeks before the state championships, around the first week of February
 - ii. Mark Casale said he would coordinate this with Greg Vouros, Steve Dubzinski, and Berkshire East
- c. There was a discussion of who would deliver the awards to the state championship venues on the day of the races
 - i. Steve Dubzinski said he would bring the awards to the meets
 - ii. Steve Dubzinski said he would also bring the banners to the meets

Motion to adjourn by Matthew Ricard

Seconded by Jeff Maidment

Meeting concluded at 10:31am