



## **Ski Committee Minutes**

**November 9, 2021**

1. Call to Order and Introductions Call to order by Ann at 10:07am
  - Attendance-Joe Miller, Jennifer Cotton-Herman (new), Mark Casale (new), Ann Trytko, Katie Kampersal, Art Reilly, Peter Cushing, Tim Collins, Greg Vouros, Hilary Greene, Matt Ricard, Stephanie Ridolfi
  - Introduction of new Executive Director Bob Baldwin
2. Conflict of Interest Statement/Travel Vouchers-reminder to complete and hand in at the end of the meeting
3. MIAA Governance Document
4. Election of Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)
  - Chair-Tim Collins nominate Art Reilly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Vouros-all in favor (7)
  - Vice Chair-Art Reilly nominates Tim Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Vouros-all in favor (7)
  - Secretary- Peter nominated Greg V, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Collins-all in favor (7)
5. Minutes of the April 27, 2021 meeting-attached
  - Fix typo paragraph 4-Alpine
  - Motion to approve April 27 minutes made by Tim Collins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hilary Greene-7 in favor, 1 abstain
6. Review of details of the 2022 State Championship
  - Formats Nordic
  - Nordic-Entry dates have been confirmed and will be done through formstack. Hybrids are a little different, but the same process will be use.
  - All schools must have entry dates submitted by Feb. 7, 2022
  - Prospect is a neutral site, great environment, restaurant, venue

- Joe when do we want to start the race. In the past it starts at 10:00, some schools may find that too early.
- Ann-last time we went to Prospect we had an 11:00 start time.
- Art-just under 3 hours from places in the north
- Peter-11 start sounds more reasonable than 10am. If the bus gets held up, gives the teams a little longer to get to the venue.
- Joe-11:00 Girl's start/12:15 for the boys race to start.
- Should the gender start rotate each year (girls this year/boys next year)-the committee agrees to look at this again in the spring and update the 2023 format with the boys starting first.
- An email/communication needs to be sent out to the coaches about the Non-fluoro event and that this should be followed
- Ann-A great suggestions by Mark-coaches and AD's should have a virtual meeting to go over the tournament format/FAQ's/and other points. Communication is key in situation in these types of situation. Katie and I will set up a virtual meeting after entries have been received and send it out to the schools.

#### Alpine Ski Format-

- Virtual meeting would be a great time to update of any time changes (Gatekeeper/Officials). Right now keep the time the way it is, but it can be updated as it is looked at.
- Do we want to change anything for the future formats? Team sport vs individual? Do we change our qualifying criteria? All things to be discussed for the spring meeting.
- For next yr it may be worth looking at the youth standards than the higher standards for the race course etc.

#### Nordic-Joe and Hillary-

- Hilary-the race is done in waves, faster racers are in the first wave. 1 skier from each school is in each wave, every 2 minutes.

#### Alpine-Mark and Scott

##### Open Discussion in regards to communication with schools

- Katie and Ann send out communication to League Presidents/AD/Coaches with information on the dates for the formstack entry dates.
- Virtual workshops for FAQ's
- Should coaches be included in all communication

#### 7. Bid process for 2023-26 Alpine Sites

- Ann-what do we want to put into a bid document to send out to our future sites to provide to the MIAA for a good venue. This should get started this winter to send out the information to possible venues.
- How much are we willing to pay for a lift ticket for the students

- Would a possible site be in Southern NH? Ann will talk to Sherry about possibly working with a venue outside of MA.
- If the committee knows anything about ski areas in MA/NH provide Ann with a list of these sites and we can send them a letter of interest.
  1. Gunstock Mountain, NH
  2. Sunapee
- Ann-asking for the Alpine team/leadership team to come up with a list of what the mountain should provide. Previous bid documents were handed out.

#### 8. MIAA Initiatives

#### 9. Other

- Hilary-recognize 15 of the athletes (Alpine and Nordic) at the tournament. Cross Country recognizes 15 athletes. 15 for boys/15 for girls. Let's recognize more student athletes.
- Ann-I can find out what we do across the board with other individual sports. Create spread sheet to show what other sports are doing and send it out to the committee.
  - Hilary-can leagues have non MIAA schools participate. It was brought to the committee's attention that certain leagues/schools were allowing individuals and teams that were not MIAA member schools to participate in their practices and races.

Phil Napolitano, MIAA Assistant Executive Director was asked to step in and assist with the conversation. Phil works with eligibility, waivers and rules. Phil referred the committee to the MIAA Handbook, Rule 36.5 and MIAA Rule 39.

The Key is in rule 39. 1 which states in part, "*Member schools may scrimmage or compete with non-member Massachusetts schools or out-of-state schools that are not members of their own state high school associations **(but only if the school is ineligible for state association membership and complies with that association's conditions of alliance)** only if the chief administrator of the non-member school agrees in writing prior to the start of the season that:...*"

The bold portion is what excludes these schools as they are eligible for association membership but choose not to be members.

#### 10. Next Meeting- April 5, 2022 Virtual